

Gulf Coast Elite Cheer

Thank you for your interest in Gulf Coast Elite All-Star Cheer Season Three! Our Mission is to provide competitive cheerleading to individuals by teaching basic to advanced fundamentals, as well as teamwork and other life skills to form humble, responsible athletes. We strive for a fun and positive learning environment. We want to build a strong foundation in every athlete. We do this by teaching each athlete self-confidence, leadership, positive attitude, character, commitment, hard-work, integrity, and a love for the sport of cheerleading.

We offer all-star cheerleading and tumbling to ages 3-18. No experience is necessary.

Our coaches are USASF certified, as well as CPR and first aid certified. Most of our coaches are also AACCA certified in safety.

In this packet, you should find everything you need to know about our 2018-2019 All-star Elite and full year All Star Prep cheerleading program.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO READ THROUGH THE ENTIRE PACKET

The following items will need to be turned in at your child's evaluation time:

1. Information form
2. Copy of your child's birth certificate
3. If a new athlete, a picture of your child
4. Try out fee (checks may be payable to GCE)

Once your child is placed on a team, the following will be turned in at the parent meeting which will be held their first practice:

1. Medical Release Form
2. Participant Agreement and Waiver
3. Parent Agreement
4. Code of Conduct
5. Practice Attendance Policies
6. Gulf Coast Elite Cheer Financial Agreement

NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY TO JOIN, EVERYONE MAKES A TEAM!

TUITION AND FEES ALL-STAR CHEERLEADING

We realize that all-star cheer is a very expensive sport and try to keep our costs as low as possible while still maintaining a high level of excellence, both in our staff and the competitions we will attend. Your monthly payment includes a tuition fee, plus assessments. Assessments will vary, depending on age of athlete and type of team. Your tuition includes the team's practices per week, as well as 1 55-minute team tumbling block per week. Included in your assessment fees are: competition entry fees, choreography, coaches travel fees and music fees.

A yearly registration fee of \$75.00 is due on your child's first practice. This includes their USASF membership, insurance and administrative fees. A maximum fee of \$200 per family.

Due in May for existing athletes: \$50.00 tryout fee (includes all clinics and a free t-shirt) plus registration fee

Due in May for new athletes: \$180.00 for new athletes which includes 2 sets of practice wear for All Star Elite athletes only tiny through senior age, \$75 tryout fee (includes all clinics and a free t-shirt) plus registration fee

ALL STAR ELITE FULL YEAR

Tuition and Assessment breakdown by month: (Levels 1-4, Youth, Junior and Senior) attends 5-6 competitions

June 2018 – April 2019 total program cost of 2500/ 11 months = \$227.00 per month

Tuition and Assessment breakdown by month: (Mini) attends 4-5 competitions

June 2018 – April 2019 total program cost of 1900/ 11 months = \$182.00 per month

Tuition and Assessment breakdown by month: Tiny (ages 5&6 and Exhibition teams) attends 3-4 competitions

June 2018 – April 2019 total program cost of 1600/ 11 months = \$145 per month

NOVICE FULL YEAR

Tuition and Assessment breakdown by month: (Tiny Novice ages 3-6) attends 3 competitions

June 2018 – April 2019 total program cost of 850/ 11 months = \$77.00 per month

Tuition and Assessment breakdown by month: (Twisters – Cheerabilities teams) attends 3-4 competitions

June 2018 – April 2019 total tuition cost of ZERO (uniforms/shoes/bow not included), Registration fee and music fees apply. Registration fee discounted to \$25.00 per athlete, music fee \$50.00 per athlete.

****NOTE**** All Star Elite Athletes are able to take extra tumbling, stunt, stretching and top girl classes for ½ of the gym's current monthly rate.

Additional fees that you will incur during the year:

All Star Elite and Full Season Prep Uniform fee: appx \$365 with ¼ being due on July 1 and ¾ being due on September 1. (same uniform as last year) A small supply of used uniforms will be available for purchase for Elite Tiny through Elite Junior.

Half season prep and Cheerabilities uniform fee: Appx \$190.00

Tiny Novice uniforms: appx \$125.00

All Star Elite and Full Season Prep Practice bows: (2) \$30.00 due on June 1

Half season prep tiny novice, and Cheerabilities practice bows: \$16.00

Competition Bow: \$40 due on July 1 (ALL ALL STAR ELITE ATHLETES WILL RECEIVE A NEW BOW FOR 2018/2019)

Competition bow: \$25.00 for Half season Prep, Tiny Novice and Cheerabilities

Shoes: \$50+ (any all white cheer shoe, prefer Nfinity or Rebel brand)

Make-up: \$40 (Mini-Senior level only, due on August 1) ALL STAR ELITE TEAMS ONLY

Year end bid events

Optional fees:

Additional stunt, stretch or tumbling classes or private classes

Warm-ups / team t-shirts or other apparel

ATHLETES and PARENTS are responsible for their own travel expenses to and from all competitions.

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE:

GCE returners loyalty discount: We offer a discount of \$20.00 off per month for our GCE returners.

Male cheerleaders: free tuition, must pay assessments and fees

Referral discount: Refer a friend to Gulf Coast Elite all-star cheer and receive a \$50 credit on your account. (credited to your account on February 1, 2019. (New athlete must list you as a referral on their original paperwork).

Pre-Pay discount: Pre-pay your tuition and assessments in full by June 30 and receive 10% off the total.

Youth/Junior and Senior Levels 1-3: \$2500 – 10% (\$250) = \$2250.00

Mini: \$1900 – 10% (\$190) = \$1710

Tiny/Exhibition: \$1600 – 10% (\$160) = \$1440

Sibling Discount: 1st sibling \$50.00 off monthly tuition (after 1st paid athlete), 2nd sibling \$100.00 off monthly tuition

We do NOT combine or stack discounts and can work with you to determine the discount that works best for you.

What is included in your tuition:

Practice times will be set once teams are selected.

Youth/Junior/Senior teams will practice 4-5 hours (2 days) per week including a 55 minute team tumbling block

Mini teams will practice 2-3 hours (2 days) per week including a 55 minute long team tumbling block

Tiny Novice/Tiny/Exhibition team will practice 1-2 hours per week. Tumbling is NOT included in this price but may be added on. These athletes will be eligible for discount on monthly tumbling fee.

Half season Prep teams will practice 2-3 hours per week. Tumbling is NOT included in this price but may be added on. These athletes will be eligible for discount on monthly tumbling fee.

The USASF age guidelines for the 2018-2019 are as follows: (age as of August 31, 2018)

Tiny Novice – ages 3 -6

Tiny Division – ages 5 and 6

Mini Division – aged 8 and under

Youth Division – aged 11 and under

Junior Division – aged 14 and under

Senior Division – ages 11 – 18.

Q. What age does GCE start?

A. GCE starts at 3 years old for tumbling classes, and 3 years old for Tiny Novice All-Stars.

Q. Can I do a class just to learn a back handspring?

A. We understand that many kids want to learn a back handspring, but there are many skill progressions that need to be mastered before performing a back handspring alone. Our instructors are trained to teach strength and skill progressions in order for the cheerleader to be able to bear the weight of her body when landing in the inverted handstand position of the back handspring. Please understand that shoulder and upper back flexibility is needed (bridges, bridge kick overs, and walkovers) before a back handspring is taught. We teach perfection before progression.

Q. Can I cheer for my school or rec and GCE?

A. We will do our best to work around any conflicts so you can cheer for both rec and/or school. Please let us know at your child's evaluation if your child will be cheering for a school or rec team.

Q. Will I be able to watch my child's class?

A. Parents may watch classes (tumbling, flyer flex, stunt class, etc), but All-Star practices are closed for safety reasons.

Q. How do I know what tumbling level my child is?

These are the basic guidelines for USASF tumbling levels.

- USASF Level 1 – Forward roll, Backward Roll, Handstand, Cartwheel, Round-off, Back Walkover, Front Walkover
- USASF Level 2 – Standing Back Handspring , Back Walkover BHS, Round off Back Handspring, Round off series Back Handsprings, Front Handspring, Dive Roll
- USASF Level 3 – Standing Three Back Handsprings, 4 Jump Combo to Back Handspring, Round-off Back Handspring Tuck, Front Tuck
- USASF Level 4 – Standing Back Tuck, Standing Back Pike, Standing Back Handspring Back Tuck or Layout, Round-off Back Handspring Layout, Specialty tumbling passes including but not limited to whips, layouts, front tuck step-outs, and more non twisting airborne skills. (Bonus Skill – Full)
- USASF Level 5R- Jumps to Back Tuck, Standing Back Handspring Full, Round-off Back Handspring Full, Arabians, Specialty tumbling passes including but not limited to Whips and Front Tuck Step-outs through to Full. (Bonus skill- Double Full)
- USASF Level 5/6 - Jumps to Back Tuck, Standing Back Handspring Full and Double Full, Standing full, Round-off Back Handspring Full or Double, Specialty tumbling passes including but not limited to Whips, Arabians, and front tuck step-outs through to fulls and double fulls.

How are teams chosen and what level team will my child be placed on?

Teams are chosen based on tumbling, stunting and general skill of the athlete. We take into consideration that they do have a full summer to gain a skill they may be working on. Final team placements do not happen until the first week of August, and an athlete must maintain their skills shown at evaluation to keep their spot on a team. Some athletes may move to a higher level team based on their stunting ability, jump ability and/or dance ability. It takes many different skills to build a winning team.

Do we practice in the summer?

Yes, GCE will have a practice schedule as soon as teams are selected in late May. While all practices are important, we do realize that families take vacations during the summer months. We ask that you fill out the Time off Request Form as soon as you know what days you will be missing in the summer. Our “competition season” runs August – April and the attendance rules go into effect at that time. Choreography for all teams will be in August and it is a MANDATORY weekend (possibly two days) practice.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE:

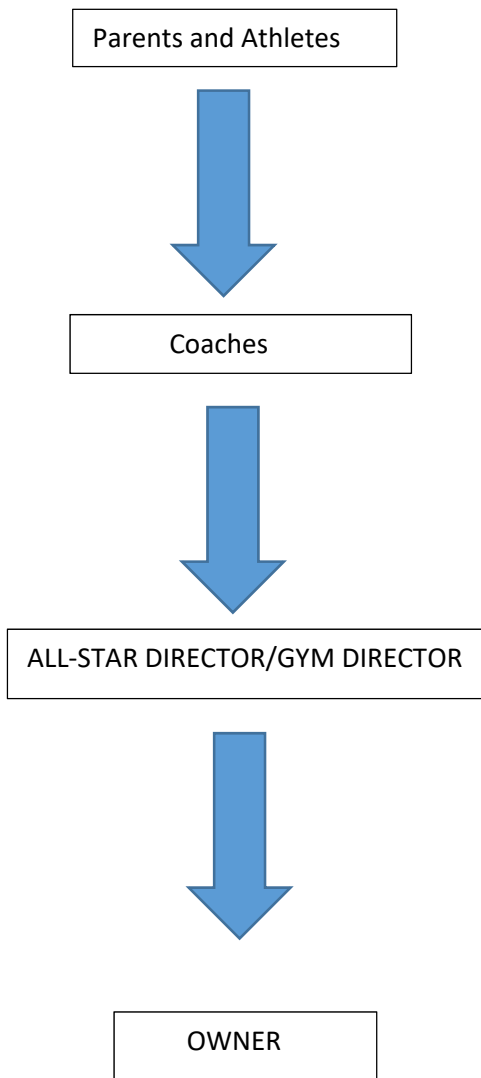
Our competition schedule will not be finalized until the middle of the summer. Tiny Novice, Tiny, Full Season Prep and Mini competitions will be limited travel competitions, most not requiring an overnight stay. Youth, Junior and Senior competitions will require overnight stays. They will all be within driving distance. We do not require parents to stay at the same hotel however, we may call a practice while we are out of town and it would be the parent’s responsibility to make sure their athlete is in attendance.

FUNDRAISING:

Fundraising will be available to all our families with a different fundraiser being offered approximately every six weeks. This is a great way to raise funds for your tuition and assessments, as well as uniforms! The gym will hold one MANDATORY fundraiser during the year to go into a fund to cover athlete’s banquet fee, spirit gifts and gym t-shirt. Parents may either participate in the mandatory fundraiser or pay a 100.00 opt out fee.

COMMUNICATION:

Please use the following communication chart



Our primary form of communication with parents is a Private Gym Facebook page and Team facebook pages. Once your child is assigned a team, you will be added to these pages. It is your responsibility to check these pages on a regular basis for information. We will also use the Remind Me app.

Our website is : www.gulfcoastelitecheer.com

Email addresses:

For billing and account questions: billing@gulfcoastelitecheer.com

All-Star Director: allstardirector@gulfcoastelitecheer.com

Owner: lesa@gulfcoastelitecheer.com

INFORMATION FORM

Athlete's Full Name: _____

Age as of August 31,2018: _____ Birthdate: _____

School for 2018-2019: _____

Gender: M F Grade for 2018-2019: _____

If you were referred to our gym by anyone, please list their name:

Prior Cheer Experience:

Where has your athlete had previous cheer experience?

(where): _____

How many years have they cheered: _____ Level? _____

What stunt positions has your athlete had experience in:

BASE BACKSPOT FLYER N/A

Parent Info

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mother's Cell: _____

Father's Name: _____

Father's address: (If different from above) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Father's Cell: _____

Parent E-mail: _____

Alternate Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relation to child _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State: Zip: _____

Athlete Medical Information

Do you have any allergies? YES NO

If Yes, list allergy and treatment: _____

Are you currently on any medication? YES NO

If Yes, list medication: _____

Have you had any type of surgery in the past year? YES NO

If Yes, please describe: _____

Have you had any type of head injury? YES NO

If Yes, please describe: _____

Do you have any chronic injuries or illnesses? YES NO

If Yes, please describe: _____

List any other information you think we may need:

In the event your child may need Ibuprofen or Tylenol, do we have your permission to administer such medications?

_____ YES _____ NO Preferred medication: _____

Insurance Information

Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy # _____ Group # _____

Carrier Phone Number: _____

Is there any days/times your athlete would be unable to practice weekly?

Tell us a little about yourself:

Favorite snack/candy: _____

T-Shirt Size : YXS YS YM YL AS AM AL A2X A3X

Favorite thing about cheerleading: _____

Favorite subject in school: _____

Pets? _____

MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

I fully understand that Gulf Coast Elite Cheer (GCE) and staff are not physicians or medical practitioners of any kind. With the above in mind, I hereby release the staff of GCE to render temporary first aid to my child or children in the event of any injury or illness, and if deemed necessary by the staff of GCE, to call a doctor and seek medical help, including transportation to any health care facility or hospital, or the calling of an ambulance for said child should the staff of GCE deem it necessary.

We, the staff of GCE, recognize our obligation to make our clients and their parents aware of the risks and hazards associated with the sport of cheerleading. Competitors may suffer injuries, possibly minor, serious or catastrophic in nature. These activities can be dangerous and can lead to injury. It is the parents who should make their children aware of the possibility of injury and encourage their children to follow all the safety rules and coaches' instructions.

The undersigned agree, HaLes, Inc. as owner of the building, and its' staff members are not responsible for injuries sustained by any cheerleader during the course of tumbling, stunting, cheerleading, or dancing in which he/she may participate or while traveling to or from the event. With the above in mind, and being fully aware of the risks and possibility of injury involved, I consent to have my child or children participate in the programs offered by GCE. I, my heirs, executors, and other representatives, waive and release all rights and claims for damages that I or my child/children may have against GCE, , HaLes, Inc. as owner of the building, and or its' representatives whether paid or volunteer. I also affirm that I now have and will continue to provide hospitalization, health and accident insurance coverage that I consider adequate for both my child's protection and my own protection.

X _____

Participants or Participants Parent/Guardian Signature if under (18) Date

Participant Name: _____

Parent's name (printed) _____

APPEARANCE CLAUSE

Permission is granted to use my son/daughter's picture or image in future advertisement and literature for GCE and events sponsored and conducted by them. I have read and agree to the above release and appearance clause

X _____

Participants or Participants Parent/Guardian Signature if under (18) Date

Participant Name: _____

Parent's name (printed) _____

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, ASSUMPTION OF RISK and WAIVER

Participation in physical activities at Gulf Coast Elite presents some risks. I understand the nature of this Activity and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I acknowledge that if I believe event conditions are unsafe, I will immediately discontinue participation in the activity. I fully understand that this Activity involves risks of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death, which may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, those of others participating in the event, the conditions in which the event takes placements, or the negligence of the "releases" named below; and that there may be other risks either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, cost, and damages I incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.

I hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue Gulf Coast Elite, its respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the "releases" or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations and future agree that if, despite this release, waiver of liability, and assumption of risk I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releases, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the Releases from any loss, liability, damage, or cost, which any may incur as the result of such claim.

I have read the RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

Signature of Parent: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT

AND I, the minor's parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of the above referenced activities and the Minor's experience and capabilities and believe the minor to be qualified to participate in this activity. I hereby Release, discharge, covenant not to sue and AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releases from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages on the minor's account caused or alleged to have been caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releases or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations, and further agree that if, despite this release, I, the minor, or anyone on the minor's behalf makes a claim against any of the above Releases, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releases from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss liability, damage, or cost any Release may incur as the result of any such claim.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed name of Parent/or Legal Guardian

GULF COAST ELITE PARENT AGREEMENT

Appearance & Apparel

- Until our official practice wear arrives, practice apparel may include shorts, fitted pants/yoga pants, fitted t shirts (no offensive language or images) and tank tops and sports bras. NO baggy clothes, NO JEANS or JEAN shorts, no bathing suits, as it poses a safety issue in stunting. Hair in HIGH ponytail with BANGS SECURED AWAY FROM FACE, and cheer shoes.
- NO JEWELRY of any kind is allowed at any practice, event, or competition, and must be removed prior to any practice, event or competition. It is a USASF and National Federation rule.
- Nails are to be kept short and smooth. No nail polish allowed during competitions.
- Designated cheer shoes for all practices and events and competition. Due to the nature of our specialty floor, these should not be worn outside.
- Competition makeup will be designated by your coach.
- Gulf Coast Elite uniforms must be clean, clean white cheer shoes, and designated hair/ makeup at all events.

Initial

Facility Guidelines

- No gum is allowed in the gym at any time.
- Water must be in sealed bottles only in the locker room or waiting room area.
- Please keep our gym and lobby areas clean. Pick up after yourself, guests, and family members.
- Team members should not wait outside. Gulf Coast Elite is not responsible if your child has left the building.

Initial

Practices

- Attendance is required for all practices, community/charity events, team bonding unless advance notice was given and approved by your coach. Choreography and competitions are MANDATORY! Commitment to your team MUST BE A PRIORITY. Punctuality is important. Please be on time to all events.
 - **Team members will NOT be allowed to miss practice the two weeks prior a competition. Doing so will result in being pulled from the competition routine.**
 - Athlete positions are based on performance and can be rearranged or removed as necessary for the benefit of the team.
 - If you are sick (vomiting or contagious), you are expected to CALL (no texts or emails) your coach 4 hrs prior to the practice.
- Otherwise, you should attend and watch.
- Missed practices due to homework/other responsibilities are NOT excused absences.
 - Withholding your child from practice and competitions as a form of punishment hurts the team and is not excused.
 - Injured athletes still required to attend all team practices, competitions and other team events.

• **Practice times may be changed or added at any time during the season.** At least a 10 day notice will be given for any mandatory practices.

• Excessive tardiness may result in suspension. _____ (Initial)

******* PLEASE BE ON TIME TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD FROM PRACTICES OR CLASSES:**

The gym will bill your account for 1.00 per minute for every minute over 5 that you are not there to pick up your child after a class or a practice. So, if your child should be picked up at 8 and you show up at 8:25, your cheer account would be billed \$20. _____ (Initial)

Competitions

Gulf Coast Elite decides which competitions the teams will attend and provide a calendar of these events as soon as they are available to us. It is the director/coaches' discretion to cancel or change a competition if a team is not "competition ready."

- Competitions are NOT OPTIONAL; all team members must attend ALL COMPETITIONS. Athletes MUST be on time for the posted MEET time of a competition.
- Plan for competitions to be all day.
- Team members must remain in uniform all day. We follow the USASF image and etiquette code. You may put on warm ups or gym t-shirt over uniform, but must be in full uniform for awards ceremonies.
- No running or horse play at competition. Being polite and respectful to others is a must.

Travel Guidelines

• If a parent is unable to attend a competition with their child, it is your responsibility to set up travel and hotel (if necessary) arrangements with another team member and their family. _____ (Initial)

Financial Responsibilities

- Monthly fees are due the 1st of the month and is late after the 7th of the month. A \$15 late fee will be applied to past due fees. Past due accounts will result in suspension from practices and events.
- Fundraisers are available to help offset these costs to you, but your child must participate in these to be effective.
- Each member is financially responsible for their own transportation, meals, and hotels.

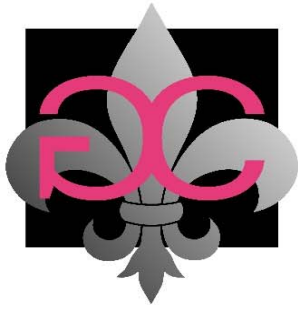
REFUNDS: There will be no exceptions under any circumstances. MONIES ARE NONREFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE. Any payments for uniforms, competition fees, trips, tuitions, camps, clinics, choreography, etc., are non-refundable under any circumstance. If your child decides to leave the program or is asked to leave the program, you will not be reimbursed for any deposits or payments made at any time regardless for reasons leaving the program.

_____ (Initial)

I have read the above parent agreement and agree to the terms contained therein:

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____



Gulf Coast Elite Cheer

CODE OF CONDUCT

Applies to Athletes and Parents

1. Fundraising is a privilege we offer our parents. When you are fundraising on behalf of the gym, our code of conduct is in force for both athletes and parents.

2. Gulf Coast Elite Cheer maintains the right to refuse services at any time.

3. Good Sportsmanship, polite manners and a good disposition are mandatory at all practices, classes and competitions.

4. It is the athlete's responsibility to wear the appropriate practice wear to every practice (including cheer shoes). If an athlete shows up unprepared for practice, they will sit out and will be charged as an unexcused absence.

5. Personal items such as cell phones, school bags, or gym bags must be stored in the proper place during practices. All cell phones must be turned OFF before practice starts. Cell phones left lying around the gym floor will be removed from the gym. GCE is NOT responsible for lost or stolen items.

6. NO GOSSIP about any other teams (all-star or school). NO GOSSIP about a child on your team or another team. NO GOSSIP about coaches or staff. It is much better to address a problem than to listen to idle gossip. If you have an opinion or problem, bring it to your coach, the All Star Director or the Owner. Gossiping will not be tolerated and is grounds for dismissal from the gym. It is the single most detrimental issue for a gym to have and can cause moral and overall health of the gym to decline quickly. This includes bullying between athletes as well. Athletes should never comment on another team mate. If they have an issue, it is to be brought directly to their coach.

Refrain from using any social networking, messaging services or electronic media to distribute negative or inappropriate information that could be detrimental to yourself, your family, and the GCE brand or reputation in any way. This is grounds for immediate dismissal from the program.

7. Never withhold an athlete from class and/or practice as a form of punishment. This punishes not only your child, but every other team member and parent.

Refrain from threatening to quit or pull your child from a team. This is unacceptable parent behavior that will not be tolerated. Any such threats will result in immediate dismissal from the program

8. NO PROFANITY/ NO DABBING or making any kind of OBSCENE gestures while in GCE uniform or representing GCE in any way.

9. Athletes must arrive at all practices, competitions or any scheduled events on time. Punctuality is a MUST. Appropriate practice wear, cheer shoes, hair in a HIGH pony and practice bow.

10.. There are absolutely no food or drinks allowed on our cheer or tumbling floors. All food and drinks must remain in the parent areas. If your child is assigned a locker, no open drinks or food may be left overnight in the locker. Failure to do so will result in loss of locker privilege.

11. Please feel free to talk to your coach about anything. We do ask for a 24 hour notice should you wish to meet with your child's coach.

12. ALL -STAR practices are CLOSED for safety reasons. From time to time, we will open practice at the end for parents to come in and watch. These are usually not scheduled in advance.

13. It is the parent's responsibility to know what is going on with your child's team(s). Please check Gym/Team Facebook pages frequently for updates and last minute changes, especially on competition days. Team Moms may also use email and/or text messaging.

14. Parents, relatives, friends, and cheerleaders are never allowed to speak with competition officials for any reason.

15. If a state of emergency is called during the weekend of a scheduled competition, we will NOT travel to the area under the state of emergency. There will be no refund or re-scheduling if a competition is missed due to a state of emergency warning.

16. At competitions, coaches are there to coach. Please do not approach a coach about any team or competition issues during a competition (unless it's an emergency), including questions about scoring and shore sheets. These will be reviewed with you at practices following competitions.

17. All Gulf Coast Elite LOGOS and lettering are property of Gulf Coast Elite and may not be copied or used for individual purposes without permission from the owner.

18. The Gym Manager/Owner/All-star Director may change, add or subtract any rule at any time.

Athlete Name _____

Athlete Signature _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Practice Attendance Policy

Summer Session Practices

- Practice attendance is critical to your athlete's progress and integral to the success of the team.

Athletes should attend practices and classes during the summer session in order to prepare themselves for their individual routine obligations and for team bonding.

- Gulf Coast Elite recognizes that athletes value the summer break; therefore, summer practices will accommodate family vacations, summer sports, church trips, summer camps, etc.

Athletes must turn in the Absent Request form, in order to be excused for the summer. *Please note that there are no make-up classes for time missed.

- You are expected to be in practice if you are in town. Please realize teams will be practicing and stunt groups forming. If you miss excessive summer practices it may affect your team placement in August.

Competition Season Practices

- The "Competition Season" begins August 2018 and ends April 2019. Choreography will be in August and will be mandatory.
- Practice attendance is absolutely mandatory and compliance with the attendance policy will be strictly enforced. An athlete's team position will be jeopardized for noncompliance with all the attendance policies.
- If an athlete is absent from practice for any reason, whether excused or unexcused, he or she is responsible for learning all routine changes made prior to the next practice.
- Practices may be changed or added at any time throughout the year. A two-week notice is guaranteed for all mandatory practices. Parents must check emails, social media, team calendars and the GCE website regularly for updates.

Absences Defined

Excused Absences

Approved absences that have been scheduled on the planning calendar and fit the following:

- a. School functions that result in a grade.
- b. School-sponsored cheerleading events.
 - o School-sponsored cheerleading happens at the school! Extra tryout help at another gym or location does not count as school sponsored cheerleading.
 - o The All-Star Director or Owner has ultimate discretionary authority to excuse absences on a case-by-case basis. (Please note that continued absences may result in changes in routine positions and rosters. Attendance is necessary for success!)

Unexcused Absences

All other absences that do not meet the above allowances are unexcused. Examples include:

o Academics: Academics are a high priority and Gulf Coast Elite stresses the importance of education; however, homework, projects, and studying are unexcused absences. Proper time management is expected so that the athlete can complete his/her academic work and fully participate in the GCE.

o Extra-Curricular Activities and Jobs: Extracurricular activities and jobs need to be scheduled around the commitment to GCE cheer program.

o Church: Church is an understood priority at GCE, and with many of our families. We try to schedule around the most common times; however, absences related to youth groups, retreats, etc., will be unexcused.

Illness, Injury or Family Emergency

Illness: Athletes are expected to be at practice unless they have a fever as fever can mean that an athlete is contagious. Practice participation will be situation-based and at the coach's discretion. A doctor's note listing the treatment and length of recovery is required.

Injury: In the event that an athlete is injured, you should notify your coach immediately.

Please provide a doctor's note with information details concerning the prognosis, recovery time, and any change in circumstance affecting their ability to perform. We will re-choreograph routines based on the athlete's injury and length of recovery. It is not guaranteed that an athlete will be choreographed back into the routine upon recovery. Injured athletes must continue with payment in full.

Unexpected/Family Emergency: Contact your All-Star Director, team coach/ team rep.

Absence Allowances and Protocol

1. 24-hour notice is required for the coach to plan accordingly. No exceptions!
2. Athletes are only allowed three (3) unexcused absences during competition season. Competition season begins on the first week of the September schedule.
3. After (3) unexcused absences, a mandatory meeting with your All-Star Director will be set. Your athlete will sit out of practice until the meeting takes place.
4. When athletes reach (3) unexcused absences, he/she may be placed as an alternate, removed from choreography and/or removed entirely from the team.
5. Unexcused absences are NEVER allowed the (2) weeks (Mon.-Sat.) prior to a competition. If an athlete is absent, he/she will be removed from the routine for that event.
6. Missing a competition without prior notice, and/or approval, will result in immediate dismissal from the program.

I understand and agree to the practice policies of GCE.

Parent Signature

Date:

GULF COAST ELITE CHEER FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered this _____ day of _____, 20____, between Gulf Coast Elite Cheer, Inc., and _____ (Responsible Party). The Responsible party, as parent/legal guardian of _____ (Athlete) hereby agrees as follows:

1. I understand the commitment, standards, and financial obligation involved with joining a team and becoming a member of Gulf Coast Elite Cheer.
2. I understand that competitive cheerleading and dance is a yearlong commitment and it is my intention to remain at Gulf Coast Elite for the entire season. I further understand that if I chose to remove my athlete for any reason or if he/she is removed from the program for any reason, all fees including, but not limited to, choreography fees, coaches fees, competition fees, uniform, practice wear, and tuition are NONREFUNDABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE.
3. I agree to pay all fees associated with being a member of Gulf Coast Elite from the time of joining until my athlete is officially removed from the program. A 30 day written notice is required to be officially removed from the program. A withdrawal form must be obtained from the office. Your account will continue to be billed until this notice is received.
4. I understand it is my responsibility to keep up with my account. Statements will be emailed to the email address on file between the 1st and 5th of each month. It is my responsibility to contact the office if I am not receiving the emailed statements. I understand that failure to receive statements does not mean I am not responsible for the charges to my account.
5. I understand that my balance must be paid in full at the beginning of each month. I further understand that if my balance is not paid by the 7th of that month, my account will automatically be assessed a late fee of \$15.
6. I understand that if my account is not paid in full by the 10th of each month, the credit card provided on the next page will be charged for any unpaid fees, including but not limited to coaches, fees, competition fees, double team fees and late fees. I understand it is my responsibility to provide updated credit card information if the card on file has expired or is otherwise replaced.
7. I understand that if my account becomes delinquent, my athlete may be asked to sit out of practices and competitions until the account is brought current. I also understand that if my account becomes more than 2 month's delinquent it may be sent to a collection agency and I will liable for all fees associated with collection of the account, including attorney fees.
8. I understand that due to the nature of many fundraising policies, any credit or overpayment on my account from fundraising proceeds will be forfeited if my athlete withdrawals, or is removed, from the program for any reason. I further understand that any monetary awards received by a team or the program will be utilized at the discretion of the program.
9. I agree that my athlete and I will adhere to the policies and standards established by Gulf Coast Elite. I realize that failure to do so may result in my access to the Gulf Coast Elite facility being restricted or my athlete being withdrawn from the program.
10. I agree that if my athlete quits prior to choreography that no refunds are made on any monies paid in for any reason and that there is a \$200.00 contract buy out fee that will be charged to the credit card on file.
11. I agree that if my athlete quits after team choreography that no refunds are made on any monies paid in for any reason and that there is a re-choreography fee and contract buy out fee of \$400.00 that will be charged to the credit card on file.

Everyone must provide a credit card number for monthly payments. You must provide full credit/debit card information; this will be entered into our system. You can still pay by check or cash before the 10th; however, if not paid by the 10th, your credit/debit card will be automatically debited.

I authorize Gulf Coast Elite Cheer to withdraw funds from my:

(Check one) _____ VISA _____ MASTER CARD

Furthermore, if any such debt(s) drawn off of the account is returned unpaid by credit card or check payment, I authorize Gulf Coast Elite Cheer to collect a return item charge fee of \$30 by electronic debit.

I further understand a \$1 authorization charge will be made to the account listed below for verification purposes.

Athlete's Name _____

Name (as it appears on the card) _____

Card # _____

Exp Date _____ Billing Zip Code _____ Security code _____

Phone # _____

I have read and understand the financial policies of Gulf Coast Elite Cheer. I agree to be responsible for any and all charges for the athlete. I am a duly authorized credit card user on the identified account and authorize all of the above with my signature.

Cardholder Signature

Date

Responsible Party Printed Name

Athlete Printed Name

Responsible Party Signature Date

If you wish your payment to be automatically drafted on the 1st of each month, please sign below:

Auto Draft Authorization

With my signature below, I authorize Gulf Coast Elite to withdrawal funds from the above referenced account on a recurring monthly basis. All recurring charges will be processed on the 1st of each month. This authorization will remain in full effect until Gulf Coast Elite has received written notification from me of its termination in such time and in such a manner as to afford Gulf Coast Elite a reasonable opportunity to act upon it. Recurring charges will terminate at that end of the current season. I have read and understand the financial policies of Gulf Coast Elite. I agree to be responsible for any and all charges for the athlete. I am a duly authorized credit card user on the identified account and authorize all of the above with my signature.

Cardholder Signature Date