



2026-2027 G&E ALLSTAR CHEER PACKET

SEASON 3 THEME: THE THRONE GAMES  
“ONLY THE STRONG HOLD THE THRONE”

WHERE ROYALTY REIGNS!

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Welcome to the 2026–2027 Grace Elite All-Star Cheer Season. This packet outlines the expectations, structure, and policies for participation in the Grace Elite All-Star program.

## WHO ARE WE?!

WE TRUST AND BELIEVE IN GOD'S PURPOSE FOR OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY. OUR MISSION IS TO MENTOR, TRAIN AND GUIDE YOUNG PEOPLE BY INSTILLING THE "CROWN JEWELS" OF FAITH, GRACE, INTEGRITY, DISCIPLINE, RELATIONSHIPS (SISTERHOOD AND BROTHERHOOD), SERVICE AND SELFLOVE.

Grace Elite is committed to:

- Developing athletes both on and off the mat
- Promoting teamwork, accountability, and discipline
- Building confidence through competition
- Creating a positive environment for athletes and families

We strive to create a program where athletes feel challenged, supported, and PROUD to represent Grace Elite.

## *What is All-Star Cheer?*

*All-Star Cheerleading is a competitive team sport that combines*

- Tumbling*
- Stunting*
- Jumps*
- Dance*
- Performance*

*Teams perform choreographed routines at national competitions throughout the season where they are judged on difficulty, execution, creativity, and overall performance.*

*All-Star cheer requires:*

- Commitment*
- Consistent attendance*
- Teamwork*
- Discipline*

*Every athlete plays an important role in the success of the team.*

## *USASF Membership*

*All athletes participating in the Grace Elite All-Star program will be registered with the United States All Star Federation (USASF).*

*USASF is the national governing body that regulates:*

- Athlete eligibility*
  - Age divisions*
  - Skill level requirements*
  - Competition safety rules*
- Staff Background Check System*

*Each athlete will receive a USASF Athlete ID number and must maintain an active membership to participate in sanctioned competitions.*

*USASF rules determine the legal skills allowed for each level of competition.*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPECTATIONS

At Grace Elite, we believe our purpose is greater than what happens on the mat. While we are committed to developing strong and competitive athletes, we are equally committed to building confident young queens who understand the importance of leadership, service, and character.

Through our newly established 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, *Becoming Royalty*, Grace Elite will organize community service and volunteer opportunities throughout the season.

Each athlete will be required to participate in three volunteer events over the course of the season.

These opportunities allow our athletes to live out the Grace Elite mission by practicing the Crown Jewels of Faith, Grace, Integrity, Discipline, Relationships, Service, and Self Love within their communities.

At Grace Elite, *Royalty* is deeper than just a title. We believe in walking it like we talk it, and that means showing our athletes that true royalty is reflected not only in how we perform, but in how we serve and uplift others.

# EVALUATIONS

Evaluations will take place:

Saturday April 11

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Individual tumbling evaluations

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Group stunting evaluations

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Dance choreography evaluation

Athletes will:

- Receive an evaluation number
- Have a headshot taken upon arrival

Evaluation Attire

- All black athletic wear
- High ponytail
- Purple, lime, or black bow
- Cheer shoes

- Red lipstick

Parents will not be permitted in the gym during evaluations.  
External judges will assist in the evaluation process to help ensure a fair and non-biased process for all!

## Training Groups & Team Placement

Following evaluations, athletes will be assigned to training groups identified by color.

Examples may include:

- Purple
- Lime
- Black
- Silver

Parents will receive an email explaining how to select their athlete's assigned training group in Jackrabbit essentially adding them to the roster.

This email will also include:

- Training group coaches
- Summer practice times
- Tumbling class schedule
- "Power Hour" schedule

*Important Note: Evaluations do not guarantee placement on a specific team or training group long term!!! Skill development does!*

*Training groups may change throughout summer development.*

*Final team placements will be determined by:*

- Athlete skill level*
- Program needs*
- Team structure*

*All placement decisions are made by the All-Star Director and coaching staff.*

*All decisions are **final and not subject to debate!***

## *Summer Development Program*

*Summer development is a mandatory component of the Grace Elite All-Star program.*

*Athletes will train within their assigned training group to develop skills prior to final team placements.*

## *Weekly Summer Schedule*

- *1 Training Group Practice – 2 hours*
- *1 Tumbling Class – 1 hour*
- *1 Power Hour Strength Session – 1 hour*

*Power Hour will be held immediately following each athlete's tumbling class.*

*Summer development allows coaches to evaluate:*

- *Skill progression*
- *Athlete development*
- *Team chemistry*

*At the conclusion of summer development, training groups will transition into finalized competition teams.*

*Once team levels are set, they will remain set for the remainder of the season!! However, athletes are subject to be moved to a different team if the need arises or their skill set aligns better with a different group!*

*If your athlete is to miss summer development as a WHOLE for any reason, families remain responsible for the full season cost, as monthly installments represent a division of the total season investment! Furthermore, they will be placed on the team best aligning with their current skill level and the program's needs at the time of their return!*

# Attendance Policy

Attendance expectations begin during summer development.

Consistent attendance is critical for:

- Team safety
- Routine progress
- Athlete development

## Absence Requests

All absences must be submitted using the official absence request form found on the website- [www.gecheer.org](http://www.gecheer.org).

Absences submitted at least two weeks in advance may be approved as excused.

## Examples of Excused Absences

- Illness with medical documentation
- School related events
- Family emergencies
- Approved vacations submitted in advance

## *Unexcused absences*

*Athletes are allowed three (3) unexcused absences during the competitive season.*

*All absences must be submitted through the official absence request form.*

*Absences may be considered excused if they are submitted and approved at least two weeks in advance or fall under approved circumstances such as illness with medical documentation, school-related obligations, or family emergencies.*

*If an absence is not submitted or approved in advance, it will be considered unexcused.*

*The disciplinary structure for unexcused absences is as follows:*

### *1st Unexcused Absence*

*Written warning issued to the parent and athlete.*

### *2nd Unexcused Absence*

*A \$50 program fee will be applied to the athlete's Jackrabbit account.*

### *3rd Unexcused Absence*

*The athlete will be removed from the team.*

Because Allstar cheer routines rely on full team participation, consistent attendance is critical for team safety, routine progress, and overall program success.

## *Tardiness Policy*

Athletes are expected to arrive on time and fully prepared for all scheduled practices.

Tardiness disrupts practice and limits valuable training time.

Tardiness may result in:

- Additional conditioning
- Being benched for portions of practice

Excessive tardiness may result in:

- Removal from portions of routines
- Removal from competitions
- Possible dismissal from the team

## Team Reveal

At the conclusion of summer development, athletes will participate in a Team Reveal Event. This will take place prior to choreography.

At Team Reveal athletes will learn:

- Their team's name
- Their competitive level for the 2026-2027 season
- Their official coaching staff

Team placements are determined using the following hierarchy:

Program Needs → Team Structure → Individual Athletes

Final team placements are based on:

- USASF level appropriate skills for STUNTING AND TUMBLING
- Skill mastery and clean execution
- Program needs

No guarantees can be made regarding:

- Team placement

- Which athletes will be placed together

All decisions are made by the All-Star Director and coaching staff and are not up for debate

## *In-Season Practice Schedule*

Following choreography, teams will begin their in-season practice schedule.

Each team will practice:

- 2 Team Practices per week – 2 hours each
- 1 Tumbling Class + 1 Power Hour session following tumbling weekly

Additional practices may be scheduled:

- The week of competitions
- Prior to showcases or performances
- When additional preparation is needed

Athletes are expected to attend all scheduled practices.

## Competition Expectations

Grace Elite plans to attend 6–8 competitions during the 2026–2027 season.

A tentative competition schedule will be released late July / early August following choreography.

Competitions will include:

- Local competitions
- Travel competitions

### Travel Expectations

Families are responsible for covering travel and lodging expenses.

Some competitions operate under USASF Stay-to-Play policies, requiring teams to stay at designated hotels.

You are required to attend ALL competitions. It is the discretion of the coaches to choose competitions they see best for each of the teams. The tentative competition schedule will be available in late July. There is a possibility that a competition may be added or canceled during the season. If an athlete misses

practice the week of a competition, an alternate may be used. If an athlete misses a competition for any reason, he/she WILL be removed from the team.

The Coaches/Owners will keep you informed of all competition updates/changes. End of year events (Summit/Worlds/etc.) may be added during the season if a bid/ invitation to compete is awarded. Parents are not allowed backstage, on stage nor allowed to communicate with officials in any capacity. Travel expenses are not included in fees (transportation and lodging). We plan to have no more than 3 travel competitions over the course of the season.

Hair and makeup are the responsibility of the parent and/or athlete. The expectation is that hair and makeup is complete and ready to go upon arrival to the competition venue. You will be provided a parent guide with competition day look expectations. Note that looks may vary team to team to fit the look, personality and theme of the team!

## End-of-Season Events

Teams may have the opportunity to attend end-of-season championship events such as:

- Youth Summit
- The Summit
- US Finals

These opportunities are typically earned through bids at competitions.

Participation in end-of-season events is not guaranteed.

Decisions regarding participation are determined using the following hierarchy:

Program Needs → Team Opportunities → Individual Athletes

Some end-of-season events may require additional fees.

When possible, the program will organize group fundraisers to help offset costs.

## Grace Elite Fundraising Club

Formerly known as the Grace Elite Booster Club, the Fundraising Club will organize year-round fundraising opportunities.

Fundraising efforts may include:

- Group fundraisers
- Individual athlete fundraisers
- Sponsorship letters to local businesses
- Community fundraising events

These initiatives help support:

- Individual athletes

- Grace Elite teams
- The Grace Elite program

The goal is to help make All-Star cheerleading more affordable for families.

The fundraising club will meet biweekly via Zoom.

All Grace Elite moms are encouraged to participate and pitch fundraising ideas. Together, we are GREATER!!

### *Team Moms & Other Compensated Roles Available*

From within the fundraising club, Team Moms will be selected by Coach Shay through an interview from interested parties to represent each team. This is a compensated role via monthly Jackrabbit credit.

*Team Moms* will:

- Bring forward ideas for team bonding activities
- Assist with communication and organization
- Help ensure competition days run smoothly

Additional compensated role opportunities include:

- Social Media Manager

- *Graphic Designer*
- *Front Desk Support*

*Front desk support* operates on a rotating sign-up schedule.

*Available shifts:*

- *Tuesday*
- *Thursday*
- *Saturday*

*Volunteers receive \$15/hour tuition credit toward their athlete's Jackrabbit account.*

## *PROGRAM COMMUNICATION HIERARCHY*

*Grace Elite values open and respectful communication between families and staff. To ensure that concerns are addressed efficiently and fairly, all communication must follow the Grace Elite Program Hierarchy.*

*Parents and athletes are expected to follow the escalation process below when addressing any questions or concerns.*

*Step 1 – Team Representative/ Team Mom*

*All initial concerns should first be directed to your team's Team Representative.*

*Team Representatives assist with general communication, organization, and helping relay non-coaching related concerns.*

### *Step 2 – Team Coach*

*If the concern cannot be resolved at the Team Representative level, the issue may then be brought to the Team Coach. Coaches will address matters related to:*

- Practice expectations*
- Athlete development*
- Team routines*
- Competition preparation*

### *Step 3 – All-Star Director / Owner*

*If the concern still cannot be resolved after speaking with the Team Coach, the issue may then be escalated to the All-Star Director / Owner for review.*

*At this stage, a scheduled in-office meeting may be required in order to properly address the concern.*

*Grace Elite asks that families respect this structure so that all matters can be handled appropriately and efficiently.*

*Failure to follow the communication hierarchy may delay the resolution of concerns.*

## *Athlete Behavior*

*Athletes must demonstrate respect toward:*

- Coaches*
- Teammates*
- Program staff*

*Unacceptable behavior includes:*

- Eye rolling*
- Negative facial expressions*
- Disrespectful comments*
- Talking under breath*
- Refusal to do as asked*

## *Social Media Policy*

*Athletes may not post negative comments regarding:*

- Grace Elite*
- Grace Elite athletes or families*
- Grace Elite coaches*
- Members of a Grace Elite team*

*Cell phones are not permitted during practices. AT ALL!*

## *Discipline Structure*

*1<sup>st</sup> offense – warning*

*2<sup>nd</sup> offense – parent meeting*

*Final offense – removal from team*

## *Quitting the Team*

*Participation in the Grace Elite All-Star program is a full season commitment.*

*If an athlete quits the team:*

- All monies previously paid will be forfeited and they are not eligible for return to the program in the future!*

*This includes examples such as:*

- Registration fees*
- Competition fees*
- Uniform deposits*
- Camps or choreography fees*

*Families are not responsible for future payments after withdrawal from the program*

*However, past due balances must still be paid.*

*Failure to resolve balances may result in collections.*

## *Practice Wear*

*Practice wear will be ordered at the beginning of the season.*

*Until official practice gear arrives, athletes should wear:*

- Solid black shorts*
- Athletic tennis shoes*
- Black, purple, or lime green shirt*

*Athletes may wear previous Grace Elite practice gear.*

*Apparel from other cheer programs is not permitted.*

*Practice wear promotes team unity and professionalism.*

## *Payment Policy*

*Monthly tuition payments are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.*

*Payments received after the 3<sup>rd</sup> will incur a 10% late fee.*

*If payment has not been received by the 5<sup>th</sup>, the athlete will be benched.*

Benched athletes must still attend practice but may not participate until payment is made.

This policy will be **strictly enforced** to ensure the stability and longevity of the Grace Elite program.

## Refund Policy

Participation in the Grace Elite All-Star program requires a season commitment.

All payments made to Grace Elite are non-refundable.

This includes:

- Tuition
- Registration fees
- Competition fees
- Uniform purchases
- Practice wear
- Camps or choreography

If an athlete withdraws or is dismissed:

- Payments already made will be forfeited
- Families are not responsible for future payments

**Any past due balances must still be paid.**

Failure to resolve balances may result in collections.

## Fees

Participating in the Grace Elite Allstar Cheer program is both a time commitment and a financial commitment. Our goal is always to provide a high-quality competitive experience while remaining as transparent and reasonable as possible with program costs.

Allstar cheerleading requires significant operational expenses to provide athletes with the training, coaching, and competitive opportunities necessary to succeed. These expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Competition registration fees
- Choreography and routine design
- Music production
- Coaching fees and staff training
- Practice facility and operational costs
- Equipment, insurance, and program administration

The monthly program fee helps cover most of these program expenses and ensures that athletes receive the instruction, structure, and competitive experience that Grace Elite is committed to providing.

## *PROGRAM FEE*

*The Program Fee is the primary cost associated with participation in the Grace Elite Allstar program.*

*This fee supports:*

- Choreography and routine development*
- Music production and editing*
- Competition registration fees*
- Coaching staff compensation*
- Administrative and operational costs*
- Practice time and facility usage*

*These fees are structured into monthly installments to help make the season financially manageable for families.*

## *ANNUAL GYM FEE*

*Beginning this season, Grace Elite will also implement a onetime Annual Gym Fee of \$750, due January 15th.*

*This fee helps support the operational stability of the program, including expenses such as:*

- Facility operations and maintenance*

- *Equipment upkeep and mat replacement*
- *Insurance and program compliance*
- *Administrative and operational overhead*

*While these costs have always existed behind the scenes, implementing an Annual Gym Fee allows the program to maintain a sustainable financial structure moving forward while continuing to provide a high-level experience for our athletes.*

## *WHY THIS CHANGE IS NECESSARY*

*As Grace Elite continues to grow, it is important that our financial structure reflects the true cost of operating a competitive Allstar program.*

*Last season, our program fees were set significantly lower than what was realistically required to operate the program at the level we strive to provide. As a result, the business had to make additional personal financial investments to ensure that the season could continue successfully.*

*While we were proud to make those sacrifices for our athletes, it is important that the program now operate in a way that is sustainable long-term.*

*These adjustments allow Grace Elite to continue growing while maintaining the quality, professionalism, and opportunities that our athletes deserve.*

## FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

We understand that Allstar cheer can be expensive for families, which is why Grace Elite is strongly implementing the Grace Elite Fundraising Club beginning this season.

The goal of our fundraising program is to create year-round fundraising opportunities that benefit:

- Individual athletes
- Grace Elite teams
- The Grace Elite program as a whole

Families will have the opportunity to participate in:

- Individual athlete fundraisers
- Program-wide fundraisers
- Sponsorship opportunities
- Community fundraising events

Because the Annual Gym Fee is not due until January 15th, families will have several months of fundraising opportunities to help offset or even completely cover this cost.

Our goal is that many families can fundraise most or all their Annual Gym Fee through these opportunities.

## TRANSPARENCY & COMMITMENT

*Our goal is not simply to operate a gym, but to build a program that provides athletes with a high-level competitive experience, strong coaching, and opportunities to grow both on and off the mat.*

*We do not strive to create a brand that makes Allstar Cheer “cheap” because that is impossible. However, we strive to make it manageable and transparent for families.*

*We appreciate the trust that our families place in Grace Elite and remain committed to continuing to build a program that our athletes can be proud to represent,*

<b>MONTHLY FEES</b>	<b>Installment</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Uniform Package Deposit \$250	\$250.00	Prior to April 15th
Program Fee \$350, Uniform Package Fee \$150 (1 of 5)	\$500.00	May 1st
Program Fee \$350, Uniform Package Fee \$150 (2 of 5)	\$500.00	June 1st
Program Fee \$350, Uniform Package Fee \$150 (3 of 5)	\$500.00	July 1st
Program Fee \$350, Uniform Package Fee \$150 (4 of 5)	\$500.00	August 1st
Program Fee \$350, Uniform Package Fee \$150 (5 of 5)	\$500.00	September 1st
Program Fee \$350	\$350.00	October 1st
Program Fee \$350	\$350.00	November 1st
Program Fee \$350	\$350.00	December 1st
Program Fee \$350	\$350.00	January 1st
Program Fee \$350	\$350.00	February 1st
Program Fee \$350	\$350.00	March 1st
Program Fee \$350	\$350.00	April 1st
<b>Annual Gym Fee</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>	<b>Jan 15th</b>
<b>TOTAL COST PER ATHLETE</b>	<b>\$5,950.00</b>	
<b>ANNUAL SUMMARY COST PER ATHLETE</b>		
Program Fees	\$4,200.00	
Uniform Package	\$1,000.00	
<b>One Time Annual Gym Fee- DUE JAN 15</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL COST PER ATHLETE</b>	<b>\$5,950.00</b>	

*As we enter Season Three, we are excited to continue growing the Grace Elite program and providing our athletes with a structured, supportive, and competitive environment where they can thrive.*

*We are grateful for the families who trust us with their athletes and who choose to be part of the Grace Elite community.*

*Welcome to Season 3.*

*Only the strong hold the  
throne...*

*and may the odds be ever in  
your favor.*