



UNITED ELITE ALL STAR CHEER

TRYOUT INFORMATION PACKET 2024-2025

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 into 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 May 2024 and continue through the end of May 2025. 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, USASF membership fees, practice clothes, uniforms, warm-ups, bows, shoes, make up, backpacks, show-offs, bid events, or any other accessories or additional fees.

All monthly tuition **MUST** be paid via auto draft on the 2nd of each month. All other additional expenses such as practice clothes, uniform, etc., **MUST** be paid via auto draft on the designated due dates. **Auto draft will be used for all monthly tuition/fees and additional expenses.**

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 2024 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, 2024, and remains in effect through the last day of May 2025. The exit fee applies to all athletes including show/exhibition teams.

Attendance Policy:

We have an Attendance Policy in place for 2024-2025. 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.

Routine Choreography:

Routine choreography will be held during the summer months for all teams. Choreography is mandatory.

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.

Flyer Class will be mandatory for all flyers. This is an extra class, which will require an extra fee. The class may or may not be on your team practice day; therefore, may require an additional practice day.

Stay-To-Play Events

We will attend events that are designated by the event producers (Varsity) as “Stay-To-Play” events. This is a Varsity rule. This is not a UE rule. All athletes competing must comply with “Stay-To-Play” policies. Failure to comply can result in our entire Program being disqualified from the event. We as a Program must meet a certain percentage of reservations based on registered competitors. This information is monitored and enforced by Varsity.

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. This will include required specific white cheer shoes (see accessory list) and no show socks. 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 following 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 for any team member who is delinquent in their team tuition, fees or required accessories. Fees for private lessons are due at the time of the lesson.

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.

Event Rules:

All athletes, parents, family, and friends must follow the rules of the event producer and venue when attending events. There are no tobacco products or alcohol of any kind allowed in venues or at UE events.

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.

UE Website Social Media and App:

The United Elite Gymnastics and Cheer website and the 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, Instagram ue_cheer and Twitter @UECheerGym.

Communication:

The primary source of communication is via email from the Cheer Program Director, Carol Wigley. All information regarding teams, events, training, competitions, etc., will be distributed by email and/or handed out at practice. There will also be a group text for each team. The group text will be utilized for quick reminders, requests, announcements, etc., directly from your coach. You may call the front desk with questions (214) 771-3458. You may also contact the Cheer Program 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 FOR TEAMS

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

May 25-27, 2024	Memorial Day
July 4-5, 2024	Independence Day
August 31-September 2, 2024	Labor Day
October 31, 2024	Halloween
November 24-December 1, 2024	Thanksgiving
December 18-31, 2024	Christmas
January 1, 2025	New Year's Day
March 16-23, 2025	Spring Break (will follow Rockwall ISD schedule)
April 20, 2025	Easter Sunday
May 24-26, 2025	Memorial Day

There will be a "Back to School Break" August 26, 2024, through September 7, 2024. UE Cheer teams will not have practice. This time will be used for staff development. There will be no prorated tuition for this break. The Fall schedule will begin Sunday, September 8, 2024.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

All Star Cheerleading is a “SELECT” team sport. It takes 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: School electives such as, but not limited to, athletics, gymnastics, sports, band, theatre, choir, etc. Working, fatigue, personal issues, transportation, birthdays, schoolwork, homework, studying, social occasions, weddings, church occasions, family occasions, family time, etc.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Mandatory Middle School and High School Cheer events. Mandatory school functions that result in a grade. This does not include chosen school electives or athletics. 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 Sunday, September 8, 2024, and will end after the last competition and/or event of the season. We will abide by the following policy for the 2024-2025 All Star season. You will be notified via email of any attendance fees. Your credit card on file will be automatically drafted for these fees on the due date.

3 tardies (more than 15 minutes late) = 1 unexcused absence.

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

4 unexcused absences = \$25 fee per absence will be assessed. **(After 3 unexcused absences you will be charged a \$25 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.

There are no make up classes or refunds for any missed practices for any reason.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Tuition/Monthly Fees:

United Elite All Star Cheer is a twelve (12) month program. We will begin practicing in May 2024 and continue through the end of May 2025. All tuition/monthly fees outlined below must be paid through automatic draft (credit card must be input during registration). Monthly tuition will be automatically drafted on the 2nd of each month. **Tuition includes instruction fee, competition fees and coaches' fees. Monthly tuition does not include competition fees, coaches' fees and any expenses associated with end of the year bid events if applicable. Monthly tuition does not include the 2024-25 Showcase.**

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.

Training for the 2024-25 season will begin May 29, 2024. Returning members will have already paid May 2024 tuition. New members will pay a pro-rated tuition for May of \$50.00. Full tuition for all athletes will begin June 2024.

Special Needs Teams

\$55.00 per month June 2024 through May 2025

Show/Exhibition Teams - Tiny through Senior

\$233.00 per month June 2024 through May 2025

Novice Competitive Teams - Tiny through Senior

\$273.00 per month June 2024 through May 2025

All Star Prep Competitive Teams - Tiny through Senior

\$283.00 per month June 2024 through May 2025

All Star Elite Competitive Teams - Tiny through Senior

\$365.00 per month June 2024 through May 2025

Additional Expenses

These expenses will be auto drafted on respective due dates. Tax will be added where applicable.

All athletes must have the same accessories. Each of these items must be purchased through United Elite. **The fees listed for these items are approximate and some final prices are to be determined.** There are no refunds for these items.

<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
Tryout Fee*	\$50.00	May 18, 2024 (At Tryouts)
Tryout Fee (Private Tryout)*	\$50.00	Due At Time of Tryout
Annual Registration Fee	\$40.00/2 nd Child \$30.00	May 29, 2024 (At First Practice)
Practice Wear	\$275.00	May 29, 2024 (At First Practice)
Choreography and Music Fee	\$200.00	June 15, 2024
Team Shoes	\$102.00	July 1, 2024-Required for Practice and Competitions
Female Uniform Deposit	\$300 (Approximately)	July 15, 2024
Male Uniform Deposit	\$300 (Approximately)	July 15, 2024
Hair Accessories	\$35.00 (Approximately)	July 15, 2024
USASF Membership Fee	\$49.00	Parents Register/Pay Online, Date TBA
Team Backpack	\$135.00	August 1, 2024
Female Uniform Balance	\$300 (Approximately)	August 15, 2024
Male Uniform Balance	\$300 (Approximately)	August 15, 2024
Team Make Up	\$65.00	August 15, 2024
Team Showcase	\$75-\$125 TBD	August 30, 2024
Female Warm-Ups	\$181.00	September 1, 2024
Male Warm Up Jacket	\$115.00	September 1, 2024

***Tryout fee is non-refundable.**

Travel Expenses:

We will decide between one or two in-state travel events or one possible out of state travel event. One out-of-state travel - End of the Year Event - Plan on approximately \$2,000.00 per athlete.

Crossover Fees:

If your athlete is a crossover from one UE team to another; therefore, competes with two teams, additional competition fees will apply. The amount varies by event.

If your athlete competes with more than one team at any end of the year event, all fees will apply.

If your athlete is a fill in for another athlete, fees may or may not apply. Awards may or may not be received for athletes not on the mat. This varies by event.

Other Possible Expenses:

Competition and Coaches' Fees for any bid or end of the year event, including, but not limited to Summit and U.S. Finals

The possibility of extra competition fees if cost exceeds the anticipated amount or competition location changes.

Christmas Gift Exchange

Theme Days

Party Food and Drink Donations, Including NCA Week

Swag Bag Donations

Team Bonding Events

Team End of the Year Party

PAYMENT OPTIONS

UE offers two different payment plan options. Please review both options carefully.

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 or location changes.

You will receive a 5% discount on the instruction portion of tuition only.

Siblings will receive a 10% discount on monthly tuition.

Exit fee applies if an 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 2024 and end May 2025.

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/FEEES, 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 at events calendar, select date of tryouts, select appropriate age group, click and follow prompts.

New athletes: Pre-register at UEGYM.COM, events calendar, select date of tryouts, select appropriate age group, click and follow prompts.

Items required at tryouts:

Non-refundable tryout fee of \$50.00.

Printed copy of your confirmation email from online registration.

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

Tryouts will be a two-day process for all candidates. All candidates should wear appropriate cheer attire and tennis shoes. Tryouts are closed to all spectators. Parents are not allowed to spot, stretch, or warm up their athletes in the gym.

DAY ONE will be Saturday, May 18, 2024. See the tryout schedule below. Schedule is by age. Candidates will be checked in, evaluated individually by UE Staff, and released.

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. - 4:00 p.m.

After tryouts, athletes will be placed in groups. You will be notified via email on Sunday, May 19, 2024, of your group placement.

DAY TWO will either be Monday, May 20, 2024 or Tuesday, May 21, 2024, depending on group placement. Timeframes for both days will be 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and/or 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Day two will be a two hour group practice/evaluation. Some athletes may be asked to switch groups. Some may be asked to attend more than one group session.

You will be notified Thursday, May 23, 2024 of your team placement and practice schedule. **There will be a mandatory parent meeting for all teams, Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

May Tuition:	\$50.00 new members only
Registration Fee:	\$40.00 plus tax per athlete. \$30.00 plus tax for second athlete.
Practice Wear:	\$275.00 plus tax \$297.69.

Practice schedules will begin Wednesday, May 29, 2024. 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. We ask that you please trust our professional coaching staff's decisions.

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.