



## Welcome to the Ohana

To all of our PA families, thank you for your support. You are what makes us great! We feel fortunate that you have chosen our gym as your home for the 2026-2027 season and we welcome you to our growing family!

### **EVALUATION PROCESS**

Teams are selected based on numerous factors. Each Cheerleader will be evaluated based on their age, skill, potential, coachability, and team availability/specific needs. The goal is to set each Cheerleader up for development and success for themselves and the team they are placed on.

### **TUITION**

Tuition is the total amount divided by the months in the season. If your cheerleader registers late, you are still responsible for the total cost of the season. Tuition will be automatically deducted from your designated account on the 1st of each month.

### **FINANCIAL AID**

The coaches and program directors are not involved in financial aid determinations.

**Apply For Financial Aid Toward Tuition:** [www.ymcaswfl.org/financial-assistance](http://www.ymcaswfl.org/financial-assistance)

**Stepup for Students Provider:** <https://www.stepupforstudents.org/>

**United Way Charlotte County Grant:** <https://www.unitedwayccfl.org/united4youth>

### **REFUNDS**

If your Cheerleader is removed from the team by either PA or yourself there are no refunds for any monies paid up to that point, including uniforms, warmups, bows etc. You will not be responsible for the remainder of the season but will be responsible for any owed balances.

### **ABSENTEE POLICY**

Every cheerleader is required to be at every practice, choreography session, and special event. Please note that if you do not adhere to these rules, you can be removed from the team. PA reserves the right to remove any child from the program because of excessive unexcused absences. Notify your coach immediately of any unexpected absences or tardiness.

2 unexcused absences from September-November

2 unexcused absences from December - until the end of the season.

This attendance policy has been put into effect to ensure that all cheerleaders participate with the same commitment level. The rules will be strictly enforced. **You cannot miss competition for any reason.** Athletes who miss a practice during competition week may be subject to substitution or removal from the competition lineup. These decisions are made with the safety of the athletes and the integrity of the routine in mind.

Families are expected to plan appointments, travel, and other commitments around the competition schedule once it has been released.



### **EXCUSED VS UNEXCUSED ABSENCES**

An excused absence is when a child is sick and has a doctor's note. If your child has a school event and it is a grade on their report card, please provide a note from the school. Unexcused absences can be used for school banquets, birthday parties, communions, etc. If your child is sick without a doctor's note, this will count as unexcused. We realize for certain situations, you may not always take your child to the doctor. This is why we give you a total of 4 unexcused absences.

### **COMPETITION SCHEDULE**

Our teams will begin to compete at the end of 2026, competition season runs through the first week of May 2027. A final competition schedule will be provided no later than July.

### **INJURIES & RETURNING TO PRACTICE**

If a replacement is needed to temporarily fill in for competition, the Cheerleader will return when they are medically cleared AND when it is the best for the team. This decision will be made by the coaches and directors. To maintain placement on the team your cheerleader must still show up to practice and watch.

### **PRACTICE WEAR**

Paradise Athletics practice wear and cheer shoes must be worn for all practices. Assigned days for practice wear will be provided prior to season start. Theme practices are at the coach's discretion.

Practice wear that is lost or damaged will need to be replaced at the cheerleader's expense.

Cheerleaders are required to wear a bow — High & Tight — for each practice!



## **ATHLETE/PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

Paradise Athletics is built on a culture of respect, positivity, accountability, and pride. Our athletes, families, and coaches represent not only our program, but also the YMCA and the broader community. Participation in the program is a privilege, and all members are expected to uphold the standards outlined below.

Any behavior that violates the program's code of conduct may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension or removal from the program at the discretion of Paradise Athletics leadership.

### **Positive Representation of the Program**

Athletes and parents are expected to represent Paradise Athletics with integrity and respect.

The following behaviors are not permitted:

- Speaking negatively about the program, coaches, athletes, or families.
- Engaging in gossip, bullying, harassment, or behavior that damages the culture of the team.
- Creating conflict within the program or with other programs.

Concerns or issues should be addressed directly with program leadership through appropriate communication channels.

### **Social Media Conduct**

Athletes and families represent Paradise Athletics both in person and online.

All social media activity should be positive, respectful, and appropriate. Content that is harmful, inappropriate, or reflects poorly on the athlete, the team, or the program may result in disciplinary action.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Negative comments about the program, coaches, teammates, or other teams. Inappropriate photos, videos, or language.
- Posts involving illegal activity or behavior inconsistent with program values.



## **SUBSTANCE USE POLICY**

Paradise Athletics maintains a zero-tolerance policy regarding substance use.

Athletes may not engage in the use or possession of:

- Vaping or smoking
- Alcohol
- Illegal drugs or controlled substances

Any athlete found participating in these activities may be subject to immediate suspension or removal from the program.

## **TRAINING WITH OTHER COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS**

To protect the integrity of team training, athletes may not participate in clinics, classes, private lessons, or training sessions offered by other all-star cheer programs or competitive cheer programs during the season.

This includes:

- Private lessons with coaches affiliated with other all-star programs
- Skills clinics or camps hosted by competing programs
- Participation in practices or open gyms at other competitive programs

Athletes are welcome to participate in school cheer, gymnastics/tumbling facilities, or approved skill training that is not affiliated with another competitive all-star program.

## **COMMITMENT TO TEAM CULTURE**

Paradise Athletics is more than a team, it is an ohana. Every athlete and family plays a role in maintaining a positive environment where athletes feel supported, respected, and encouraged to grow.

Families who cannot support the expectations and culture of the program may be asked to withdraw from participation.



## **ELITE TEAM ALLSTAR WORLDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Paradise Athletics Elite teams are designed for athletes who are committed to training and competing at the highest level of all-star cheerleading. These teams are formed with the goal of pursuing a bid to compete at the Allstar World Championship.

While earning a bid cannot be guaranteed, the program will actively pursue qualifying events where a bid may be awarded.

By accepting placement on an Elite team, athletes and families acknowledge and agree to the following:

### **Time Commitment**

Elite teams require an elevated level of dedication. Athletes are expected to:

- Maintain consistent attendance at all practices
- Participate in additional training opportunities as scheduled
- Attend all required competitions and program events
- Prioritize team commitments during the competitive season

Missed practices, events, or competitions may impact an athlete's placement or eligibility to compete.

### **Financial Commitment**

Y families should be prepared for the additional financial commitment associated with Elite team participation. Fundraising is encouraged.

Should the team earn a bid to the Allstar World Championship, families agree to be financially responsible for associated costs, which may include:

- Competition registration fees
- Travel expenses
- Hotel accommodations
- Athlete credential fees

Participation in Worlds is considered a team commitment, and families should plan accordingly when accepting placement on an Elite team.



## **PREP & REC TEAM GRAND NATIONALS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Paradise Athletics Prep teams are designed for athletes who are committed to developing their skills and competing at a high level within the All-Star Prep division. These teams are formed with the goal of pursuing opportunities to compete at Prep & Grand Nationals and other major end-of-season championship events.

While qualification or participation in a specific championship event cannot be guaranteed, the program will actively pursue competitions where teams may earn bids or qualify for these events.

By accepting placement on a Prep team, athletes and families acknowledge and agree to the following:

### **Time Commitment**

Prep teams require a strong level of commitment and consistency. Athletes are expected to:

- Maintain consistent attendance at all scheduled practices
- Participate in additional training opportunities if scheduled
- Attend all required competitions and program events
- Prioritize team commitments throughout the competitive season

Absences, particularly leading up to competitions, may impact an athlete's placement, participation, or eligibility to compete.

### **Financial Commitment**

Families should be prepared for the financial commitment associated with Prep team participation. Fundraising opportunities may be offered to help offset some costs.

If the team qualifies for Prep & Rec Grand Nationals or another championship event, families understand they will be financially responsible for the associated costs, which may include:

- Competition registration fees
- Travel expenses
- Hotel accommodations
- Athlete credential or participation fees

Participation in these events is considered a team commitment, and families should plan accordingly when accepting placement on a Prep team.



**PARENT / CHEERLEADER AGREEMENT**

I have read the PA Handbook and understand all of the information outlined. I understand the financial commitment and time commitment needed in order to participate in this program. If for any reason I am unable to fulfill my obligation to this program or if I am removed from the program for violation of any rules or expectations, I understand that no monies or deposits will be refunded. I understand that as a Cheerleader/parent I must uphold the ideas and morals of PA/YMCA.

CHEERLEADER SIGNATURE

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PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

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DATE SIGNED

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We are excited to help your cheerleader learn about commitment, teamwork and achieving their goals. At Paradise Athletics you and your cheerleader are not just a number, you are part of the ohana! See below for an outline of the team commitment.

### **TUITION & FEES**

**Elite Team Monthly Fees: July - April:** \$100/Members \$121/Non-Members\* **DUE: 1st of the month**

**Prep Team Monthly Fees: July - April:** \$89/Members \$110/Non-Members\* **DUE: 1st of the month**

**Novice Team Monthly Fees: July - April:** \$79/Members \$100/Non-Members\* **DUE: 1st of the month**

**Mandatory Uniform Fees:** (financial aid does NOT apply)

\$100 - 2 Sets of Practice Wear **DUE July 1st** *REQUIRED FOR ALL ATHLETES*

\$115 - Cheerleading Sneakers **DUE: July 1st** *REQUIRED FOR NEW ATHLETES*

\$260 - Top, Skirt, & Comp Bow **DUE: August 15th** *REQUIRED FOR NEW ATHLETES*

\$35 - Makeup & Makeup Bag **DUE: August 15th** *REQUIRED FOR NEW ATHLETES*

**Extra Costs:** (financial aid does NOT apply)

\$250 - Choreography, Music, Etc. **DUE: July 15th**

**Competition fees:** (financial aid does NOT apply) **DUE: October 1st**

Elite Cheerleaders: \$523 (Does **not** include end-of-season event fee)

Prep Cheerleaders: \$553 (Includes Grand Nationals fee)

Novice Cheerleaders: \$321.50 (Includes Grand Nationals fee)

***Pricing is subject to change and does not include travel costs associated with destination competition***

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**2026**

**May:**

- 5/14/2026 Evaluations
- 5/21/2026 Evaluations

**June:**

- 6/4/2026 Evaluations
- 6/23/2026 Evaluations
- 6/28/2026 Team Pool Party

**July:**

- 7/1/2026 Tuition Due + Extra Costs Due & Team Practices Begin
- 7/15/2026 Choreography Due

**August:**

- 8/1/2026 Tuition Due
- 8/15/2026 - Extra Costs Due & Tiny, Mini, Youth - Movie Night \$5/Athlete
- 8/16/2026 Junior - Lock-In \$10/Athlete
- 8/18/2026 Mandatory Parent Meeting
- 8/20/2026- Mandatory Choreography
- 8/25/2026 Team Specific Schedule will be Provided

**September:**

- 9/1/2026 Tuition Due

**October:**

- 10/1/2026 Tuition Due + Comp Fees Due: Elite:\$513 Prep: \$543 Novice: \$311.50

**November:**

- 11/1/2026 Tuition Due

**December:**

- 12/1/2026 Tuition Due
- TBD Holiday Parade
- 12/5/2026 Virtual Comp: ACC - Kick Off Showcase - **ELITE & PREP ONLY**
- 12/6/2026 Team Photos



**2027:**

**January:**

- 1/1 Tuition Due
- 1/23 Comp: DSS - The Cheer Tour, Tampa
- TBD Mandatory Showcase

**February:**

- 2/1 Tuition Due
- 2/13 Comp: ACC - Central FL Challenge, Lakeland
- 2/27-2/28 Comp: ECC - SoFLo Nationals, West Palm Beach **ELITE ONLY**  
**Novice & Prep will not attend. Elite will compete both days.**

**March:**

- 3/1 Tuition Due
- 3/6-3/7 Comp: Maximum - Florida Showdown, Tampa  
**Elite & Prep will compete both days.**
- 3/13 Comp: ACC - Sunshine Challenge, West Palm Beach

**April:**

- 4/1 Tuition Due
- 4/10-4/11 Comp: ECC Grand Nationals, Hilton Orlando  
**Elite & Prep will compete both days.**
- 4/14-4/18 Comp: Allstar World Championships (Contingent on bid), OCCC  
**ELITE ONLY**

**May:**

- TBD Banquet

Elite teams will attend Grand Nationals **OR** Worlds. Families should prepare accordingly for those costs/dates and remain flexible through the end of March until a decision is made based on placement and bids.

Fundraising throughout the season is encouraged to help offset the costs associated with travel, etc.



Starting July 1, 2026, practices will be separated by team.

**ENGLEWOOD: Tuesdays & Thursdays:** **Novice** - 5:00-6:00 PM **Elite A** - 5:00-7:00 PM  
**Mini 1.1:** 6-7:30 PM **Elite B:** 7:00 - 9:00 PM **Youth 1.1:** 7:30 - 9:00 PM

**VENICE: Mondays & Wednesdays** **Elite C:** 5:00 - 7:00 PM **Elite D:** 7:00 - 9:00 PM

ENG Floor A	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5:00-6:00 PM			Novice	Clinic A	Novice	
6:00-7:30 PM			Mini 1.1	Clinic B	Mini 1.1	Open Gym
7:30-9:00 PM			Youth 1.1		Youth 1.1	

ENG Floor B	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5:00-7:00 PM			Elite Team A		Elite Team A	
7:00-9:00 PM			Elite Team B		Elite Team B	

VEN Floor A	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5:00-7:00 PM		Elite Team C		Elite Team C		
7:00-9:00 PM		Elite Team D		Elite Team D		

**Holiday Schedule (No Practice):** **Nov.** 25 & 26, **Dec.** 24, 25, & 31, **Jan.** 1