

Challenger Cheer Elite

2026-2027 CheerABILITIES Half-Year Packet

- For boys and girls with intellectual, physical, or developmental disabilities
- Six-month commitment October 2026 - March 2027
- Practices one hour every Saturday
- Three competitions local to DFW
- Birth years 2021 and before (Ages 5+)
- No monthly tuition
- Experienced, knowledgeable coaches

Welcome to Challenger Cheer Elite. We're excited you're here with us as we start this legacy. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Please read this entire packet to understand the time and financial commitment of CheerABILITIES Half-Year Cheer. Please email office@challengercheerelite.com or call or text 972-375-6003 with questions or concerns. You may also check our website at challengercheerelite.com.

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CheerABILITIES

The CheerABILITIES division was created by event producers of Allstar Cheer to give athletes with intellectual, physical, and developmental disabilities the chance to show their love for performing and cheerleading. At CCE, this experience will offer an opportunity to have fun and gain confidence in a loving and supportive environment. Athletes will build new friendships, learn a fun routine, practice once a week for six months, and perform at three cheerleading competitions in front of the best crowds. To ensure each athlete gets the most from this experience, this team will work with a professional and qualified coaching staff:

Jess Owens, CCE Gym Director, certified early childhood education teacher with a minor in special education, and former level 6 cheerleader

Cherie Hawk, cheer and tumbling coach with over thirty years of experience, degreed in psychology and neuroscience, and former gymnast and cheerleader

Skye Hawk, World Champion and back-to-back national champion tumbling athlete for thirteen years

Practices

The team will practice every Saturday for one hour October through March to learn a routine between ninety seconds and two and a half minutes long. We will email the specific practice time before the first practice and parent meeting on Saturday, October 3rd. Each athlete will be provided a T-shirt for practices.

Evaluations

Team evaluations will be Saturday, September 19th 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Please create an account on our website and sign up for this time slot through your portal. During this hour, the coaches will meet with parents and athletes to get to know them. Athletes will be fitted for uniforms at this time. It will be theirs to keep at the end of the season.

We must have at least five athletes committed to the season to create the team!

Team Group Chat

We will use the app, BAND, available for download in the App Store, for team group chats. Important information will be communicated from coaches through this app. Team group chats must remain positive and encouraging. If there is a question that pertains to the whole team, please feel free to ask in the main group. If you have a question or concern about only your child, please contact your child's coach directly through BAND. At the parent meeting, we will confirm that everyone is in BAND.

Attendance

Cheer is a team sport that requires full team practices to make the most of each athlete's cheer season. Attendance is highly encouraged for all practices. If your athlete must be absent, please notify your team's coaches through the BAND app. Competition days are mandatory.

Calendar

Each team will receive a monthly calendar via email and BAND, as well as a hard copy the week before a new month. After competition dates are finalized by the event producers, competition dates will be emailed as soon as possible.

Gym Holidays

The gym will be closed and will not have classes or team practices on the days listed below.

Thanksgiving Break: November 22nd - 28th

Winter Break: December 20th - January 2nd

Tuition:

Tuition, uniforms, competition music, and choreography will be covered by the gym. Families will be responsible for expenses covering parking and spectator tickets for competitions.

Team Photos

A professional photographer will take individual and team photos later in the season. Their prices will be determined by the photographer. Purchases are optional. Action shots will be available at every competition. These prices are set by the event. Their purchase is also optional.

Competition Dates:

Some competition dates may change, if the event producer makes changes or cancels the competition. The team will compete on one day for each competition. We will not know the times our athletes compete until the Wednesday before the competition when the schedule is finalized.

Preliminary Competition Schedule Subject to Change:

01/17/27 Bravo Justice League in Garland, TX

02/13/27 or 2/14/27 Redline Small Program Nationals in Frisco, TX

Performance day is determined by the event producer.

03/13/27 Bravo NTGU, Sock It to Em in Denton, TX

Social Media:

CCE would love the support of our athletes as well as our athletes' families and friends on our social media accounts!

Instagram @ChallengerCheerElite

Facebook @Challenger Cheer Elite

TikTok @ChallengerCheerElite

CCE encourages positive images for all of our athletes on social media. Social media posts that reflect negatively on CCE, an athlete, or a team may result in dismissal from the team.

CCE's signed waiver allows the use of photos of our athletes taken in our gym or at competitions for our social media accounts. If you have any questions regarding social media posts, please contact us.

Important Notes:

You are making a six-month commitment to your athlete and to your athlete's team. Please honor this commitment. If your athlete is unable to finish the season or is removed from the program, please understand that we cannot refund any fees paid to date. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Please be sure to follow BAND and read emails from the gym to stay current on important information.

Creation of outside merchandise with the name, logo, or design of Challenger Cheer Elite is not allowed in any form.

The parent viewing room is a positive space for parents to support their child and other athletes. Negative comments about any athlete in the parent room cannot be tolerated and may result in the parent's being asked to drop off their child at practice or in removal from the program.

Any negative talk or bullying of other athletes by a parent or athlete inside or outside the gym, including at hotels and competitions where you represent Challenger Cheer Elite, may result in immediate dismissal from the program. An athlete's negative behavior may result in removal from the program. We will not discuss another child's team placement or position with another parent. We are more than happy to discuss your own child's team placement, position, and progress with you.

We are committed to providing a safe space for athletes to practice the sport they love. The safety of our athletes is of the utmost importance.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any concerns and visit <https://www.usasf.net/safe-at-allstar>.



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