

***PARENT & ATHLETE PROGRAM POLICIES***

*Welcome to the Desert Elite!* We are excited to begin a new season of great experiences and wonderful memories. First and foremost, **please make sure that you READ completely, INITIAL where designated, and keep a copy for your records** so that you are completely informed. If you need assistance or answers to anything, please feel free to ask or contact us.

Since 1997, our goal has been to create well-rounded, all-star cheerleaders, as well as provide valuable life lessons through dedication, self-discipline, goal setting, and teamwork. We are committed to you and your athlete, and we will do our best to provide the best experience we can.

*A few important points… first, since* our time with our athletes is extremely valuable, punctuality is a MUST. Arrive *early* for all practices, competitions, and functions – ready. If you know you are going to be late, call and/or text **your team coach, not a team member or the team rep.** One of our key values is dedication and it begins with being on time and continues with a strong work ethic, and a positive “coachable” attitude.

*Second,* we will always do our best to keep a regular schedule and inform you of any changes in advance, but please know that practice schedules **CAN** change. We may add or cancel practices before a competition – depending on the event and situations that arise. Practices can also be extended or may run late. **The two weeks before any showcase or competition are VITAL and will always be *mandatory attendance.***

*Finally*, feel free to talk to your coach or program director about anything. We want to make sure the line of communication is always open. However, there is an appropriate time. Please do NOT approach a coach during any practice, event, or competition as their focus is on the team during that time. It is always best to go right to the source when it comes to your athlete’s progress or things related to their participation.

Please know that we appreciate and value our “team” behind the teams – the parents!

Thank you in advance for your continued support and dedication to the sport we love and to the Desert Elite.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ *parent initial* COMMITMENT**

All-Star cheerleading is a YEAR-ROUND, team sport. When signing your paperwork, you are acknowledging that both you and your athlete are making both the time and financial commitment. Athletes are expected to be on time and present at all practices, events, and scheduled competitions. Your commitment may also include additional classes or privates to further or fine-tune individual skills. ***Failure to show at a scheduled competition will result in suspension and/or removal, as well as financial penalty of $600 in cases of dismissal.***

* **ALL forms and commitment paperwork must be returned completed and signed and turned into the gym office before or by the first week of the new season. NO exceptions.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ *parent initial* COMMUNICATION**

It is the parent’s AND athlete’s responsibility to stay informed. Check your email, text app programs, Desert Elite program & team private Facebook pages regularly. If you are not receiving emails, contact the Program Director ASAP. Every Sunday, you will receive a weekly memo. Team Reps will also be emailing and texting via their chosen text app program as needed. **PLEASE READ ALL THINGS!**

Please join and check the private Desert Elite Facebook page and your athlete’s team page. Please EMAIL us or provide WRITTEN notification of planned family absences ***at least ONE MONTH in advance*** of the dates if possible. For any school-related events or activities, we ask that you inform us well in advance of any necessary absence. ***Please note that telling us of an absence does NOT necessarily mean that it is approved, especially if it falls within the two-week window of choreography, a competition, a showcase, or an event.***

* **Planned summer vacations and/or absences must be submitted to the office by JUNE 10th.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ *parent initial***  **FEES**

A schedule of related costs is listed at the end of this document. The amounts are subject to change. *Statements will be emailed upon request.* Please keep all copies of paperwork and receipts in the event of a question or a discrepancy. Please make all checks payable to Desert Elite Mavericks.

* **Monthly tuition is due the first week of every month. A late fee of $25 will be assessed for tuition payments made after the tenth of the month.** Payment can be made with cash, check, credit card, money order, through Venmo (@DE-Mavericks) or Zelle (tgrey@dc.rr.com). All credit card transactions are subject to a 4% user fee. Returned checks will be charged a $25 fee.
* Parents and responsible adults will be asked to sign a financial agreement. Each person signing the agreement will be responsible for keeping his/her child’s account current.
* **Formal uniforms will be ordered and paid for directly to Varsity. No payment = no ordered items.**
* IMPORTANT: There are **NO REFUNDS** on tuition, missed/cancelled practices/classes. We add additional practices throughout the year and DO NOT ask for additional fees, so there is no proration for any change in schedule – this includes the holidays and the post-season month of May.
* IMPORTANT: Tuition, Choreography, Uniform/Supplies, and Competition Fees are **NON-REFUNDABLE.** If an event has been cancelled by the organization and it has been paid for by the parent, a credit will remain on account for future use.
* IMPORTANT: Leaving the team before the end of the contract year will result in a **withdrawal fee:**
* **$150** before choreography and **$600** after choreography is taught.
* This is IN ADDITION to any music/choreography fees that have been paid on the athlete’s behalf.
* Any items (uniforms, warm-ups, t-shirts, etc.) will remain the property of the Desert Elite until said items are paid in full OR if a member withdrawsfrom the program. Credit for any item will be applied towards any outstanding amount and/or withdrawal fee.
* If a balance is unpaid or the withdrawal fee (voluntary or unvoluntary) remains unpaid, any clothing item paid directly to the gym or to Varsity, will be credited towards that outstanding balance instead of being given to the athlete.
* **Any fundraised money that is in the athlete’s account is forfeited and cannot be used towards the withdrawal fee.**
* **There is NO financial benefit gained from leaving the program early.** Any balance must be paid upon termination. Failure to pay will result in the account being sent to collections and/or small claims court action. \*In small claims court action, the filing fees and/or attorney fees will be added to the outstanding amount due.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ *parent initial* FUNDRAISING**

Different fundraisers will be held throughout the year, beginning with our t-shirt sponsorship drive in the spring, summer, and early fall. Our program has participated in working the concerts at the San Manuel Amphitheater and Five Points in Irvine for the past seven years. The concerts require training through Legends, getting your San Bernardino and/or Riverside County Food Handler’s license, and working events through the late spring, summer, and early fall. It is a fantastic way to pay for your athletes’ competition fees and more, as well as meet and get to know other cheer parents. Any fundraising profits earned will be directly posted to your athlete’s gym account. Information will be sent home via email and posted on Facebook for any fundraiser scheduled. Everyone is strongly encouraged to participate, but it is not required. ***Participating parents are expected to sign an agreement of expectations for participation prior to working any event.***

PLEASE NOTE: **Fundraised and/or sponsor money can NEVER be refunded. If an athlete leaves the program, the fundraised money becomes part of the general program and CANNOT be used towards the withdrawal fee.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ *parent initial* TEAM PLACEMENT**

All athletes are placed on a team at the discretion of the coaches based on areas such as jumps, stunting, tumbling, and performance ability. Other things such as age, experience, maturity, coachability, and readiness all factor into placement. Oftentimes, an athlete may be placed on a team because of a position they can fill, despite not having all that level’s skills. *That is a coaching decision.* Please understand that athletes may be repositioned, moved, or replaced at any time at the discretion of the coaches. Any changes are made to benefit the team. **This is a staff decision and NOT a parent decision.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ *parent initial* PRACTICES**

There is a common lobby area designated for all parents/friends. Parents/friends are asked to stay in that designated area and not come into the training area due to liability. Practices will be CLOSED.

Parents are also encouraged to drop off and pick up their athlete. We want your child to get the most out of every practice - for this to happen, we need their full attention. If there are distractions, the whole team is affected and may also become a safety issue.

*REMINDERS:*

* **APPROPRIATE CHEER Shoes MUST be worn at practice. NO sandals or Crocks.** Appropriate and designed attire is expected & hair should be fully up, off shoulders and neck. **NO BAGGY CLOTHING OR STREET CLOTHES is to be worn during practices.**
* All cell phones must be **TURNED OFF and PUT AWAY** once practice starts in the designated team phone box.
* Please use the cubbies to store your bag, etc.
* Do not bring items of value to the gym. Desert Elite is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
* Members are expected to bring their own water bottles.
* NO gum allowed.
* Please pick up after yourself.
* NO horseplay in the common lobby, bathrooms, or outside the gym area.

Please understand that decisions about practice and routines are made in the best interest of the TEAM and the staff makes those decisions – not any parent. In addition, withholding your child from practice should not be used as a form of discipline. Being a member of our program is a commitment and a responsibility, not to mention it is unfair to the rest of the team when an athlete is allowed to miss a practice.

Siblings of athletes cannot come inside the gym and watch practice unattended. **IMPORTANT:** ***Please do not drop off any athlete or their sibling more than 15 minutes early or******pick up late*.** \****If you are going to be late, please call.***

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ *parent initial* TRANSPORTATION & TRAVEL**

All transportation and accommodation to practices, events, and competitions are solely the responsibility of each family. We highly recommend parents working with one another in carpools and making sure athletes get to all practices and events.

Transportation to competitions is the responsibility of each team member and his/her family, whether in-state or out-of-state**. Flight arrangements should be made in advance and no later than one month before the event. Information should be emailed to the team rep.** Uniforms articles should be packed neatly into your carry-on/team bag during flights. Since Varsity events that we attend typically are “**Stay to Play”** (Vegas, San Diego, Dallas, and/or Anaheim), ALL members are expected to stay within arranged hotel room blocks or go through the housing organization required by the event producers (usually found on the event producer’s website). Exemptions *may* be offered but must be filed by the due date posted on the event producer’s website. Failure to file an exemption and/or not stay at designated “Stay to Play” hotel could cause our program to be disqualified from an event.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ *parent initial* COMPETITIONS**

We will make every effort to provide event information (meet times, spectator fees, etc.) as we receive it – usually at least one week before. The schedule of competitions is always *subject to change with notice.* However, if a competition is cancelled or rescheduled for any reason, **Desert Elite will not be responsible for reimbursement of** **anything, for any reason.** If the fees have been paid by the parent, a credit will be posted to their account for future participation costs.

Athletes are expected to arrive ready in their uniform with both hair and makeup done by their designated meet time. ALL team members are expected to stay at the events (local and out of the area) until after their awards and they have been released by their coaches. **Failure to show at a scheduled competition will result in suspension and/or removal, as well as financial penalty of $600 in cases of dismissal.**

The removal of body piercings (ears, etc.) during competitions and performances is REQUIRED by USASF. This is non-negotiable. This is a safety issue and will result in a safety violation deduction. **IMPORTANT:** **Please avoid getting anything pierced during the competitive season. NAILS should be of a reasonable length, no longer than just above the finger.**

Our Mavericks and parents should always exhibit good sportsmanship, positive conduct, and professionalism at all competitions and events. They should be present to support all designated sister teams, especially at out-of-state events.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ *parent initial* PARENT EXPECTATIONS**

Your dedication and support both in and out of the gym are just as important to us as it is to your child. It is important that your athlete is on time and present at all practices, events, and competitions. Failure to communicate may result in negative consequences such as fines, sidelining, and/or removal.

We encourage all parents to sit together at events and support all Desert Elite teams. Parents are encouraged to show support by wearing Desert Elite colors or clothing to competitions. Showing respect for the

coaching staff, other teams, and hosting organizations is expected, as you are there representing the Desert Elite Mavericks and your child. **Please avoid being glued to your phone and filming during your athlete’s performances as our athletes need your focus, cheering and clapping for them.** *So that all parents can be “in the moment,” we will designate one of our team reps to video the team(s).*

Please understand that it is never the place of the parent to question or approach judges or event staff regarding anything relating to our team registration or performances. Questions should be directed ONLY to the Gym Director. We will deal with your concerns with the organizations.

Do NOT gossip about other teams, parents, other gyms, or kids. Again, if you have questions. ASK, rather than listen to nonsense or engage in irresponsible conduct.

Do NOT post negative comments, routines, or music on message boards, YouTube, or any website without approval from the Program Director. **Negative comments (direct or subtle) will not be tolerated and will be addressed immediately. Continued issues will be cause for dismissal.**

IMPORTANT: If a parent or anyone is observed speaking negatively about a team, coach, parent, or athlete he/she will be talked to and/or asked to leave. If this kind of behavior continues to be an issue, the child will have to be removed from the team.

Please do not make assumptions on anything. Always ASK rather than assume or accuse. There is always more than one side to a story. Accusations will not be taken lightly and are subject to investigation. If the accusation is found to be false, that athlete and family may be asked to leave the program.

**If a parent verbally assaults or threatens a student, coach, or another parent at the gym, an event, or competition - the athlete and family will be dismissed from the program.** Please avoid believing hearsay and practice the “24-hour or more rule” of waiting until it is a more appropriate time, and any reactive behavior has subsided.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ *parent initial* MORAL CONDUCT & GENERAL ATHLETE BEHAVIOR**

* Athletes are expected to take care of themselves through proper nutrition, exercise, and sleep. The Desert Elite prohibits the use of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs. NO energy drinks will be allowed in the gym and ALL athletes are asked to avoid drinking them. While the Desert Elite cannot dictate your behavior and conduct “off-hours,” negative conduct will not be allowed to taint the reputation of the program and its members.
* Athletes are expected to use caution in the use of any social media and represent themselves in a positive manner. Please DO NOT post negative or inappropriate things in uniform or cheerleading related content. ***The posting of inappropriate videos or pictures in or out of uniform may result in probation and/or removal.*** Please be smart in the use of social media.
* **Boyfriends & girlfriends need to respect your “team time” and remain away from the team during that time as the focus must remain on the team during competition days.**
* Negative attitudes will not be accepted and will result in sitting out, parent conferences, sidelining, and/or removal from the routine or program.
* During award ceremonies, athletes should be in full uniform, with sweatpants, shirts, and jackets removed, *have their phones put away*, and demonstrate good sportsmanship towards all competitors.
* It is important to be a “coachable” athlete who is willing to make corrections, work hard, and do the extra work outside of practice that is required to realize their full potential.
* **If an athlete talks about quitting the program and/or leaving to another gym after the season, the coaches will reserve the right to make that athlete an alternate or remove them from the team. We value loyalty and commitment and will not allow talk about quitting or leaving to affect any team’s morale.**
* ***If an athlete’s behavior or attitude continues to be a problem, the athlete will be sidelined, made an alternate, or asked to leave the program. The early withdrawal fee would apply.***

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ *parent initial* UNIFORMS, ATTIRE, & APPEARANCE**

We ask that our athletes wear the appropriate practice attire to practice. ALL athletes should have all-black bra tops and spanks to wear at practice. This provides for uniformity at practices and/or events.

**If practice attire is not assigned, athletes should be wearing appropriate bra tops, cheer t-shirts, shorts, or spanks. NO baggy clothing (it is a safety issue) or street clothes/shoes.**

Athletes should be covered up to and from the gym.

Please put your athlete’s name on items and keep all Desert Elite Mavericks clothing, warm-ups, and uniform in good condition. UNIFORMS should not be dry-cleaned but washed on the gentle cycle and hung-dry. Please report any lost or damaged uniform items to your coach. The cost of replacement will be the responsibility of the athlete. Please avoid wearing jewelry to practice. No hoop or dangling earring – studs only. Desert Elite Mavericks assumes NO responsibility for lost jewelry, clothing items, bows, or any valuables. **Hair should be up, out of the face, in a high ponytail with a bow or scrunchie.**

The decision about competition hair and makeup will be made by the staff and will be *subject to change* with notice. Please make sure that your athlete is following the directions regarding the look that is expected for competitions and READY when they arrive at the designated meeting time.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ *parent initial* DISCIPLINE**

If any of the above rules are compromised, the following actions will occur:

* 1st Violation: Coach(es) discussion with athlete and noted in their team notes.
* 2nd Violation: A meeting with the athlete and coach/director defining the problem.
* 3rd Violation: A meeting with the athlete & the parent(s).

If the behavior is not corrected, the athlete may be suspended and/or removed from the team or entire program.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ *parent initial* 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 seeing a physician, please provide Desert Elite with an evaluation of the athlete’s injury/ status ASAP. If the injury or illness extends for more than three practices, we ask for a doctor’s note releasing them to participate. Please provide a doctor’s note for any injury that prevents full participation. A temporary “fill-in” athlete will step into the routine, until the injured athlete can resume full participation. NO credit is given for competitions in which the athlete has a substitute filling in for their position. **Injured and sidelined athletes ARE expected to attend practices and sit out until they can return to full activity.**

**Changes and replacements will be made for any injuries that occur within the two-week window. IF a doctor has been seen and recommended “non-participation,” the athlete will be required to have a doctor’s note stating approval to return to participation before being added back into the routine.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ *parent initial* TARDIES**

DON’T BE LATE, please.If you are, please TEXT or CALL your team coach, not a team member or team rep.

Excessive tardiness may result in being fined and/or removed from a competition.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ *parent initial* ABSENCES**

Attendance is crucial to team success. An “absent request” form must be filled out prior to any planned absence at least two weeks or in advance for the absence. Please note that your notification does not imply that we approve of the absence and coaches may make changes accordingly.

**NO-SHOW, NO-CALL absence = $50 fine.**

**IMPORTANT:** **No practice can be missed TWO WEEKS prior to any competition, unless they are contagious or a true, family emergency occurs. ABSENCES *may* result in being sidelined for that competition. Absences during the mandatory two-week period will result in a $50 fine.**

Excessive absences may result in removal from the program. If an athlete is absent due to illness or injury for THREE or more practices, a doctor’s note is required. Any athlete that is also a member of their school cheer team, another sports team, or activity (ASB, AVID) that may conflict is required to turn in a schedule of games/events to the office in advance.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES**

* Contagious illness
* School function that affects grade (please let us know **IN ADVANCE**)
* True family emergencies
* Vacation during summer – ***provide dates by JUNE 10th.***
* School cheer events - *but we ask for consideration in return prior to our events.*
* Special events when cleared in advance by gym staff **– *at least ONE MONTH in advance for planning purposes.***

**UNEXCUSED ABSENCES**

* School dance, prom, and senior events
* Traffic
* Too much homework
* Feeling tired or having menstrual cramps
* Not having a ride. ***ASK your team rep or teammate.***
* Babysitting a sibling
* Non-contagious illness. ***The athlete may come and “sit out,” wearing a face mask as needed.***
* Injuries that prevent participation – you are still a member of the team!
* Parental punishment
* Any appointment that can be made outside of practice times.
* Jobs that should be scheduled outside of regular practice times.

**VACATIONS**

Vacations are NOT permitted during competition season (mid-November to early May), unless the gym is closed, and the athlete has already cleared it with their coaches at least two weeks or more in advance. Please provide dates by **JUNE 10th.**

**GYM CLOSURES – subject to change with notice.**

Mid-Summer Break: July 1-7

Labor Day Weekend: August 31-September 2

Thanksgiving Break: November 27-December 1 (*Wednesday through Sunday)*

Christmas Break: December 23-January 3

***\*On other “school-holidays” during the season, there will be the regular gym schedule.***

**OTHER IMPORTANT DATES - subject to change with notice.**

**The new season begins – Monday, June 3**

MANDATORY NEW Maverick parent Zoom meeting – Tuesday, June 4, 6:30 p.m.

ELITE stunt choreography – July 15-19 *\*tentative*

PREP & NOVICE team choreography – August 24-25 *\*tentative.*

ELITE pyramid choreography – September 7-8 *\*tentative*

ELITE dance choreography – October 19-20 *\*tentative*

Varsity fitting – early August – TBD

Every other Saturday practices begin for ELITE teams after Labor Day. *The first one is September 7*

Fall Showcase at RMHS – early November – **ALL TEAMS PARTICIPATE.**

First Elite Team competition of the season – early to mid-November

Holiday Cheer Parties – December - TBA

Team pictures: January - TBA

Spring Showcase at RMHS – March or April - TBA – **ALL TEAMS PARTICIPATE.**

End of the Year Celebration – late April for Prep/Novice during last practices - TBA

End of Year Luncheon & Awards - Mid to late May for Elite teams – TBD – dependent on D2 Summit

**TEAM REPS**

A Team Rep is a parent who is the liaison between the coach and the parents. There will be one rep per team chosen by the program director. The rep is responsible for meeting the team at competitions, handing out wristbands/shoe tags, and assisting with team functions, and communication. Team Reps are not involved in gym decisions, coaching, or accounting issues. Please remember that the Team Rep is only doing what is being asked of them by staff, so please respect them. **Please make sure that you are responding to their texts and/or reading texts/posts. Excellent communication with your team rep is essential.**

***ABSENCES and/or any issues should NOT be posted within a text app or chain, but instead reported directly to the DIRECTOR or COACHES.***

**RETURNING MEMBER INCENTIVE:**

A $50 referral fee will be credited to your account for each NEW or previous member athlete that you bring to Desert Elite who joins the team program. The new member/family must reference you for you to receive credit and they must join the team program for the entire year. Credit will be applied after their second month of membership.

**TYPES of TEAMS & LEVELS:**

All-star cheer is divided by both skill levels and age. The level of commitment and cost increases with the level of skills and age. We offer a recreational “Cheer 101” class program once a week for 90 minutes. Next, we have a “Mavericks in Training” performance team for ages 3-10. M.I.T. requires regular attendance, purchase of an inexpensive uniform, and commitment to local showcase performances. M.I.T. is meant to be a preparatory “pre-team” for those that want the training and performance opportunities without the travel requirement.

The next level of participation is the novice/prep teams, ages 5-18, which practice once weekly and compete in Southern California four to five times, as well as participating in our two annual showcases. The focus is on skill development with strong technique. Regular attendance is required since this is the introductory tier of our competitive program. Novice/prep is a great introduction into competitive all-star cheer for less cost and time commitment.

Finally, our elite competitive teams, ages 7-18, are the teams that will compete 8-10 times a year, including traveling to Las Vegas, Dallas, and if they qualify, Orlando, Florida. These teams practice 2-3 times weekly and placement is based on skills. Team placement will also take into consideration the athlete’s attendance, coachability, work ethic, attitude, and commitment-level, as well as the parent’s financial responsibility, since there is a greater cost investment involved.

**Approximate FEES FOR THE SEASON**:

**ELITE TEAM athlete**

* Annual gym registration (per family) $ 50
* Annual USASF fee $ 45 *registered & paid directly to USASF by parent.*

 *This should be done as soon as possible once the portal is open.*

* Elite team monthly tuition **$ 185 *(increase includes every other Saturday team tumbling class)***
* Tumbling class monthly tuition (Maverick) $ 40 (*or $10 drop-in per class)*
* ELITE Uniform $ 450 \*Uniform design remains the same for four years.
* Practice bra top, spanks, & skirt $ 100 \*Approximate cost; ’24 Summit attire.
* Warmup jacket $ 110 \*Remains the same for four years.
* Program & team shirts $ 45 \*Due in mid-October.
* Team bow $ 35 \*Due in mid-October
* Choreography & music annual fee $ 400 \*Deposit of $100 due with first month
* Competition fees for the season $1,500 approx. \*Installments are October through March
* Athletes should have all-black sports bras and spanks for practice.
* All-white cheer shoes through Varsity or Nfinity (approx. $50-125)
* Uniform & jacket ordered and paid through Varsity after fitting.
* Other items may be required during the year for the D2 Summit. *What is bought for the D2 Summit will become next season’s practice attire.*

**NOVICE-PREP athlete**

* Annual gym registration (per family) $ 50
* Annual USASF fee $ 45 *registered & paid directly to USASF by parent.*

 *This should be done as soon as possible.*

* Prep/Novice monthly tuition **$ 110**
* Tumbling class monthly tuition (Maverick) $ 40 (*or $10 drop-in per class)*
* Prep/Novice Uniform $ 200 \*Uniform design remains the same for four years.
* Practice bra top, spanks, & skirt $ 100 \*Approximate cost; ’24 Summit attire.
* Program shirt $ 25 \*Due in mid-October.
* Team bow (mid to late October) $ 35 \*Due in mid-December
* Choreography & music annual fee $ 300 \*Deposit of $100 due with first month

$ 200 \*Tiny Novice

* Competition fees for the season $ 550 approx. \*Installments are October through March
* Athletes should have an all-black sports bra and spanks for practice.
* All-white cheer shoes through Varsity or Nfinity (approx. $50-125). Also cheerleadingonline.com has good, expensive choices of shoes.
* Uniform ordered and paid through Varsity after fittings.

**“Maverick in Training” (M.I.T.) athlete**

* Annual gym registration (per family) $ 50
* M.I.T. monthly tuition **$ 75**
* M.I.T. uniform $ 100 approx. \**Uniform design remains the same for four years.*
* Program shirt $ 25 \*Due in mid-October.
* Program Bow (mid to late October) $ 35 \*Due in mid-December.
* Choreography & music annual fee $ 100 \*Due upon sign-up.
* All-white cheer shoes through Cheerleadingonline.com (parent purchase)
* Uniform ordered and paid through Varsity after fittings.

***OTHER FEES:***

Late fee (tuition or scheduled payment) $ 25

Returned check fee $ 25

No-Show, No-Call absence **$ 50**

No-Show, No-Call to local showcase or event **$100**

Missed practice during two-week competition window **$ 50** *\*Absences may also result in an athlete being sidelined.*

No-show to a competition without valid reason **$600** *\*Will also result in removal.*

Early withdrawal from team during the season $600

Cheer 101 class (recreational) $85 a month

Tumbling classes (non-Maverick) $75 a month (one day)

 $95 a month (two days)

* LEVEL-Pay is available upon request and will be an *estimated* average monthly payment that includes all yearly costs of tuition, choreography, & competitions. **This does NOT include any Varsity uniform items, t-shirts, bows, unity events, late fees, or any post-season related fees.** A final settlement amount may be required and depend upon additional costs incurred.
* Payments can be made through Venmo (DE-Mavericks), Zelle (tgrey@dc.rr.com), cash, or check. Credit cards are subject to a 4% user fee. If using a cash app, please only put the athlete’s name on the memo; please mark as *“between friends.”*

**RECAP OF CHANGES FOR THIS SEASON:**

* Increase in monthly tuition: Cheer 101 - $85, Tumbling $75 & $95, Novice/Prep - $110, Elite - $185.
* The increase in Elite team tuition includes two *team tumbling* classes a month. Team(s) will be divided into group A & B and rotate Saturdays. REQUIRED, so if an absence is planned, please have your athlete swap days with a teammate.
* Credit card service fees will be 4%.
* Planned summer vacations and/or absences must be submitted to the office by JUNE 10th.
* The Nfinity practice attire (originally ordered for the Summit) will be the new elite team practice attire. NEW practice attire will be ordered for Novice & Prep teams from Varsity. Will be changed yearly.
* NEW Novice & Prep uniform this year.