



UNM SPIRIT PROGRAM 2018-2019 CHEER & DANCE TRYOUT PACKET

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IMPORTANT DATES:

MONDAY, APRIL 9 – ALL REQUIRED FORMS DUE
FRIDAY-SATURDAY, APRIL 20-21 – DANCE TRYOUTS
FRIDAY-SATURDAY, APRIL 20-21 – CHEER TRYOUTS



**UNM SPIRIT PROGRAM
2018-2019 CHEER & DANCE
TRYOUT INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS**

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Please mail, fax, email or hand-deliver the REQUIRED FORMS (pages 9 – 15) by **Monday, April 9, 2018** to:

University of New Mexico - Department of Athletics

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Colleen J. Maloof Administration Building

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FORMS TO RETURN by 4/9/18:

- ☐ Judges Reference Sheet – page 10 of packet (with picture attached; no larger than 4x6)
- ☐ Participant Release and Waiver Form – page 11 of packet
- ☐ Information & Emergency Contact Sheet – page 12 of packet
- ☐ Uniform Sizing Information Sheet – page 13 of packet
- ☐ Grade Release Form – page 14 of packet
- ☐ Coach's score and recommendation – page 15 of packet (Must be signed and sent in by coaching reference, this does not apply to current 2017/2018 UNM spirit members)
- ☐ Copy of health insurance card/information (student insurance not accepted)
- ☐ Copy of UNM Spring Registration or copy of UNM Letter of Acceptance

Please bring the following with you to the tryout check-in on Friday, April 20th:

\$40.00 CASH TRYOUT FEE

For questions or any additional information:

Please contact Madison Baumann – Spirit Coordinator at: (505)925-5905 or via email at: unmspirit@unm.edu



***UNM SPIRIT PROGRAM
CHEER TRYOUT INFORMATION***

Tryout Information: UNM Coed and All Girl Cheer

Thank you for your interest in the UNM Spirit Program!! We look forward to seeing you at tryouts. Tryouts are intended to be a low stress event. For that reason, they will be conducted in a practice-like environment. Candidate's skills, talents, and their ability to work with current and prospective team members, will be evaluated. Candidates should also possess:

- Strong leadership qualities
- Charismatic presence/personality
- Enthusiasm and confidence
- Ability to engage an audience
- Physical Fitness and athletic appearance

A short interview with the candidate may be conducted at any time during the sessions. You may be asked to perform a specific skill at any time during the sessions. The Spirit Coordinator, coaches and one or two UNM Spirit Program alumni will evaluate the candidates and determine the teams.

UNM Cheer Tryout Schedule of Events

All events are closed to the public

*Evaluation will be occurring during the entire day

Friday, April 20, 2018	5:00-6:00 pm:	Registration and Tumbling Warm Up
	6:00-6:45 pm:	Tumbling
	6:45-9:00 pm:	First Stunting Evaluation/Review Chant and Fight Song/Interviews
	9:00 pm:	First Cuts
Saturday, April 21, 2018	9:00-10:00 am:	Fight Song and Chant Evaluation
	10:00-11:00 am:	Final Interviews/Final Stunt Evaluation

Approximately 11 am: 2018-19 Team Announcement and **Mandatory Meeting** for ALL selected 2018-19 Spirit Program Members in The Pit.

Important notes for Tryouts:

- Incoming freshmen and transfer students must have completed the regular admissions application process before the posted deadlines and be accepted to UNM.
- Candidates must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the university.
- Candidates must possess sufficient physical fitness and proper training to execute all required skills during the selection process.
- Candidates must have proof of Health Insurance. (Student insurance not accepted)
- The tryout packet and release form must be completed in its entirety and submitted by the stated due date.

APPEARANCE

Please be aware that this is an important part of your tryout process. You should appear "game ready" throughout the entire tryout. **No jewelry of any kind.**

What to wear for tryouts: Please make sure your selections are appropriate. We suggest that you wear either red, grey or white. Wearing University of New Mexico apparel is recommended.

Ladies: Athletic shorts (preferably spandex or NikePro shorts), tank or sport bra and cheer shoes.

Applicants must have hair pulled up, away from face. Visible tattoos should be covered.

Men: Athletic shorts, t-shirt (or tank), and athletic shoes. Visible tattoos should be covered.

TUMBLING

All tumbling must be performed safely without a spotter. In addition to the requested skills, we will ask you to perform your most difficult tumbling passes.

Coed Female Preferred Skills:

Standing Back Tuck, best standing pass, round-off back handspring back tuck, best running pass

All Girl Preferred Skills:

Standing Back Tuck, best standing pass, round-off back handspring back tuck, best running pass

Coed Male Preferred Skills:

Standing Back Tuck, best running pass

PARTNER STUNTS:

All stunting must be performed with a potential member of the 2018-2019 University of New Mexico Cheer team attending the tryouts. For the All-Girl team, applicants can tryout for multiple stunting positions of your choice (base, back or top). We are looking for strength, technique and body awareness in stunting in addition to the execution in the loads and dismounts of the skills. If a female applicant is trying out for All Girl and Coed, she must tryout with each team's requested skills.

COED STUNTS:

Required: Pre-determined stunt sequence (given to you before tryouts) and two optional stunt sequences

Preferred: Stretch or Arabesque full down

ALL-GIRL STUNTS:

Required: Pre-determined stunt sequence (given to you before tryouts), Stretch full down and optional stunt showcasing back skill to a 540 (Either an arabesque, skater, or scorpion)

Preferred: Full up and double down, transitional skills

SIDELINE & FIGHT SONG:

Both the sideline and fight song will be emailed to candidates prior to the tryout. We will be looking for proper motion technique, rhythm, memorization, natural enthusiasm, ability to learn choreography and crowd leading ability.

Other technical skills may be requested and considered during tryouts.

Video Tryout Information:

It is STRONGLY encouraged for every applicant to attend the tryout, but video tryouts will be accepted for out-of-state applicants or under very special circumstances cleared in advance through the Spirit Coordinator only. Please perform material emailed to candidate after tryout packet is received along with all the required and preferred skills on the video. All required information must be included in the packet and received by **Monday, April 9, 2018**. Video submission must be received by **Wednesday, April 18, 2018**. Please contact **Madison Baumann at (505)925-5905 or UNMSpirit@unm.edu for additional information.**



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LOBO DANCE TRYOUT INFORMATION

Tryout Information: UNM Dance

Thank you for your interest in the UNM Spirit Program!! We look forward to seeing you at tryouts. Candidate's skills, talents, and their ability to work with current and prospective team members, will be evaluated. A short interview with the candidate may be conducted at any time during the sessions. Please be aware, you may be asked to perform a specific skill at any time throughout the day. The Spirit Coordinator, coaches and one-two UNM spirit program alumni, will evaluate the candidates and determine the teams.

UNM Dance Tryout Schedule of Events

All events are closed to the public

Friday, April 20, 2018	5:00-6:00 pm:	Registration/Warm-Up
	6:00-8:00 pm:	Technique Auditions
	8:00-9:00 pm:	Improve/Advancement Selections
Saturday, April 21, 2018	12:30-2:30 pm:	Interviews
	2:30 pm:	Choreography Auditions
	6:00pm:	2017-18 Team Announcement and Mandatory Meeting for ALL newly selected Spirit Program Members in The Pit.

Dance Team Minimum Qualifications for Tryouts:

- Incoming freshmen and transfer students must have completed the regular admissions application process before the posted deadlines and be accepted to UNM.
- Candidates must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the university.
- Candidates must possess sufficient physical fitness and proper training to execute all required skills during the selection process.
- Candidates must have proof of Health Insurance (student insurance is not accepted).
- The tryout packet and release form must be completed in its entirety and submitted by the stated due date.

Tryouts will consist of the following:

The first round of auditions will be based on dance technique, physique, and interview questions that will be asked at random. At the completion of this round, those selected to advance to the next round will be announced.

The second round of auditions will be based on the performance of choreography that will be taught as well as individual choreography that dancers will have the opportunity to prepare during the audition. There will be a minimum of two pieces of choreography that will be taught by tryout staff. They will each be approximately 45 seconds. Each dancer will also perform her own individual choreography. The song for individual choreography will be the same for each dancer. It will be selected by the coaches, and will be released the day of the audition. Dancers will have approximately 20 minutes to prepare their individual choreography prior to performing it. At the completion of the choreography round, those selected for the 2016-2017 Lobo Dance Team will be announced.

Audition Attire:

Dancers should wear booty shorts, and a sports bra or half top (no longer than the length of a sports bra). Any color is acceptable. Tights are optional. Jazz shoes, foot undeez, dance paws, pirouettes etc. are acceptable forms of shoes. Hair should be worn down and full make-up is expected. Dancers are expected to look professional and “game ready” for the duration of the audition.

Our Judges will be focusing on the following:

- Dance Technique
- Memorization and performance of choreography
- Enthusiasm
- Poise
- Showmanship
- Personal Appearance
- Figure
- Personality
- Energy

Dance Team Required & Preferred Skills

Required Skills:

A la seconde turns (6 sets of 8, minimum)
Single leg-hold turn
Turning toe touch
Triple/Quad+ pirouettes (in various leg and arm placements)
Leg extensions (Assisted tilt, tilt, needle, etc.)
Assisted penché
Penché
Leap variations (leap to second, surprise leap, grande jeté, reverse leap, etc.)

Pirouettes into leg skills, jumps, and leaps
Firebird

Preferred Skills:

Aerial
Front/Back Walkover
Double/Triple leg-hold turn
Various tumbling skills (back handspring, front/back tuck, etc.)
Toe Rise
Straight leg scorpion

Video Audition Requirements:

Video audition submission is reserved for dancers with extenuating circumstances or who do not live in Albuquerque, NM. **Prior approval from the Spirit Coordinator or Lobo Dance Coaches must be given and videos must be received by April 10, 2017.** Please contact **Madison Baumann at (505)925-5905 or UNMSpirit@unm.edu for additional information.**

The video submission must consist of the following:

- A close up shot that includes an introduction of the dancer along with her age, specialty styles and years of experience.

- A 45-second performance of jazz choreography (dancer must be performing solo)
- A 45-second performance of contemporary/lyrical, pom, or hip hop choreography (dancer must be performing solo)
- Execution of **all** required skills
- Execution of any applicable preferred skills
- Execution of any specialty skills otherwise not performed as part of the required or preferred skills.
- All required and preferred skills should be demonstrated separately from the choreography sections, even if the choreography includes said skills.

*Please note that clips from prior performances/competitions will not be accepted.



UNM SPIRIT PROGRAM MANDATORY FORMS

(Must be received by Monday, April 9, 2018)

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2018-2019 TRYOUTS – JUDGES REFERENCE SHEET

(Please print or type)

Full Name: _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

Cell Phone #: _____ Email: _____

UNM Student Banner ID: (9 digit number) _____

I am auditioning for: (circle one)

Coed Cheer

All-Girl Cheer

All-Girl & Coed Cheer

Dance Team

Circle one: High School Senior Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

High School _____ Year Graduated _____ Cum. GPA _____

College Major _____ Expected Graduation _____ Cum. GPA _____

List past experiences related to Cheerleading, Gymnastics, Dance, Mascot, etc...(For cheer: list consistent standing and running tumbling skills on a cheer floor along with your abilities as a top or base/back.)

Attach picture here (no larger than 4x6):



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Participant Release and Waiver Form

Name of Participant _____

Liability Release: I, _____, participant or as parent or legal guardian of _____, a minor (if participant is under the age of 18), hereby grant the permission necessary to allow participation in the UNM Spirit Program Tryouts. I, on my own behalf and on behalf of the participant, further agree to release and to hold harmless The University of New Mexico, Athletic Administration, UNM Spirit Program and Spirit Program Staff from any and all liability arising out of or connected with the UNM Spirit Program Tryouts. This includes any claim arising out of or connected with any illness or injury (minimal, serious, catastrophic and/or death) that participant may incur or sustain during the clinic or any activity associated with the event. The terms hereof shall serve as a release and assumption of all risk for my heirs, estate executor administrator, assignees and for all members of my family.

Assuming Risk: I, in my own behalf and on behalf of participant, acknowledge and agree that such participation subjects the participant to the possibility of physical illness or injury (minimal, serious, catastrophic, and/or death) and that I acknowledge that the participant is assuming the risk of such illness or injury by participation in the UNM Spirit Program Tryouts. Because of the dangers of participation in the UNM Spirit Program Tryouts, I recognize the importance of following the instructions regarding practicing and performing based on the AACCA rules/guidelines set forth.

I, on my own behalf and on behalf of participant, hereby warrant that I have read this Participant Release and Waiver Form in its entirety and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this form releases The University of New Mexico, Athletic Administration, UNM Spirit Program and Spirit Program Staff from liability and contains an acknowledgement of my voluntary and knowing assumption of the risk of injury or illness. I, on my own behalf and on behalf of participant, have signed this document voluntarily and of my own free will.

Signature of Parent of Legal Guardian
(if participant is under the age of 18)

Date

Relationship to Minor: _____

Signature of Participant

Date

Every participant must have an original, completed and signed release form to turn in with their tryout application in order to participate.

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2018-2019 INFORMATION & EMERGENCY CONTACT SHEET

Applicant Name: _____

Banner ID # _____ Birth date (mm/dd/yy): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Parent Phone: _____

Parent E-mail: _____

Insurance company name: _____

Policy #: _____ Policy holder name: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact #: _____

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2018-2019 UNIFORM SIZING INFORMATION SHEET

Applicant Name: _____

Preferred T-Shirt Size _____ Preferred Nike Pro Short Size (Ladies) _____

Preferred Short Size _____

Preferred Warm-up Size: Women's Size _____ OR Men's Size _____

CHEER TEAM APPLICANTS:

Preferred Cheer Uniform Top Size _____

Preferred Cheer Uniform Pant/Skirt Size _____

Nike Shoe Size _____

DANCE TEAM APPLICANTS:

Jazz Shoe Size (Dance) _____

Preferred Dance Pant Size _____ Preferred Dance Top Size _____

Preferred Bra Top Size _____

When selecting sizes, make sure they will fit comfortably. Sizing not guaranteed.

In my absence, I authorize the above stated sizes to be ordered on my behalf if I am selected as a 2018-2019 UNM Cheerleader or Dancer.

Applicant Signature

Date

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Grade Release Form

I understand that in order to be eligible to audition for the University of New Mexico Spirit Program, I must already be accepted to UNM and have a 2.0 cumulative GPA. I hereby give authorization to the administration of the Spirit Program to confirm my eligibility. I also understand that if selected, I must obtain a 2.0 GPA and be a full time student (12 hours) for the semesters that I am participating on the team. This authorization is also good for that period. I understand that if my grades fall below a 2.0 GPA, I fall below full time status and/or do not fulfill my responsibilities as a UNM representative; I can be suspended or removed from the team through the recommendation of the Spirit Group Staff.

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Signature

Date

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2018-2019 Tryouts: Coach's Score and Recommendation

(This page does not apply to current 2017/2018 Spirit Members)

Applicant:

Please fill out the top portion of this form and submit it to a current Cheer, Dance or Sport Coach to be completed.

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Contact Phone & E-mail: _____

Coach/Reference:

Please complete the information below concerning the applicant listed above. This individual is trying out for a position as a University of New Mexico Cheerleader or Lobo Dancer. Your input and honesty is valued and greatly appreciated. This form will factor in to the applicant's tryout score.

Coach/Reference Name: _____

Coach Contact Phone & E-mail: _____

Coach's Score:

On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 is Low; 10 is High) please score the applicant on all factors of your program. This can include, but not be limited to: dedication, attendance, attitude, and natural enthusiasm, as well as commitment to school, team and community.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Coach's Recommendation:

Please take a moment to include any relevant information that you believe would be important for a future coach. Please attach a separate paper if necessary.

(Coach's Signature)

(Date)

Please mail in a sealed envelope or scan and email this form back to the address listed below no later than **Monday, April 9, 2018:**

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