

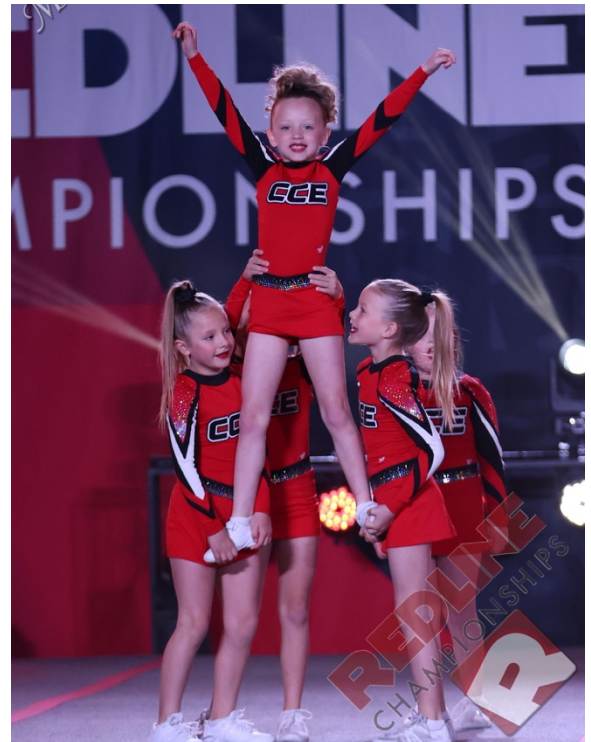
# Challenger Cheer Elite

## 2026 - 2027 Half Year Packet

- NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
- 6-month commitment October 2026 - March 2027
- Practice once a week for 1.5 hours
- 3 Competitions local to DFW
- For athletes born in and between 2011 - 2023

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

Please read this entire packet to ensure you understand the time and financial commitment of Half Year Cheer. Please email [office@challengercheerelite.com](mailto:office@challengercheerelite.com) or call or text 972-375-6003 with questions or concerns. You may also check our website at [challengercheerelite.com](http://challengercheerelite.com).



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## **Half Year Novice**

Novice teams provide an introduction to competitive cheer. They compete their ninety-second routines in three one-day competitions local to DFW. They're not typically ranked first, second, and third. Instead, they strive to achieve a superior rating, although some competitions do rank novice teams. Practice will be on a weekday for an hour and a half October through March. Half year teams will be provided a T-shirt for practices at no additional cost.

## **Tryouts**

September 12<sup>th</sup> or September 19<sup>th</sup>

- Athletes born in or between 2017 - 2023 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- Athletes born in or between 2011 - 2016 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Please attend only one session. Athletes will cycle through three fifteen-minute guided rotations of jumps, tumbling, and dance motions. No experience is necessary. Athletes need only their smiles, and our coaches will guide them through the process. The tryout fee is \$20.

## **Team Placements**

We will try our best to fill teams for all athletes born in and between 2011 - 2023. All teams will be in the Novice Level 1 division. Team placements will be based on age, stunt position, tumbling skills, ability to focus, and attitude. Team placement emails will be sent Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. The first practice and parent meeting will be Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Team Group Chat

We will use the app, BAND, available for download from 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 a question 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

Novice teams practice only once a week on Saturdays for an hour and a half. Tiny teams will have one-hour practices. 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.

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## **Attendance**

Cheer is a team sport that requires full team practices to make the most of each athlete's cheer season. Attendance is mandatory for all practices. Athletes who miss a significant number of practices may have their positions on the team reevaluated. If your athlete must be absent, please notify your team's coaches as soon as possible through the BAND app. Competition days are mandatory. Failure to come to a competition may result in removal from the team.

## **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're 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. Please check your email and your portal for any camps and clinics that we may have over breaks. Also, please check our website for availability of additional times for private lessons over breaks.

**Thanksgiving Break:** November 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

**Winter Break:** December 20<sup>th</sup>- January 2<sup>nd</sup>

## **Tuition**

Novice is \$190 per month for six months October 2026 – March 2027.

### **Monthly Tuition Includes:**

Team practices  
Competition Fees  
Competition Music

### **USASF fee:**

An annual fee of \$49 is required for each athlete who competes at any competition and is paid directly to USASF.

### **Uniforms:**

Novice Competition Uniforms are \$285. Athletes will be sized for uniforms at tryouts. You will be charged for the uniform only if your athlete accepts their team placement. 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. Their cost will be determined by the photographer. Purchase of these photos is optional. Action shots will be available at every competition. These prices are set by the event. Their purchase is optional.

### **How to Pay**

The credit card on file in your online account will be charged on the sixth of every month, October 2026 - March 2027, for monthly tuition. The additional cost of uniforms will be billed to the card on file in October.

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## **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 reschedules or cancels the competition. Novice teams will compete one day for each competition. We will not know the times our athletes compete until Wednesday before the competition when the event producers finalize the schedule.

## **Preliminary Competition Schedule Subject to Change:**

### **Half Year Novice Teams:**

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 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.

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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 questions or concerns 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 payments to date. Please contact us with questions or concerns.

Please be sure to follow BAND and read emails from the gym to stay informed of 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.

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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 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 [www.usasf.net/safe-at-allstar](http://www.usasf.net/safe-at-allstar).



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