



ALLSTARS

Parent Handbook

TUITION

Tuition pays for training; it does not pay for an athlete's right to compete. An athlete earns the right to compete through hard work and dedication.

You understand you are signing a contract and you are responsible for all fees as billed. Annual gym membership applies to all team athletes and is part of your team fees.

Tuition and assessment fees are billed on the 20th of the month and due by the 1st of the following month. Checks, credit cards (3% processing fee will be assessed on all credit card transactions), cash are acceptable forms of payment. Tuition can be paid on-line via the parent portal (3% processing fee will be assessed for all on-line credit card transactions). Any balances not paid by the 1st of the month will have the credit card on file charged on the 2nd of the month and a \$15 late fee will be assessed. If tuition and fees continue to be paid late with no prior communication and athlete could be removed from the program. If an account is not made current the will result in suspension from practices and events.

Accounts need to be current to receive merchandise, team items, and attend events.

We do not prorate for holidays or gym closures.

Tuition is paid monthly per athlete for all teams, regardless of division and level. Tuition is paid on an 11 month term (July 2018 – May 2019).

Tuition for All Star Elite Teams:

- \$115 per month (plus assessments) if registered by 5/31
- \$125 per month (plus assessments) if registered by 6/30
- \$135 per month (plus assessments) if registered by 7/31

Tuition for Full Year Prep

- \$105 per month (plus assessments) if registered by 5/31
- \$115 per month (plus assessments) if registered by 6/30
- \$125 per month (plus assessments) if registered by 7/31

Tuition for Exhibition Teams

- \$55 per month (plus assessments) if registered by 5/31
- \$65 per month (plus assessments)) if registered by 6/30
- \$75 per month (plus assessments) if registered by 7/31

Tuition discounts are available. One referral discount per athlete, per season.

Each member is financially responsible for their own transportation, spectator fees, meals, and hotels (when applicable). We do not offer travel accounts.

If an athlete chooses to stop participating, for any reason, or is removed from a team for contract violations a \$200 Separation Fee will be assessed.

ASSESSMENTS

Assessments are fees the gym pays to outside vendors. Assessments fees will be added to your monthly tuition.

Assessment fees include, but are not limited to: Equipment fees, Competition fees, Choreography Fees, Music Fees, and Coaches Travel Fees.

FAQS

WHEN IS THE GYM CLOSED?

- Memorial Day Weekend (Friday – Monday)
- Fourth of July
- Labor Day Weekend (Friday – Monday)
- Thanksgiving Break (Wednesday – Sunday)
- Christmas – 12/23 – 12/26
- New Year's Eve/Day 12/31 – 1/1
- Good Friday

WHEN IS CHOREOGRAPHY CAMP?

- Choreography: Dates TBD after team placements
- Choreography camp is mandatory for all team members
- Each team will have 2-3 days of choreography for 3-5 hours at a time

GENERAL GUIDELINES

TEAM PLACEMENT

- Stealth has a no cut policy. Team levels are determined USASF guideline consisting of both age and skill level. The placement evaluation process is so we can determine which team is the best fit for the athlete and allow us to build teams for the possible success.
- We will place an athlete on the team(s) we feel will best suit the athlete, team and program.
- We will decide if an athlete can participate on more than one team.
- We may request an athlete take extra classes to improve skills.
- We may move, replace, add, suspend, or even dismiss an athlete for a period of time, or indefinitely, from a team or the entire program based on criteria including, but not limited to,

attendance, conduct, skills, finances, parent conflicts, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS

Stealth athletes are not permitted to practice, train, take classes at another all-star gym or compete on any other competitive all-star team during the Stealth season.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

In the event of inclement weather, you should check Band, your e-mail and the Facebook page for any special message regarding the weather. Make sure we have your cell phone number and e-mail address so we can send this information to you as well. In some cases, you will be contacted directly by your team coach. We do not follow local school system decisions regarding inclement weather. In other words, just because the local schools close it does not mean that we will.

TEAM/ATHLETE POLICIES

ABSENCES

Attendance is crucial to the success of any team and is required for all practices, promotions, community/charity events, and team bonding events unless advanced notice is given and approved. Absences will be reviewed on an individual basis. An Absence Request Form must be submitted 3 weeks in advance for all vacation and school related absences. Verbal notifications will be considered unexcused. Approvals will not be granted in the two weeks before a competition.

Any member missing 2 consecutive or 3 non-consecutive practices or events, without making prior arrangements and getting approval, may be placed as an alternate in the routine.

Attendance is required for all practices, promotions, community/charity events, and team bonding events unless advanced notice was given and approved by Stealth staff.

If you are sick (vomiting or contagious), you are expected to call your coach 4 hours prior to the start of practice. Otherwise you should attend and watch. If you are running late to practice you must notify your coach at least 15 minutes prior to the start of practice. Athletes need to arrive 10 minutes before practice to prepare for practice. Excessive tardiness may result in suspension.

Withholding your child from practice and competitions as a form of punishment hurts the team and could be cause for dismissal.

Choreography is MANDATORY!

Competitions are MANDATORY!

Commitment to your team must be a PRIORITY!

EXCUSED ABSENCES

- Death in the family
- School function that affects grade (documentation must be provided)
- Contagious illness

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

- Jobs
- Cramps
- Social events (dances, birthday parties, concerts, banquets, family reunions, weddings, etc.)
- School projects, homework, tests
- Extra-Curricular activities or events
- No ride
- Feeling tired

INJURIES

In the event of an injury it is the responsibility of the parent to seek professional help. An athlete must provide a doctor's note with clarification of restrictions in order to sit out at practice.

Injured athletes are still expected to attend all practices, events, and participate where possible.

Injured athletes are still expected to pay tuition.

It is mandatory all athletes present a letter of release from their doctor prior to returning to cheer. It will be the coaches' discretion in what capacity the athlete will return.

If an athlete receives three injuries in a season, which requires them to sit out of practice, they may be moved to an alternate/extra spot position on the team.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

A competition schedule will be distributed in mid-August. Stealth staff will decide which competitions the teams will attend. It is the director/coaches' discretion to cancel or change a competition.

If an athlete is not able to attend a competition the coach and director need to be notified, in writing, within 14 days of receipt of the competition schedule.

COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

All athletes are expected to be in full uniform: uniform (top and bottom), warm-up (if purchased), cheer shoes and hair bow.

Athletes must remain in uniform all day. We follow the USASF Image and Etiquette Code. You may put on your warm-up, over your uniform, but you must remove it before attending awards. If an athlete removes their uniform before awards they will not be permitted to sit with their team until they change.

We will attend 1 competition per month beginning in December and ending in May.

Athletes need to arrive on time and have a suitable chaperone.

Plan for competition to be all day. Bigger competition can go as late as 9 or 10 pm on a Sunday.

TRAVEL GUIDELINES

All members are required to occupy the same hotel, unless staying with family in the same city. All athletes are required to attend team meetings or functions held at, or near, the team hotel.

If a parent is unable to attend a competition with their child it is their responsibility to set up travel and hotel arrangements with another team member and their family. All athletes must be accompanied by an adult (parent, guardian or designated chaperone).

All athletes will follow any curfew set by their coaches.

No boyfriends/girlfriends will be permitted to travel to away competitions with athletes.

When traveling for competitions Stealth activities are a priority. **Do not plan family vacations or activities that take away from team time.**

CROSSOVERS

You will not be charged additional tuition. However, any athlete who crosses over to another team will be required to pay the additional crossover fees for competitions. Your crossover fees will be billed when your full competition fee is billed.

UNIFORMS AND ATTIRE

Uniforms are purchased through Stealth All Stars from Rebel Athletics and are approximately \$300. Uniforms will not be ordered until the uniform is paid in full. You

will not receive your uniform if your account is past due.

Stealth will designate the following for competitions/events:

- Shoes
- Make-up
- Hair

Athletes will be measured for their uniforms. Parents must sign off on all uniform sizes.

Uniform payments are non-refundable.

Athletes cannot have any piercings and/or jewelry in for competitions or practices. No body modifications permitted during the cheer season (this includes, but is not limited to, piercings and tattoos).

No fake/long nails permitted. No nail polish for competitions.

PRACTICES

Parents are not permitted in the main gym unless accompanied, or invited, by a coach.

Practices may be added at any time during the season. Generally additional practices will be held the weekend before a competition.

DISCIPLINE

Respect will be shown for the coaches, other athletes, parents, judges, officials, and spectators. No athlete may post inappropriate content on any social media platform about another athlete, the Stealth

program, another cheer program, or competition staff.

Athletes are not permitted to speak with competition officials for any reason.

Cellphones are not permitted in the gym and must be kept with personal belongings. Cellphones should not be checked during practice.

Insubordination will not be tolerated. This included, but is not limited to, temper tantrums, outbursts, poor attitude, profanity, and disrespect to other. Personal issues are to be left at the door.

Misuse of our facility and equipment will not be tolerated. Only water and Gatorade are permitted in the gym and must be in sealed bottles. No athlete is permitted in the gym or on any equipment unless an instructor is present.

NO GUM IN THE BUILDING AT ANYTIME, EVER!

The use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs and abusive language will not be tolerated.

If any of the above rules are compromised, the following actions will occur:

- 1st violation – a meeting with the athlete defining the problem
- 2nd violation – a meeting with the athlete and parent
- 3rd violation – the athlete may be removed from the team, or program.

PARENT POLICIES

GENERAL GUIDELINES

All athletes must have a completed registration form, credit card authorization, signed release of liability, financial agreement, and policy agreement in order to participate.

All conversation in any venue (Stealth gym, competition venue, or at any event) are to be respectful.

The chain of command you are to follow is:

1. Coach
2. Owner/Director

If you have questions or concerns to address with your child's coach they may be addressed after practice, only. If you are unhappy about a Stealth decision please address your concerns respectfully and not in the presence of athletes.

Anyone threatening to pull their child from a team will be dismissed, immediately, from the program.

Parents, relatives, friends, etc. are not permitted to speak with competition officials, for any reason, before, during, or after competition.

Concerns regarding coaching should be addressed with the owners, only.

No videotaping in our facility.

Verbal, or physical, altercations will not be tolerated. Verbal abuse of staff will not be tolerated. Personal issues are to be left at the door.

Parents may not post inappropriate content, on any social media platform, about another parent, athlete, the Stealth program, another cheer program, or competition staff. No one is allowed to post or share

videos of Stealth routines, or music, on any social media sites.

FUNDRAISING

We offer monthly fundraisers (generally two per month) to help with the cost of all-star cheerleading. Any fundraising for individual athlete will be credited directly to the specific athlete. We will host three gym fundraisers during the season. Every parent is expected to participate in our gym fundraisers. These fundraisers do involve extra work outside of cheer but we have seen people pay for an entire season of cheer through fundraising.

COMMUNICATION

It is the parent and athlete's responsibility to know what is going on with the program and the team. Program specific emails are sent throughout the season to keep parents updated with any new information. Each team will have their own group in Band. You are required to download the app and accept the invitation when it is sent to you. Please make sure to like our page on Facebook as well. When all else fails come into the gym and speak with the coach or owner/director.

FEES

A schedule of payments is listed in this handbook. All monthly payments are billed on the 20th of the month and due by the 1st of the following month. Any account not paid by the 1st of the month will have the credit card on file automatically charged and a \$15 late fee will be assessed.

Monthly tuition is not prorated for any reason.

By the 5th of the month your account must be up to date or your child will not be permitted to participate

in practice and may be moved to an alternate position.

You can designate how your monthly payments will be made:

Stealth has a strict no refund policy. There are no refunds on tuition, merchandise, competition fees, class fees, or any other fees associated with the gym or all-star cheerleading.

- Cash/Check in person
- Credit/Debit card in person/parent portal*
- Credit/Debit automatic withdraw via parent portal*

**3% charge will be added to all credit/debit transactions*

COPY RIGHT NOTICE

- The Stealth logo belongs to the owners of the program. No one is allowed to make clothing or accessories with the Stealth name or logo without approval.
- Parents may not represent Stealth in business matters, call meetings, hand out flyers, send gym emails, or schedule a fundraiser without the direct permission of the Stealth Director.

TEAM INFORMATION

TINY NOVICE (Ages 3-6)

PRACTICES

- Team will practice a total of 3-4 hours per week for the bulk of the season. The practice schedule for each team is determined by a combination of gym and staff availability.

ROUTINES

- Routines are 1-1:30 long. Athletes are not allowed to stunt in choreography, but will be trained to “floor stunt” as a progression into true stunting.

FULL YEAR PREP (Ages 5-8)

PRACTICES

- Team will practice a total of 4-5 hours per week for the bulk of the season. This includes age appropriate body conditioning and tumbling practices.

ROUTINES

- Routines are 2:00 long. Athletes are not allowed to “toss” in choreography. This team is for younger athletes who have never cheered all-star.

COMPETING (Ages 6-18)

PRACTICES

- Team will practice a total of 6-9 hours per week for the bulk of the season. This includes age appropriate body conditioning and tumbling practices. Weekend practices WILL happen and WILL be mandatory.

ROUTINES

- Routines are 2:30 long. Athletes are divided into divisions based on age and then levels based on skills. All routines are nationals-ready and all teams have the opportunity to go with a bid.

To the best of our ability, we will attempt to create a schedule that accommodates all athletes on each team. The length and number of practices may change as we enter new phases of the season.