

Challenger Cheer Elite

2025-2026 CheerAbilities Half Year Packet

- For athletes with intellectual, developmental, or physical disabilities
- 6-month commitment October 2025 - March 2026
- Practice every Saturday for 1 hour
- 3 competitions in Frisco, TX
- Birth years 2007 - 2019
- Open to boys and girls
- \$40 per month to cover cost of uniform
- Experienced and 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 ensure that you understand the time and financial commitment of CheerAbilities Half Year Cheer. Please email office@challengercheerelite.com or call or text 972-375-6003 with any additional questions or concerns. You may also check our website at challengercheerelite.com.

CheerAbilities

The CheerAbilities division was created by Allstar Cheer event producers to give athletes with intellectual, developmental, or physical disabilities the chance to show their love for performing and cheerleading. In our program this will be an opportunity for athletes 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 for the best crowds. This team will work with a professional and qualified coaching staff to ensure that each athlete gets the most from this experience.

Coaches

Our skilled coaches are dedicated to providing a safe and fun environment for all athletes and excited to build a positive experience for each one.

Jess Gerlacher – Certified Early Childhood Education Teacher with a Minor in Special Education

Gary Gerlacher – Pediatric Emergency Physician

Josh Ryan – Multiple Years of Experience Coaching CheerAbilities Teams

Half Year Exhibition

Exhibition teams provide an introduction to competitive cheer. Exhibition teams will compete in three one-day competitions local to the DFW area. Exhibition routines are between 1 minute 30 seconds

and 2 minutes and 30 seconds. Exhibition teams do not receive rankings. Exhibition teams practice once a week for an hour October through March. Exhibition teams will be provided a T-shirt for practices.

Meet and Greet

CCE will hold a Meet and Greet on Saturday, September 13th 10:00 to 11:00 am. Please create an account on our website and sign up for this time slot through your portal. This will be a time for the coaches to meet with parents and athletes and for everyone to get to know each other! This will be your athlete's tryout for the team.

Team Placements

We will try our best to fill this team for athletes born between 2007 and 2019. This team will be in the Exhibition level 1 division. **We must have at least 5 athletes committed to the team in order to create the team.** Team Placement emails will be sent on Monday, September 29th. The first practice and parent meeting will be Saturday, October 4th.

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 and team moms 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.

Practices

Exhibition teams practice only once a week on Saturdays for an hour. Specific practice times will be included in your team placement email and will remain constant throughout the season. Coaches may extend or add extra practices at any point during the season.

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 they are finalized, 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 23rd- 29th

Winter Break: December 21st- January 4th

Spring Break: March 15th- 21st

Tuition:

Exhibition: \$40 a month for 6 months October 2025 – March 2026

Monthly Tuition Includes:

Uniform

Annual Registration Fee: \$40

This fee is charged once per year upon registration in a class or for a team.

Uniforms:

Half Year competition uniforms will be paid through monthly tuition of \$40. Uniform fittings will take place at the first practice on October 4th. At the end of the season, your uniform is yours to keep.

Team Photos

A professional photographer will take individual and team photos later in the season. The individual photo cost will be determined by the photographer. Individual and team photo purchases are optional. Action shots will be available at every competition. These prices are set by the event, and their purchase is optional.

How to Pay

The credit card on file through your online account will be charged on the 6th of every month, October 2025 – March 2026, for monthly tuition.

Competition Dates:

Competition dates, specific to your team, will be emailed with your team placement email. Some competition dates may change, if the event producer makes changes or cancels the competition. Exhibition teams typically compete one day for each competition. We will not know the times our athletes compete until the Tuesday or Wednesday before the competition when the schedule is finalized.

Preliminary Competition Schedule Subject to Change:

Half Year Exhibition Teams:

01/17/26 - 1/18/26 Winter Showdown Frisco, TX (Teams will perform one day only)

02/14/26 – 02/15/26 Redline Super Nationals Frisco, TX (Teams will perform one day only)

03/28/26 - 03/29/26 Redline March Bid Bash Frisco, TX (Teams will perform one day only)

Performance day is determined by the event producer.

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

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 6-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 ensure that you 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 of the program. We will not discuss another child's team placement or position with another parent. We would be 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>.