



## Half Year Prep

We are excited to get started with our Half Year Program for the 2025-2026 Season! Below are some frequently asked questions that might be helpful as you prepare to register your athlete for an exciting season of All Star Cheerleading!

### **What is the age requirement for Half Year?**

Athletes born between 6/1/2006 - 2019 are eligible for Half Year this season.

### **When do teams practice and for how long?**

Half Year Teams will practice once per week for two hours each practice.

**Practices begin the week of December.** Practices schedules for the season will vary depending on team placement. Practice schedule will be released at team reveal.

### **Potential practices days/times: will depend on team placement**

Norton: Wednesday 7-9pm, Thursday 7-9pm, Friday 4:30-6:30pm

Hanover: Monday 7-9pm, Wednesday 5-7pm, Thursday 4:30-6:30pm

Rhode Island: Sunday TBD

### **Does my athlete need to be evaluated?**

Yes. All athletes must be evaluated to be placed on a team.

Early Bird Evaluations in Norton & Hanover – October 17<sup>th</sup>

On time Evaluations in Norton, Hanover & Rhode Island – November 15<sup>th</sup>

### **What is the registration fee?**

Registration fee is the cost of being rostered on an All-Star team for the season. This is a one-time fee at the start of each season.

Early Bird registration begins September 1<sup>st</sup> for \$100

On Time registration begins October 1<sup>st</sup> for \$125

### **How long is the season?**

The season begins December 1<sup>st</sup> and ends April 17<sup>th</sup> (post season event on April 18<sup>th</sup>).

### **How do I know what team my athlete has been placed on?**

We will do a virtual team reveal on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. You will receive an email with your team placement. All season information will be placed on our website for review.

### **What is monthly tuition?**

Monthly tuition for Half Year teams this season is \$135 per month. Tuition is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month for the months of December – April.

### **Is registration different than tuition?**

Yes, they are two different fees.

### **Do Half Year teams participate in competitions?**

Yes! All our Half Year teams will compete. They perform on stage in full uniform with a choreographed routine! This season Half Year teams will participate in 3 local competitions and a post season competition. Competition dates and locations are as follows:

- February 28<sup>th</sup> – Providence, RI
- March 8<sup>th</sup> – Lowell, MA
- March 28<sup>th</sup> – Uncasville, CT
- Post Season – April 18<sup>th</sup> – Worcester, MA



### **What if I cannot make a competition?**

Competitions are considered mandatory for our season. All athletes have an important role on the team and are needed to compete their routine. There are financial implications to missing a competition, please see the financial policies for the season for further information. With all that said, every parent/guardian will be asked to sign off on each competition at evaluations that they are aware and attending. If there is a conflict and it is revealed at evaluations ONLY (no exceptions), the missed competition fee will be waived.

### **Do Half Year teams compete against other teams?**

Yes. Teams are judged, scored and receive recognition based on the strength of their performance. They are recognized, ranked and awarded placements.

### **Do Half Year teams have choreography?**

Yes. Half Year choreography dates are December 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. Team specific date/time will be available at reveal.

### **What is a Cheer Fee?**

Our Cheer Fee is the combination of all competition fees (with the exception of post season), music fees, choreography fees and coaches' fees. These fees are added up and split over 3 payments. These payments are in addition to tuition and will be due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month for the months of January, February and March. This season's cheer fee is \$300 per installment.

### **Are there additional mandatory fees?**

Yes!

Uniform - \$275

Competition bow - \$30

USASF Membership Fee (paid directly to USASF before competing) - \$49

Post Season Competition fee - \$125 (bids are available which would lessen their fee)

### **Does my athlete need cheer sneakers?**

Yes, they will need white cheer shoes. You can order through the gym to get a Varsity brand sneakers. You can also order on your own, it is not mandatory to order sneakers through the gym, but athletes must have white cheer shoes.

### **Is there additional information available with additional policies?**

Yes! All our information for this All-Star season can be found on our website under All Star. Please take a few minutes to review all the information listed. Please keep in mind, our Full Year Elite program began in June so lots of schedules, etc. will be geared toward them, but all policies and guidebook are program wide.

### **Is there an attendance policy?**

Yes. Attendance for half year is super important. The season is short and teams only practice once per week. The expectation is that athletes are at practices. Athletes will be allowed 3 absences for the season. Please note Red Zone practices are mandatory. Red Zone practices begin the Sunday prior to the competition weekend. Any Extended Red Zones will be available at the reveal.

### **If I have additional questions, who can I contact?**

Please reach out to [info@cheerfactorgym.com](mailto:info@cheerfactorgym.com) with any questions.

### **Summary of monthly fees after registration:**

December – monthly tuition, uniform & bow

January – monthly tuition & cheer fee

February – monthly tuition & cheer fee

March – monthly tuition & post season competition fee

April – monthly tuition