

CHEER INFINITY ALLSTARS PREP and

NOVICE HANDBOOK 2023 - 2024

Welcome to Cheer Infinity Allstars! We are so happy that you have chosen to be a part of our growing family. Our mission is to build self-confident, self-disciplined, team-oriented, and loyal athletes. At CIA we value sportsmanship, dedication, integrity, and development of the cheerleader both on and off the mat. In this handbook, you will find information on the tryout process, financial obligations, athlete and parent policies, and important dates. Please read this handbook in its entirety prior to tryouts.

TRYOUT CHECK LIST:

- New Customers: register online prior to Tryouts from the Cheer Infinity Allstars website.
- Returning Members: Login into your Client Portal to update policies from the Cheer Infinity website prior to Tryouts.

ITEMS TO BE TURNED INTO THE FRONT DESK:

- \$40 Registration Fee for New Cheer Infinity Members, \$90 Tryout Fee which is credited to August Payment and is Non Refundable. Should an athlete tryout and decide they do not want to be a part of Cheer Infinity they forfeit the \$40 Registration Fee and \$90 Tryout Fee as we have made decisions based on their commitment to tryout. All athletes that tryout and remain will have their \$90 Tryout Fee credited as August tuition.
- Single Competitor Price List Signed and Dated
- Cheer Infinity Terms and Conditions checklist completed, signed and dated
- Buyout contract signed and dated
- Last page of Handbook completed

TEAM PLACEMENT:

Cheer Infinity follows the guidelines and rules set by USASF. There may be athletes on any given team that tumble at a different level than the rest of their teammates. We try to match up the athletes by level as best we can, but please remember that stunting, pyramids, jumps, dance, motions, age, mentality, dedication, attitude and work ethic are huge factors as well. Some will be stronger tumblers than others. Some will contribute more with stunts than others. We choose our team based on the positions that we need to fill (Bases, flyers, tumblers, etc.) Every athlete is on the team for a reason - Please trust the staff. Our decisions are made on what is best for the ENTIRE program as well as the athlete.

PROGRAM COST OVERVIEW

REGISTRATION	\$40 for all New Cheer Infinity Members
MONTHLY TUITION	\$90 per month This includes one 2.5 Hour PRACTICES EACH WEEK with no tumbling included. (included in monthly payments)
CHOREOGRAPHY FEE	(included in monthly payments)
UNIFORM/HAIRCUFFS	Uniform and bow or Hair cuffs (On payment schedule Due September 15th)
PRACTICE WEAR	Practice Wear set and T-Shirt (Included in monthly payments)
COMPETITION FEES	(Included in monthly payments)

PLEASE NOTE THAT TUITION, CHOREOGRAPHY FEE, PRACTICE WEAR AND COMPETITION FEES ARE INCLUDED IN YOUR MONTHLY PAYMENT BELOW AND WILL BE DRAFTED AT DATE GIVEN.

PROGRAM POLICIES

1. PAYMENT:

A schedule of payments is listed in this Handbook. All monthly fees will be drafted on the 1st of each month. Cheer accounts must keep a current credit card or bank account on file at all times. Accounts must remain current. No exceptions. If an account is not paid by the 30th of the month, that athlete will have to sit out of practice until the account is current. If an account falls more than 60 days behind, the athlete will be dismissed from team.

2. BUYOUT CONTRACT: If an athlete leaves the Allstar program prior to completion of the season, payments are non-refundable and a charge of \$300 will incur.

If an athlete quits, is removed, or becomes injured, no refunds will be given. Competition fees paid will be applied to a replacement. The Buyout Contract would apply.

3. ABSENCES:

Attendance is crucial to a team's success. If an athlete is going to be absent, **notification must be made at the FRONT DESK and not the coach**. All absences are documented. Please give advance notices whenever possible for scheduling purposes and approval. Coaches will be notified of the absence from the Front Desk. No unexcused absences TWO weeks prior of any competition is permitted.

PLEASE TRY NOT TO MISS ANY!

3 excused personal absences (sickness, death in the family, family emergencies.)

2 unexcused absences (vacations not during competition season and any other miscellaneous reason)

Any absences after that will result in dismissal. No refund will be issued and Buyout Contract would apply.

Vacations are not permitted during competition season. Again, If an athlete misses practice for vacation or any other unexcused absence TWO weeks prior to competition they will be removed from their team. **Choreography camps are MANDATORY** and cannot be missed. If you cannot come to Choreography camp, you cannot be on team. Please try to plan your vacations during our closing dates. (See "Important Dates" in this Handbook)

Competitive Cheerleading is a team sport and practice cannot be taken away from the athlete as a consequence for bad behavior at home or school. When cheer is taken away from the athlete you are removing vital exercise from their weekly schedule, removing the opportunity to develop and work on life skills. Please find a punishment that does not also punish the coaches and teammates or this action is grounds for dismissal from the team.

Cheer Infinity must be your athlete's main priority when it comes to extra curricular activities. That means no missing practice for another sport or activity. This will be grounds for dismissal from the team. If you do not feel you can adhere to these rules then we ask that you not tryout for our program.

PROGRAM POLICY Cont'

4. COMMUNICATION:

Each team will have a private group Facebook page, which will be used to communicate with the team, share pictures and videos, Bondings etc. Email will also be a part of our communication from the coach, team mom and gym. Each team will also have a GroupMe messaging account that is utilized heavily to distribute information and reminders from coaches and team moms. Team moms will use your cell number during competitions to keep you informed of any last minute changes. It is the parent's responsibility to stay informed. Please make sure your email and cell numbers are current with the Front Desk. If you have a question or concern about your team or child, please contact the head coach via email at curetonml@gmail.com.

5. TRAVELING/COMPETITIONS:

All transportation/accommodations are solely the responsibility of each family. Competitions are **MANDATORY for everyone EVEN IF SICK**. The competition schedule is included in this Handbook. Please make sure you have no conflicts. If a competition is missed, it will result in an immediate dismissal from the program. No refund will be given and Buyout Contract will apply.

Athletes are required to wear the appropriate hair, makeup, and clothing required. It is the responsibility of the families to bring their uniform, bow, cheer shoes, warm-up and additional items listed on the itinerary to competitions. Full Warm-ups are required to be worn at awards.

6. UNIFORM:

It is the responsibility of the athlete to keep their uniform in good condition. Lost, misplaced, or damaged clothing will be replaced at your expense. During practice, all clothing and belongings must be stored in the cubbies and not thrown on the floor. Please LABEL your child's practice wear and Uniform PLEASE! Everyone wears the same clothing and similar sizing so this helps.

7. TEAM PRACTICES:

Athletes are expected to be punctual and ready (Hair up, shoes on, etc) to go out on the floor on time wearing scheduled practice wear. If athlete is late or dressed incorrectly, they will have conditioning after practice. This will be implemented every practice. A calendar will be provided with the scheduled practice wear monthly. A dress code is enforced.

EXTRA PRACTICES can be added. These practices are just as important so please do not miss them. At the coach's discretion, additional extra practices can be added throughout the season. This can happen prior to a competition if needed. Remove All Piercings. We are not responsible for damages incurred to athletes who do not adhere to the NO jewelry policy. Coaches reserve the right to close practices at their discretion.

8. INJURIES:

If an injury should occur, it is the responsibility of the parent to seek professional help. Each athlete must have his/her own medical insurance. After seeking a physician, please provide Cheer Infinity Allstars with an evaluation of the athlete's injury/status. A release from a doctor is required if a serious injury should occur. If an injury prevents the student from continuing, there will be no refunds. Monies will be used for a replacement and the Buyout Contract would apply.

PROGRAM POLICY Cont'

8. ATTITUDE/BEHAVIOR:

Our goal is to train our athletes not only to be winners on the floor but most importantly to be winners in life. Therefore, we **STRICTLY enforce a positive, encouraging atmosphere from all participants and families. GOSSIP, profanity, rude language or negativity will NOT be tolerated.** Do not post negative comments either direct or underlying about Cheer Infinity on social media. We need to be an example to our children and understand that a public forum is not the place for this. We reserve the right to remove immediately an athlete/parent from the program if the parent or child is aggressive, states misleading or false information. If you have a concern, we encourage you discuss the issue with management or head coach.

Anyone threatening to quit or to pull his or her child from the program will be dismissed immediately. No refunds and Buyout Contract would apply.

9. TEAM MOMS:

A team mom will be assigned to each team. The team mom will assist in helping with communication between the coaches and the parents. They will keep updated contact information such as phone numbers and emails for their team and send out information to parents/guardians such as itineraries, scheduled practice information, events, team bonding information, meeting time locations at competitions, schedule changes, etc. Team moms will also help at competitions by making sure athletes return safely to their parents.

10. NONPARTICIPANTS:

Parents, siblings, friends, etc. are not allowed on the floor unless invited. No yelling out onto the floor or make contact through the viewing room window. You will be asked to leave if you do so. If you need a student, please see the front desk for assistance. Opening the door to the gym disrupts all classes and the safety of all our students.

11. CHEER INFINITY LOGO AND APPAREL :

You cannot create or sell your own CIA clothing or CIA items. Our name and Logo is copyrighted. All ideas for apparel or items must be emailed and approved by Management.

12. Do not bring items of value to the gym. CIA is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

13. COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF AND EMPLOYEES:

Please be respectful of our staff's personal time. DO NOT call or text the staff on their personal phones unless it is an emergency! The staff needs to have their personal time away from work. If you need to speak with them, please email them to setup a meeting time or give the front desk a message to give to them. Thank you in advance for respecting this rule.

14. ANIMALS: No animals permitted in Cheer Infinity facility due to allergies of participants.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

DATE	COMPETITION	EVENT LOCATION	STAY TO PLAY
February 3 & 4, 2024		Maximum Port City Challenge Wilmington Convention Center 10 Convention Center Dr. Wilmington, NC 28401	NO
March 9 & 10, 2024		Maximum Competition - Raleigh Dorton Arena 1025 Blue Ridge Rd Raleigh, NC 27607	NO
March 16, 2024		Canam Nationals Myrtle Beach Convention 2101 N. Oak Street Myrtle Beach, SC 29577	Optional
March 22, 2024		Battle at the Beach Myrtle Beach Convention 2101 N. Oak Street Myrtle Beach, SC 29577	Optional

IF ANY TEAMS SHALL RECEIVE A END OF YEAR BID WE WILL TALK ABOUT GOING

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PREP Choreography Camp	September 9th & 10th September 16th & 17th September 23th & 24th	Dates along with times will be posted when final team rosters are posted.
Gym Closings	September 4th November 20th - 25th December 18th - January 1st	Labor Day Thanksgiving Break Christmas Break
Sizing Dates <small>(SHOES, UNIFORM AND PRACTICE WEAR)</small>	TBA	SHOES WILL BE BOUGHT THROUGH THE GYM

BUYOUT CONTRACT

I understand that all payments are nonrefundable. I also understand that payments are never prorated or refunded, including cases of illness/injury, sitting out, joining late, or leaving early. I further understand that if my child leaves the Allstar program prior to the completion of the season I forfeit all payments and will be charged a \$300 buyout fee. Buyout contract commencement is August 4, 2023 . If the athlete leaves the team for any reason or is dismissed from the program for any reason after the commencement date the \$300 buyout contract will be in effect.

SIGNATURE_____

PRINTED NAME_____ DATE_____

CHEER INFINITY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

****Please initial each statement and sign the bottom agreeing to our policies and terms:**

_____ I understand that by trying out and paying \$40 registration and \$90 Tryout Fee / Aug Tuition that I am committing to being on a team. If I decide that me/my athlete will not be committing to the team after tryouts that I forfeit my \$40 registration fee as well as my \$90 tryout fee/Aug tuition.

_____ I understand that all monthly tuition fees are due and will be drafted on the 1st of every month. No exceptions.

_____ I understand that if my credit card or bank information changes, I will notify CI immediately with updated information.

_____ I understand that all competition fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.

_____ I understand that if I have an outstanding balance after 30 days, my child will be asked to sit out and a replacement will learn my child's position. I also understand that if I have an outstanding balance after 60 days, my child will be asked to leave the program. The Buyout Contract would apply.

_____ I understand the absence policy and if an athlete exceeds the number of absences, they will be dropped from the team . No refunds and the Buyout Contract would apply.

_____ I understand that Competitive Cheerleading is a team sport and that a practice cannot be taken away from the athlete as a consequence for bad behavior at home or at school. Please find a punishment that does not also punish the coaches and teammates. This action is grounds for dismissal from the team. ATTENDANCE is vital to a team's success. Aim to be at every practice.

_____ I understand that Choreography Camp is MANDATORY.

I understand that the coaching staff have the right to close practices as they deem necessary. I understand that an athlete CANNOT miss any competitions or will be dismissed from the team.

_____ I understand the importance of being a positive role model for all athletes. GOSSIPING, spreading negativity in or out of our facilities or on social media will not be tolerated and we reserve the right to remove immediately any athlete/parent from the program violating this policy. Attitude is everything on and off the floor. We require respect and you can expect respect from CI.

_____ I understand that "Good Sportsmanship" will be practiced at ALL times while representing Cheer Infinity. EVERY athlete is expected to be a good ambassador of our program.

_____ I understand if an athlete leaves the Allstar program prior to completion of the season, payments are non-refundable. The Buyout Contract would apply and a charge of \$300 will incur.

_____ I have read the Handbook thoroughly and understand and agree to all policies stated therein.

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

ATHLETE'S NAME (PRINT) _____

SINGLE COMPETITOR

August 1, 2023	\$250
September 1, 2023	\$250
September 15th, 2023 (New Varsity UNIFORM and Bow)	\$240
October 1, 2023	\$250
November 1, 2023	\$250
December 1, 2023	\$250
January 1, 2023	\$250
February 1, 2023	\$250
March 1, 2023	\$250

Extra Cost:

Shoes: Athletes will be required to wear BLACK VARSITY shoe. These need to be ordered at TRYOUTS OR WHEN SIZING HAPPENS through the gym.

Make-up: TBA

Payment Terms: Payment is due in full at the above dates listed. If Payments are not made before the 1st of the month, the card on file will be drafted the amount of payment owed. Payments remaining unpaid more than ten (10) days from required payment date shall be subject to late payment charges consistent with applicable law. Cheer Infinity Allstars may suspend students for non-payment of more than 30 days from payment date. At which time payments along with fees must be paid to continue. If an account is behind 30 days Cheer Infinity will begin the process of turning over the account to its contracted collection agent. If any court costs are associated with collection of amounts owed, the customer will be responsible for payment of those court costs.

_____ (Signature of ParentGuardian) _____ Date

ATHLETE INFORMATION

NAME OF CHEERLEADER: _____ Championship Prizes:

Some competitions give t-shirts, jackets, or hoodies to there champion teams. We will need to have a list ready to bring the competitions. Please keep in mind that your child might grow through the year. We like to tell people to order jacket and hoodie sizes one size bigger than what you wear normally to allow for growing room.

T-Shirt Size (Please circle one size): YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL

Jacket Size (Please circle one size): YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL

Hoodie Size (Please circle one size): YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL

IBUPROFEN AT THE GYM

During the course of the year it is likely that your child may have a headache during practice. Some children experience headaches more than others. We always call the parents to ask for verbal permission to administer medicine to the child. Please check one of the following options:



Please call me to ask my permission to give ibuprofen to my child. I understand that if my child is experiencing a headache and I cannot be reached that Cheer Infinity will not give my child any ibuprofen until my permission is given.



I _____, give my permission for Cheer Infinity Allstars to administer ibuprofen to my child without my verbal consent. I understand that Cheer Infinity Allstars will not give more than one dose of ibuprofen to my child unless otherwise permitted by a parent/guardian. My permitted dosage of ibuprofen to my child is _____mg.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____