



# UNITED ELITE ALL STAR CHEER

## SPECIAL NEEDS/CHEERABILITIES

### INFORMATION PACKET

2024-2025

United Elite (UE) welcomes you to our Program! Our objective is to provide a positive atmosphere in which athletes can improve strength, develop skills, perform, and gain friendships all while having fun! Our hope is that 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 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. Cheerleading is a team sport, and the athletes depend on each other to be successful.

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!

### **GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES**

#### Tuition/Monthly Fees:

Monthly tuition is comprised of instruction fee only. Monthly tuition does not include, registration fee, choreography fee, music fee, USASF membership fees, practice clothes, uniforms, warm-ups, bows, shoes, make up, backpacks, show-offs, or any other accessories or additional fees.

All monthly tuition **MUST** be paid via auto draft on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> of the month.

#### Attendance Policy:

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

The possibility of extra practices can occur under certain circumstances. You will be notified of any additional practices.

#### 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.

#### 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 Booster Club Dues. 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.

#### 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](mailto: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.

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 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. Athlete summer vacation dates should be emailed to [carol@uegym.com](mailto:carol@uegym.com) and copied to the athlete’s team coach.

**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 on 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.

Attendance will be taken 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](mailto: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.**

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 (Automatic Draft Form included in Registration Packet.) Monthly tuition will be automatically drafted on the 2nd of each month.

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/Cheerabilities Team**

\$55.00 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.**

<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
<b>Required Items:</b>		
Annual Registration Fee	\$40.00/2 <sup>nd</sup> child \$30.00	At First Practice
Choreography and Music Fee	\$75.00	June 15, 2024
Practice Wear	\$25.00 (Approximately)	At First Practice
Uniform Deposit Female	\$200.00 (Approximately)	July 15, 2024
Uniform Deposit Male	\$200.00 (Approximately)	July 15, 2024
Hair Accessories	\$35.00 (Approximately)	July 15, 2024
USASF Membership	\$0	Registration Required Parents Register Online, Date TBA
Uniform Balance Female	\$200.00 (Approximately)	August 15, 2024
Uniform Balance Male	\$200.00 (Approximately)	August 15, 2024
Team Showcase	\$10-\$75 TBD	August 30, 2024

**Optional Items:**

Team Shoes	\$102.00	July 1, 2024 *Optional
Team Make Up	\$65.00	August 15, 2024 *Optional
Team Backpack	\$135.00	August 1, 2024 *Optional
Warm-Ups or Jacket Only	\$181.00/\$115.00	September 1, 2023 *Optional

Practice Wear - Athletes will be required to purchase a UE T-shirt from the gym and must purchase their own black athletic shorts.

Team Make Up - Team make up is an optional item. If you choose not to purchase the make up kit, you may purchase your own matching make up items. Athletes must wear red lipstick.

Warm-Ups - UE Warm-Ups are an optional item. If you choose not to order, you may purchase your own black warm-ups to wear to competition.

Team Shoes - Team shoes are an optional item. If you choose not to order, you may purchase your own white tennis shoes.

Team Backpack - Team backpack is an optional item.

Travel Expenses:

Special Needs/Cheerabilities is a non-travel team. There will be no travel events/expenses unless the team decides to travel to an event. A vote will be taken from members.

Other Possible Expenses:

- Christmas Gift Exchange
- Theme Days
- Party Food and Drink Donations
- Swag Bag Donations
- End of the Year Team Party

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

**REGISTRATION**

Online registration is required for returning and new members to join the team. Please return a printed copy of your confirmation email from online registration to the office on your first day of practice. Registration is now open.

Returning members: Pre-register through the parent portal, events calendar, select date of tryouts, select Special Needs, click and follow the prompts.

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

Fees due upon registration:

Registration Fee: \$40.00 plus tax per athlete. \$30.00 plus tax for second athlete.

You will be notified via email on or before Thursday, May 23, 2024, of your team practice schedule. Practice schedules will begin the week of May 27, 2024.