

Season 4 Parent Packet



2024-25 Competition Season Information

Cal- Star Elite is a competition and performance-based program, our athletes practice 2-3 times per week and compete at local and travel competitions. While our program is based on competition, we feel that our organization exists to build self- esteem, confidence, work ethic, leadership, healthy lifestyle habits, and friendships that will last a lifetime.

We create teams with competition in mind, athletes will be placed on teams according to their ability and their age. We consider all aspects of all-star cheerleading and place everyone on specific teams for a reason. Regardless of the team, we are confident that your athlete will shine!

*Rosters will not be considered FINAL until the end of June. This will give our staff time to work with each athlete and ensure that they are on the team that best fits with their abilities, age and goals.

*We reserve the right to move athletes, combine teams, or split teams during the season if it will benefit the program, team or the athlete.

All competitive/travel sports are expensive ventures. We understand that it takes a great deal of financial sacrifice to be involved in a program that travels and competes on a national level. We do everything possible to ensure a quality program for the lowest cost possible. All of our fees are listed in this packet so you can budget for the entire season. Please see the Fees & Tuition section for more information.

***Please have both the parent and athlete expectation contract signed and turned in by June 15th**

You will receive an email May 26th for which Team your child is placed on. Team practice will begin the first week of June!

Parent Meeting Night!

Level 1- June 14 after practice 7:55pm

Level 2- June 13 after practice 7:55pm

Fees & Tuition:

Competitions

*USASF Membership is required to compete (40\$)

All elite levels attend 5 Local Competitions and 1-2 Travel Competitions along with 2 Local Showcases.

Each Competition requires a registration fee around \$80 for one day and \$150 for two-day competitions and billed approx. 90 days before competition. Refunds are not available for any reason.

(crossovers may need to pay an additional fee per competition approx. \$40)

Tuition:

All Elite Levels practice 2hrs 2x per week (\$280/ month)

*additional weekend practices may be scheduled during competition season if in teams best interest

Uniform:

(Include: uniform top, uniform skirt or shorts, competition bow, Nfinity bag)

Elite Uniforms approx. \$600

Shoes- Nfinity Vengeance Black \$120

Music & Choreography:

Music and choreography costs are dependent on the tier of the package selected and number of athletes on the team. Pricing will be discussed further at parent meeting night (June 13 & 14).

Vacation Dates

Cal-Star will be closed for team practices and classes on the following days:

Halloween- October 31, 2024

Thanksgiving- November 28, 2024

Christmas Break- Dec 23- 27th, 2024

Easter Sunday- April 20, 2025

Important Events

Choreography will be in late June, teams will attend 2 five-hour blocks during this month - Schedule will be released shortly after parent meeting night.

Nov/Dec practices for Choreography clean-up

Competition schedule will be released at parent meeting night.

*Choreography dates and competitions are mandatory!

Post Season Event

Elite Teams are eligible to qualify for postseason events, such as The Summit or US Finals when they do well at scheduled competitions. This information will be listed on the competition schedule when it is released. Post-season events are not included and will incur additional fees and travel. Details will be given as teams qualify for these events.

Referral Credits- You earn a \$50 statement credit whenever you refer anyone to our program, and they sign up for a cheer class or a full-year all-star team.

Crossover Positions-

Crossovers are athletes that compete on more than one team within their program, athletes can only crossover onto 2 teams max (compete with 3 teams) and can only crossover onto teams within their division (prep or elite).

Crossover athletes pay an additional reduced price tuition, music and choreography fees for the second team they are competing on, and are expected to attend all practices for both teams. Crossover positions are only offered through a coach to athletes who they believe can handle the extra challenge.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS 2024-25

Cal-Star Elite

_____ We have read the registration packet and understand the commitment we are making to the Cal-Star cheer program, staff and other team members.

Payment

_____ I understand the following:

Payment is due on the 1st of each month by automatic withdrawal from a VISA/MC. We will notify you once by email if there's a billing issue. There is a \$25 service fee following each month after that there is no valid card on file OR if the card comes back declined or expired. A letter is sent once notifying the email we have on file to update your billing information. Cal-Star does not send regular statements but we do email monthly receipts when we run auto-payments.

Parents have 24/7 access to account information and balance on Cal-Star's parent portal. It is the responsibility of the parent or other adult signing the contract to meet all financial requirements. In the event that you wish to split your fees between co-parents, BOTH parents must sign a contract and a meeting will be required to set up a fee schedule. If payment has not been posted by the 10th of the month, a \$25 late fee will be assessed, and the athlete will be removed from practice until payment is made.

Accounts that reach 30 days past due will cause the athlete to be removed from the team, and all balances due until paid in full. Delinquent accounts past 90 days will be sent to an outside collection agency for enforcement.

This is a contract for the 2024-25 season (June-April.) Families have 30 days from the date the contract is signed before it becomes binding. Contracts canceled within the 30-day window will be refunded minus the registration fee (and any fees that may have been paid on your athlete's behalf.) If, for any reason, a contract is broken after the 30-day window, the member must continue to pay off the contract OR pay a 1-time termination fee of \$425.

****There are no refunds if you leave our program.** We do this to cover the expense of finding someone to fulfill your responsibility to your team or

modify choreography which most of the time requires additional practices for the team.

Events

Transportation and accommodations while traveling to competitions are not included, and are the responsibility of the parents. If parents cannot attend, it is their responsibility to find a chaperone for their athlete.

Participating on a full travel team may require up to 4 missed school days per season.

Parents are expected to ensure that their athletes are in the correct attire, hair and make-up during events.

Cal-Star requires athletes to stay and support the other program teams during their performances, and athletes must be present at their award ceremonies. Please do not plan anything else on a competition day and do not encourage your athletes to break the rules and leave early.

Commitment

It is the parent's responsibility to read all emails, Band messages, and informational materials to stay up to date on gym events and news.

If an athlete participates in multiple activities, parents must ensure that Cal-star takes priority.

Issues, concerns or complaints should be directed to the coach or program owner. Issues should be discussed with coaches in private, and parents should always show respect for staff in front of athletes.

Cal-Star reserves the right to move athletes within a routine or between teams at our sole discretion. Teams may be split or combined at any time if it will benefit the overall program. Athletes do not own, nor are they entitled to any "spot" or position in the routine, and will likely be moved around the routine many times during a season. Our coaches and staff will make changes based on their expertise, scoring system, judges' feedback and overall team needs. Parents are not coaches and will have no grounds to question placement in a routine - these decisions are made with the best interest of the program in mind, please trust our staff.

Athletes may be removed from routines or from the program for failure to follow attendance policy, behavior policy or payment policies. If an athlete

breaks these rules, parents are expected to support the gym when they discipline athletes with consequences.

By signing I agree to uphold the policies stated in this contract.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

ATHLETE EXPECTATIONS 2024-25

Cal-Star Elite

By initialing each item you understand and agree to honor each policy to represent the Cal-Star Elite program.

_____ I have read the registration packet and understand the commitment I am making to the Cal-Star Elite team program, staff and other team members.

_____ I will participate for the entire season once the contracts are signed and turned in.

_____ I will maintain a positive attitude and work ethic and will follow all coach's instructions. Be coachable!

_____ I will be at practice, be on time, and give 100% effort when I'm there.

_____ I agree that if I participate in activities other than Cal-Star Elite cheer, my all-star team comes first.

_____ I will refrain from being negative about my team members, coaches and program in person and in public forums, such as message boards, Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, Band and any other forms of social media.

_____ I will refrain from posting anything inappropriate while in uniform, at competitions, or at any time that I could be connected to the Cal-Star Elite program.

_____ I understand that I am required to stay and cheer for all other Cal-Star Elite cheer teams at events.

_____ I understand that profanity, inappropriate behavior, bullying or negative discussion are not tolerated and are cause for removal from events, the team and/or program

_____ I will accept coach decisions regarding team placement, stunt position and choreography, and will put the good of the team ahead of myself.

_____ I understand that I may not be allowed to compete if I miss a practice the week prior to a competition.

_____ I understand that breaking the contract rules can result in removal from my team and/or program.

Athlete's Printed Name:

Athlete's Signature:

Date:
