



UNITED ELITE ALL STAR CHEER

TRYOUT INFORMATION PACKET

2020-2021

United Elite (UE) welcomes you to our Program! Our objective is to develop each athlete physically, mentally and emotionally to ensure they will achieve success on and off the competition floor. Our athletes will learn how to work hard, set and achieve goals, work through frustrations and setbacks, and work as a team. They will also learn the meaning and worth of dedicated effort. Athletes will have the confidence which comes with the knowledge that they can accomplish amazing things if they put their minds to it! At United Elite, athletes make lifelong friends and memories which will remain with them forever. Each of our athletes will build self-confidence through the positive reinforcement of our Staff.

As you review this information packet and consider becoming a competitive cheerleader at United Elite, we ask that you please read all requirements, including, but not limited to, attendance, financial and time commitments, policies, procedures, etc. Competitive cheerleading is a select team sport and is very demanding from a time and financial standpoint. It is a commitment that should not be entered lightly. Please make sure you are capable and willing to commit to the mandatory practice schedule, competition schedule and financial responsibilities required.

We are interested in athletes and parents who will fully commit to this year-round sport and remain loyal to their team and the Program. With hard work, loyalty and dedication, together we can be successful and achieve great things!

ALL STAR CHEERLEADING OVERVIEW

The United Elite All Star Cheerleading Program is a twelve (12) month program. Athletes will begin training in June 2020 and continue through the end of May 2021. All Star Cheerleading is broken down into both competitive and non-competitive (show and exhibition) levels by age and ability. The United States All Star Federation (USASF) is the main governing presence in this industry, and United Elite will form teams based on their guidelines and criteria.

All Star Cheerleading teams are scored based on the execution and difficulty of their tumbling, jumps, dancing, tosses, motion technique, stunting, performance, unity, creativity and choreography. Athletes will be placed on teams based upon their age and ability in these elements. There are times within the Program in which athletes will be placed on teams due to the necessity of a certain skill set or position.

The goal is to structure successful teams with both age appropriate and skill appropriate athletes. The United Elite Staff reserves the right to place athletes at their discretion.

GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

Tuition/Monthly Fees:

Monthly tuition is comprised of instruction fee, competition fees and coaches' fees. These fees do not include, registration fee, choreography fee, music fee, Spirit Club dues, USASF membership fees, practice clothes, uniforms, warm-ups, bows, shoes, make up, backpacks or any other accessories or additional fees.

All monthly tuition **MUST** be paid via auto draft on the 2nd of each month. All other charges such as practices clothes, uniform or any other purchased items can be paid at the front desk or online through our parent portal. **Auto draft is for tuition/monthly fees and registration only.**

Athletes delinquent on their tuition/monthly fees will be required to attend practices, but sit out, until accounts are brought current. They will not be allowed to participate in competitions, classes or private lessons when accounts are delinquent. Accounts are delinquent after the 5th of the month.

Late Signup:

Athletes signing up after June 2020 will be responsible for the full month's tuition upon registration regardless of which day of the month they begin training. Athletes will also be responsible for any back-competition fees if applicable. Example: If an athlete starts in the middle of July, they will be responsible for the entire month of July tuition and June competition and coaches' fees. There will be no proration of tuition.

Exit Fee:

An exit fee of \$350.00 will be automatically charged to any athlete withdrawing from the Program before the end of the year-long commitment. The exit fee goes into effect July 1, 2020 and remains in effect through the last day of May 2021. The exit fee applies to all athletes including show/exhibition teams.

Attendance Policy:

We have an Attendance Policy in place for 2020-2021. We will follow this policy strictly. Please review this policy and be certain you understand it and can and will abide by the requirements before committing to the Program. The detailed Attendance Policy is included in this packet.

Additional Practices:

Additional practices, instruction and specialty classes, such as Flyer Class, Stunt Class, Jump Class, Tumbling Class, etc., may be added to the athlete's practice schedule. These practices will be mandatory. Additional fees for specialty classes will apply. Athletes who do not attend these specialty classes and/or practices will be subject to removal from the specified position and/or team.

Timeliness:

Please make sure your athlete arrives to all practices, classes, competitions and events on time. Excessive tardiness will not be allowed. If an athlete is late to competition it could result in the athlete being pulled from the performance and future performances. There will be no refunds.

Attire:

Athletes are required to be dressed and ready to work out at the practice start time. There will be a set practice wear schedule for the season. Athletes are required to follow this schedule. Hair should be securely tied back at the beginning of practice. All jewelry should be removed. Athletes are encouraged not to bring jewelry or valuables into the gym. United Elite is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Disciplinary action will be taken for athletes who are out of uniform. No exceptions. This will apply to every athlete, no matter the circumstances. If you are out of uniform, you will be required to do the assigned conditioning. Any athlete leaving practice without completing the assigned conditioning will be required to do double the next practice.

Private Lessons:

Fee information for private lessons can be obtained at the UE Cheer Gym front desk. Coaches can also provide this information. Scheduling should be discussed with the individual coach. There will be no private lessons provided to any team member who is delinquent in their team tuition, fees or Spirit Club Dues.

Insurance and Injuries:

Team members must provide their own medical insurance. Athletes must also report all injuries, including injuries that occur outside of the gym, to the coaching staff as soon as possible. The coaches can then make sure the athlete is protected from further injury during practice. Athlete and parent cooperation in injury prevention and reporting updates to the coaching staff is extremely important.

Sportsmanship:

We ask that athletes and parents always show good sportsmanship at practices, competitions and events. Conduct yourself with grace and courage during competition by accepting all scores and results in a positive manner.

Coaching:

Please leave all coaching in the gym to the coaches. Parents are not allowed to spot athletes on skills in the gym. Please refrain from discussing your concerns, gossiping or speaking negatively with others. If you have questions, please schedule a conference with your athlete's coach.

Spirit:

Be your athlete's #1 fan! Good times and challenging one's too, unconditional love is your task. We would love to see all UE parents, in UE attire, sitting together showing support for our teams at competition. This shows strength, support for our athletes, unity and gym pride.

UE Website Social Media and App:

The United Elite Gymnastics and Cheer website and the new UE app, relay information concerning competition results, special activities, and other pertinent information regarding gym activities. You may also find us on the following social media sites: Facebook UE Cheer @unitedelitecheer, Instagram @U.e.Cheer and Twitter @UECheerGym.

Questions:

All information regarding training and competitions will be distributed by email and/or handed out at practice. You may call the front desk with questions (214) 771-3458. You may also contact the Cheer Director, Carol Wigley via email at carol@uegym.com. Please do not contact the cheer company, event

producers or judges at any event we attend. Please do not approach the coach during practice hours or competition. If you need to speak with a coach contact them to schedule a time that will not interfere with instruction.

GYM CLOSURES

The United Elite Cheer Gym will be closed on the dates listed below. Please pay particular attention to the Christmas Holiday closures. The UE Staff reserves the right to change this schedule if necessary. Please review the Attendance Policy for fees related to unexcused absences.

July 4-5, 2020	Independence Day
September 5-7, 2020	Labor Day
October 31, 2020	Halloween
November 22-29, 2020	Thanksgiving
December 20-31, 2020	Christmas
January 1, 2021	New Year's Day
March 8-12, 2021	Spring Break (will follow Rockwall ISD schedule)
April 4, 2021	Easter Sunday

ATTENDANCE POLICY

All Star Cheerleading is a "SELECT" team sport. It takes a full commitment from both cheerleader and parents. All practices are mandatory. Athletes are allowed a summer vacation during the months of June, July and August. Please keep in mind, while we all need breaks from the demanding schedule, the summer is also a great time for growth for athletes and teams. We recommend that athletes do not miss more than two consecutive weeks during the summer months. Athlete summer vacation dates must be emailed to carol@uegym.com and copied to the athlete's team coach.

Practices can be intense prior to competition and extra practices will be scheduled as needed. Extra practices are mandatory. All athletes realize that by missing practice their team cannot work all baskets, stunts, pyramids, tumbling or transitions efficiently. Athletes that have poor attendance, extended illnesses, injuries or excessive absences will be replaced. There will be no refunds.

The following excused and unexcused policy is not negotiable. If a cheerleader has five unexcused absences within the one-year commitment, he/she is subject to dismissal from his/her team. There will be no refunds.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: Working, fatigue, sports, personal issues, not having a ride, birthdays, studying, social occasions, church occasions, family occasions, family time, etc.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Mandatory school functions that result in a grade, death in the family, contagious illness which has been diagnosed by a physician and a physician's note is provided. Documentation/proof will be required for all excused absences.

The Attendance Policy goes into effect once the fall schedule begins in September 2020 and will end after the last competition and/or event of the season. We will abide by the following policy for the 2020-2021 All Star season.

3 tardies (more than 5 minutes late) = 1 unexcused absence.

3 unexcused absence = \$50 fee will be assessed.

4 unexcused absences = \$100 fee per absence will be assessed. **(After 3 unexcused absences you will be charged a \$100 fee for each and every additional unexcused absence.)**

5 unexcused absences will result in coaches' discussion regarding removal from the team.

Attendance will be taken daily at team practices and at any other required events. It is the parent's responsibility to notify coaches of any upcoming absences, if an athlete is sick, or going to be tardy. **Coaches and Director (carol@uegym.com) should be notified as soon as possible, prior to the absence or tardy, via email and the athlete's coach should be contacted by phone call or text.** Attendance is required at every practice, class and event unless excused by your coach for illness and/or injury. You must contact your coach and they will decide whether your athlete should attend practices, classes, events and competitions. You must provide a doctor's note. Injury or illness one week before competition may omit the athlete from competition as deemed necessary by the coaching staff. No fees will be refunded if your athlete is sick or injured. This also applies to Show Teams and Special Needs teams. The team and individual can only be successful with everyone at practice. It is the responsibility of the athlete to learn any changes they missed due to an absence, which may include extra practice time.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Tuition/Monthly Fees:

United Elite All Star Cheer is a twelve (12) month program. We will begin practicing in June 2020 and continue through the end of May 2021. All tuition/monthly fees outlined below must be paid through automatic draft (Automatic Draft Form included in Registration Packet.) Monthly tuition will be automatically drafted on the 2nd of each month. **Tuition includes instruction fee, competition fees and coaches' fees.**

Tuition for male and female athletes is the same. Male and female athletes receive equivalent instruction/training and attend the same competitions. Uniform cost and additional expenses do vary from male to female athletes.

Special Needs Teams

\$45.00 per month June 2020 through May 2021

Show/Exhibition Teams

\$195.00 per month June 2020 through May 2021

All Star Prep Competitive Teams - Tiny through Senior

\$250.00 per month June 2020 through May 2021

All Star Competitive Teams - Tiny through Senior

\$295.00 per month June 2020 through May 2021

Additional Expenses:

<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
Tryout Fee	\$50.00	At Tryouts*
Annual Registration Fee	\$37.88/\$64.95 Family	At First Practice
Practice Wear	\$270.63	At First Practice
Choreography and Music Fee	\$175.00	June 15, 2020
USASF Membership Fee	\$30.00	June 15, 2020
Female Uniform Deposit	\$257.10	July 15, 2020
Male Uniform Deposit	\$226.12	July 15, 2020
Hair Accessories	\$35.00	July 15, 2020
Female Uniform Balance	\$257.09	August 15, 2020
Male Uniform Balance	\$226.11	August 15, 2020
Team Make Up	\$64.95	August 15, 2020
Female Warm-Ups	\$195.12	September 1, 2020
Male Warm Up Jacket	\$125.60	September 1, 2020
Team Shoes	\$106.08	October 1, 2020
Team Backpack	\$135.00	October 1, 2020

Spirit Club Dues - All athletes will be required to pay Spirit Club Dues. Spirit Club Dues are paid directly to the United Elite Spirit Club. Please see the Spirit Club information sheet for details.

***Tryout fee is non-refundable. Upon athlete registration, tryout fee will be applied to account.**

All athletes must have the same practice wear, uniforms, warm-ups, competition hair accessories, make up, shoes and backpack. Each of these items, excluding shoes, must be purchased through United Elite. **The fees listed for these items are approximate.** Tax has been added to the items. There are no refunds for these items.

Travel Expenses:

One in-state travel
One out-of-state travel if bid received

Other Possible Expenses:

Competition and Coaches' Fees for any bid event, including, but not limited to Summit and U.S. Finals (only teams who receive bids)
The possibility of extra competition fees if cost exceeds the anticipated amount
Big Sister/Brother Little Sister/Brother Program
Christmas Gift Exchange
Theme Days
Party Food and Drink Donations
Banquet Tickets

PAYMENT OPTIONS

UE offers two different payment plan options. Please review both options carefully. There are no refunds.

Option One

One-Time Tuition Payment.

Payment will be due no later than one month after registration.

Tuition total for the season is paid upfront in one lump sum.

This includes monthly tuition only. It does not include other fees such as choreography, music, uniform, practice clothes, bid events, etc., or the possibility of extra competition fees if cost exceeds the anticipated amount.

You will receive a 5% discount on tuition only.

Siblings will receive a 10% discount on monthly tuition.

Exit fee applies if athlete withdraws from the Program before the season is complete.

There are no refunds.

Option Two

Monthly Tuition Payments.

Tuition will be paid monthly by automatic draft. Automatic draft required.

You must sign up for automatic draft payment with a debit/credit card.

Automatic draft payments will begin June 2020 and end May 2021.

Siblings will receive a 10% discount on monthly tuition.

Exit fee applies if athlete withdraws from the Program before the season is complete.

There are no refunds.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: THERE ARE NO REFUNDS ON PRE-PAID SEASONS. THERE ARE NO REFUNDS ON MONTHLY TUITION/FEES, SPIRIT CLUB FEES, USASF FEES, PRACTICE CLOTHES, UNIFORMS, WARM-UPS, COMPETITION HAIR ACCESSORIES, MAKE UP, SHOES OR BACKPACKS.

TRYOUTS

Pre-registration is required.

Returning members:

Pre-register through the parent portal

New athletes:

Pre-register at UEGYM.COM

Events Calendar

Select date of tryouts

Click and follow prompts

Tryouts will be held Saturday, May 30, 2020. Times will be by age. Age is defined as of athlete's age on December 31, 2020. See tryout schedule below. All candidates should wear appropriate cheer attire and tennis shoes. Candidates will be checked in, evaluated and released. Tryouts are closed to all spectators. Parents are not allowed to spot or warm up their athletes.

Ages 5 - 8 years of age

Check In 8:30 a.m.

Tryouts 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Ages 9 - 11 years of age

Check In 10:30 a.m.

Tryouts 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18 years of age

Check In 1:30 p.m.

Tryouts 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Items required at tryouts:

Non-refundable tryout fee of \$50.00. Upon registration fee will be applied to account.

All paperwork included in the Registration Packet

Birth Certificate (copy) (new athletes only)

Two 4X6 photos (one headshot and one full body photo). Does not have to be a professional photograph. Photos will not be returned.

Fees due upon registration to the Program (first day of practice):

June Tuition: \$45.00, \$195.00, \$250.00 or \$295.00 Depending on Team Placement

Registration Fee: \$37.88 per athlete or \$64.95 per family

Practice Wear: \$250.00 plus tax \$270.63

Credit to Account: \$50 tryout fee will be applied to your account

United Elite Staff will evaluate each athlete. After tryouts athletes will be placed on a team. You will be notified via email on or before Monday, June 1, 2020, of your team placement and practice schedule.

Practice schedules will begin Monday, June 1, 2020. The Staff will continue to evaluate the athletes and teams to ensure teams are comprised for maximum success. During this continued evaluation period athletes may be moved to different teams. Athletes may also be asked to attend more than one team practice. This is at Staff discretion. **Pease note, just because an athlete can perform a majority or all of a particular level of tumbling skills does not mean he/she will automatically be placed on that same level team.** Placement decisions are made on a multitude of criteria. There are many elements to consider for All Star teams: tumbling, jumping, dancing, stunting and stunt positions, work ethic, dedication, experience, maturity, etc. We look for athletes who exhibit strong work ethic, dedication, superior attitudes and the ability to be a team player. Our goal is to create strong teams which will produce effective results.

The UE Staff reserves the right to move athletes to different teams at any point necessary throughout the duration of the season. Individual athletes must maintain the skills required for their team level. If required/designated skills are not maintained the athlete risks being reassigned to another team or being designated as a non-competing alternate. This applies to athletes who experience regression in skills and athletes who experience injuries which limit skills. Tuition is still required in full. The Staff also reserves the right to change the competitive division of any team at their discretion.

UNITED ELITE ALL-STAR BOOSTER CLUB

Your UE All Star Booster Club is in charge of making your cheer year a BLAST!

We organize fundraisers, host the end of the year banquet, and provide end of the year gifts for the athletes, coaches, 5 year all-star athletes and seniors!

To be able to accommodate these things we ask for \$100 per athlete to be included and to boost our funds.

The \$100.00 payment can be in the form of cash, check (made payable to United Elite All Star Booster Club), or PayPal – ueboosterclub@gmail.com

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