

**In addition to the 2026-2027 General Eagle Elite Handbook, the following policies are in place for all members of our TEAM Programs:**

**Payment Policies for team members**

- All competitive team members are required to have a financial agreement & automatic withdrawal form filled out and on file along with a card saved on file in our system.
- Tuition is due on the 1st of each month. A late fee of \$25 will be applied if tuition payment is not received by the 5th.
- A late fee of \$25 will be applied to any fees not paid after 5 days past their due date.
- Any fees not paid 10 days past the due date will automatically be charged to the card on file with the late fee. This includes all items with a due date. (choreography/ competition & coaches fees, tuition etc.) And any classes, clinics, or private lessons.
- Fees overdue past 30 days will be considered delinquent. Athletes with delinquent accounts will not be able to participate in practices, private lessons or competitions until accounts are paid.
- Tuition pays for the right to practice, not the right to compete. A member earns the right to compete through preparedness as a team member. An irresponsible member will not be allowed to jeopardize the performance and safety of their team or themselves.
- This is a year long commitment and program. The cost of tuition is for the year/season and then divided by 11 ½ months, the full tuition price will be the same no matter what point in the season you join. *(if you join late you are still responsible for the full tuition amount, it is not prorated.)*
- In the event that you are unable to finish, or choose to leave the program before the season is over, you will be required to pay a \$500.00 fee to buy out of your contract, along with any outstanding dues. You will have 5 days to pay this fee or it will be automatically charged.
- All payments must be up to date in order for athletes to participate in practices and competitions.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY FOR ALL TEAM MEMBERS**

- **COMPETITIVE CHEER IS A SPORT THAT RELIES ON FULL PARTICIPATION FROM ALL TEAM MEMBERS.** EXCESSIVE ABSENCES ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THE TEAM AND WILL RESULT IN BEING REMOVED FROM THE TEAM. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS WILL STILL REMAIN.  
**SUMMER: (May 18th- August 14th)**
  - **All athletes are allowed 3 unexcused absences from practices during the summer** in order to allow for family vacations, etc. Practices are able to be made up from May 18th-Aug 14th utilizing other workout groups or class hours. (you may even make up time in advance) After 3 unexcused absences, you may be suspended from the team, removed, or replaced at the coach's discretion.**REGULAR SEASON: (August 17th- April 30th)**
  - **You are allowed a max of 3 unexcused absences from practice during the season.** After 3, you will be suspended from the team, removed, or replaced at the coach's discretion. Again, financial obligations will still remain. Any additional unexcused absences will receive a \$25 fine
  - Unexcused absences include: failure to notify the gym/ coaching staff of absence prior to practice time, and missing for anything other than approved excused absences.
  - EXCUSED absences include MANDATORY school functions for a grade, MANDATORY school sport games or tournaments, family death, and contagious illness with a doctor's note provided.
  - Not feeling well (i.e. headache, tummy ache, allergies, cold, being sore, etc.), does not count as an excusable illness. Even if you have to just watch, you will be up to speed on changes, etc.
  - Just not feeling well is not a reason to miss practice and will not be excused.
  - Having homework is not a reason to miss practice and will not be excused. Good time management is a skill that competitive athletes must learn.
  - We reserve the right to change or adjust our policies as we see fit.

**MANDATORY PRACTICES & EXCESSIVE ABSENCES :**

- Competitive cheer and dance are team sports, and it is very important that team members and their families are committed to their teams for the entire season, and that athletes show up to their team's practices. Because of this Eagle Elite has the following attendance policy: Athletes that miss MANDATORY Practices (*practices the week before a competition, practices the week after a break, mandatory extra practices, choreography/ skills camps, ect.*) will be fined \$25 for each mandatory practice missed. In addition, if an athlete misses a mandatory practice Eagle Elite and the Coaches may make the decision to pull that athlete from the upcoming competition, or the remainder of the season. Elite Teams practice twice a week, if you do not think your family can commit to two practices a week for the season please let our coaches know AT TRYOUTS and we can be sure to place your athlete on a team that requires less days in the gym. Prep/ Novice teams only practice once a week, so it is very important that athletes attend their once a week practice. If you do not think your family can commit to one night a week consistently please let our coaches know AT TRYOUTS and we can place your child on a showcase team that requires less commitment.

**ADDITIONAL POLICIES FOR ELITE AND DANCE TEAMS SPECIFICALLY:**

- Our Elite teams are our most competitive cheer teams and require the most commitment from athletes and parents. Because of this, and because Eagle Elite also offers Prep, Novice and Showcase teams, we have implemented the following policies for our Elite team and Dance Team Members.
- **End of the Season Championship Competitions in Florida.** It should be expected that any bid eligible team (*Elite Cheer, Elite Dance & Open Teams*) that receive a bid to compete at an end of season competition in Florida WILL Go. If you do not want your child to be on a bid eligible team please let our coaches know AT TRYOUTS that you would like your child to be placed on a non bid eligible team (Prep, Showcase, or Novice) If your child's team receives a bid and you make the decision to not allow your child to attend with their team you will be charged a \$500 re-choreography fee.
- **Absences for other sports:**  
Elite Team members should be ready to fully commit to their teams. Eagle Elite has always allowed our athletes to participate in other school and club sports and we will continue to do so. However, we will expect our Elite Team athletes to make their Eagle Elite Team their top priority. (We only get to practice twice a week while many school and club sports practice almost everyday.) We will not excuse absences for other sports/activities practices. It is unfair to the teammates and the team when an athlete continuously misses our practices. You must attend at least ½ of your Eagle Practice. (*We will excuse other sports games/ competitions, but not practices, and not if it is during one of our mandatory practices*)

**PREP/ NOVICE team absences for other sports:**

- We understand the commitments for other sports teams. We ask that you split your time as evenly as possible and that you make every effort to get to EEC as soon as your conflict is over. Even half a practice will help your team. For the safety of all members and courtesy to your team, please make every effort to be at all or part of every practice. Please notify us of practices that you will be arriving late for or leaving early prior so that we can plan accordingly (Many school sports practice almost everyday, whereas we only get 1 day a week) You need to split your time as evenly as possible and not just miss our practices. Please make sure you are communicating any conflicts with the gym email in advance.

**Guidelines and Policies for ALL EAGLE ELITE TEAMS**

- Tuition will be due whether you are in attendance or not.
- Practices may be changed or added at any time during the season at the coach's discretion.
- Athletes should be fully dressed and ready to go when practice begins.
- We reserve the right to close practices to parent viewing at any point in the season if we deem it necessary. Practices may be closed during competition season to help athletes focus.
- Athletes are expected to be coachable, and be able to take corrections from their coaches. This is a competitive sport, our coaches give corrections to help athletes get better, we ask that parents encourage their athletes to be coachable and strive to always improve. (no one is ever perfect, there is always something to learn)
- **Disrespect towards coaches, athletes, or parents (from athletes or parents) will NOT be tolerated and will result in suspension or dismissal from a team or recreational class.**
- Parents are not allowed to coach through the window, yell at their athlete or the coaches from the window at any time, or open the lobby door to enter the gym area, this can be very distracting, parents who fail to follow these rules will be asked to leave the viewing area.
- Threats of any sort, such as threatening to quit, or pull a child from the program will not be tolerated and are subject to immediate removal from the program.
- Competitive team members are NOT allowed to take tumbling classes or lessons outside of Eagle Elite. We like to teach our athletes proper progressions and correct technique and do not allow our athletes to take classes or lessons at other facilities. Outside lessons can hinder their progress.
- Our Coaches have the right to change a team's routine, level or size at any time.
- Coaches' decisions in regards to teams, placements, positions, skills, and participation are not subject to debate. Parent opinions will not be taken into consideration when making team decisions. Instead, the Eagle coaches will always make the best possible decision for the team.
- Parents should not directly text, message or call their child's coach unless it is an emergency. Absences and questions or concerns should go through the gym email.
- TRUST THE PROCESS. Please trust our programs and our coach's many years of experience and extensive knowledge. Arguing with our coaching decisions will simply not be tolerated.
- **Negativity will not be tolerated** ~ it does NOT make a healthy environment for athletes, parents or our coaches and we will not allow it in our program. This includes making negative comments while at our gym, school, competitions, or on the Internet/ social media
- Anyone caught making derogatory comments about our program, our coaches, or our teams may be asked to leave our gym.
- Back talking will not be accepted towards any coach or staff member of Eagle Elite Cheerleading.
- Parent drama will not be tolerated. A parent not getting along with another parent is not a gym issue. If we receive complaints of continued parent drama, ALL involved parents will no longer be allowed in the lobby. Continued issues could result in removal from the team or program.

**EAGLE ELITE CHEERLEADING DISCOUNTS**

- Discounted monthly rates are available for multiple athletes in the same family within the competitive program.
- The discounted rate is given in descending order (highest monthly rate is not the discounted rate). A second athlete/sibling will be assessed at 50% of the monthly tuition rate.
- The sibling discount and crossover discount will NOT be stacked. There will be no additional discount off of the crossover rate.
- All discounted monthly rates are available by contacting our front office.

### **General Information**

- Tryouts are held annually in May. We do accept private tryouts through the end of summer.
- Team placement is **NEVER** final. We can move an athlete up to a higher level or down to a lower level, or from elite to prep or prep to elite depending on the athlete's performance at any time.
- We reserve the right to refuse service. We will not place an athlete in our program if we deem that the athlete or parent/guardian will have a negative impact.
- We reserve the right to remove an athlete from a team or our program if we deem the actions of the athlete or parents/guardian go against our rules and policies.
- Our staff will not guarantee any athlete a certain team, stunting position, tumbling passes, or a spot in a formation. We will always place athletes in a routine based upon what would make the strongest routine for the team.
- Practice days and times are not determined until after tryouts and team placements.
- You DO NOT get to dictate competitions in which your child competes. You must schedule your personal events around the competition schedule.
- Crossing Over- This simply means competing on more than one team within our program. Cross competitors may be used throughout the season for numerous reasons. If you and your athlete agree to become a cross competitor there are additional fees associated with cross competing. Typically, they will pay one full price fee and then the crossover fee for competing on the second team will be discounted.
- Monthly tuition for athletes crossing over will include 100% of tuition at the highest/ oldest level they are competing in and will be a discounted rate for the second team.
- If you agree to cross at tryouts, you are committed to both teams. You cannot decide to only be on one team, or try to choose the team that you want your child to be on.
- Our Team programs are a FULL year commitment beginning in May and ending in April. If you should quit or be removed from our program you are financially responsible for the remaining balance on your account including tuition for the remaining months of the season along with your buyout fee. You will have 5 days to pay this fee or you will be automatically charged for it.
- **EEC places your athlete on teams based on their age and ability level. There are only 6 levels to competitive cheer. You will not move a level until you have mastered all skills of the level. It is not uncommon to remain on the same level or type of team for several years. We do this for the safety of your athlete and also to put together the most competitive teams, as this is a COMPETITIVE sport. Eagle Elite aims to have teams with full team skills.**
- Your athlete may be moved to another team as their skills change and as the coaches gain a fuller understanding of their abilities. However, it is not guaranteed. Gaining new skills does not mean that your athlete will be moved, but moves from one squad to another may occur as athletes gain or lose skills.
- Parents need to note that this is a highly competitive and dangerous sport. The stunts and tumbling could lead to injuries. These include but are not limited to bruises, pulled or strained muscles, torn or strained ligaments, broken bones, dislocations, paralysis or even death. We at Eagle Elite Cheerleading take every precaution to limit these injuries. Unfortunately, we cannot prevent them all.
- ***Any athlete experiencing an injury must still pay tuition while out due to the injury.***

### **UNIFORM & CLOTHING POLICIES**

- All uniforms and clothing must be paid **in full prior** to Eagle Elite ordering them. Replacement items can be purchased if lost, damaged, or your athlete grows out of them; however, this will be at your expense. ***Additional shipping costs may be incurred in this event.***
- Uniform fittings will be during tryouts. Your athletes uniform/ practice wear WILL NOT be ordered without parent signature for approval of sizing. EEC will not be responsible for incorrect sizing.
- **You are not permitted to design or sell ANY items with Eagle Elite Cheerleading's name, logo, etc. without authorization from Joe & Kelly Eagle. Replication of our logo and company name are not permitted in order to protect the ownership of our logo and name. Thank you in advance. Please do not solicit or sell ANY ITEMS out of our lobby and to Eagle Elite customers without explicit permission.**
- We have practice wear for a reason. All athletes should wear the required practice wear to team practices. NO EXCEPTIONS. Athletes not in required practice attire for practices will have extra conditioning.
- If your child is a flyer, they should always wear briefs under their shorts if they are not form fitting.
- **NO JEWELRY AT ALL!!!** Wearing jewelry of any kind could result in an injury to your athlete or another athlete.
- **NO long acrylic nails or long natural nails.** Please ask your coaches if you are unsure, this is a safety issue.

### **COMPETITION POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

- **ALL COMPETITIONS ARE MANDATORY.** Please review the competition schedule and plan accordingly.
- All practices the week prior to a competition are **mandatory**. All Practices two weeks prior to an end of season Florida Competition are **mandatory**.
- If you miss a competition: THERE WILL BE A FEE OF \$50
- **IF YOU MISS A COMPETITION, EEC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REMOVE YOU FROM THE TEAM.**
- There are no refunds on competitions and your financial contract is still binding.
- Should your athlete be unable to attend a competition because of injury or any other reason, a substitute will be asked to perform in his/her place. The substitute athlete is not asked to pay the entry fee. Therefore, you will be required to pay the entry fee for your athlete's position. This policy applies to all competitions.
- Team members must arrive to competitions in the specified uniform, with hair and makeup done, unless told otherwise.
- The gym will release instructions for competition hair and makeup each season. Athletes **MUST** wear the specified makeup and follow the instructions for competition hair for each competition.
- Team members and families will sit together at all times.
- Team members will remain with the team from meeting time until they have competed. Once they have competed, team members will be released to their parent/guardian until the awards ceremony. (parents are responsible for getting to our coaches to pick up their child at a specified meet spot, we will not release athletes until we see their parent/guardian)
- All members and parents should be present for all award ceremonies and our programs performances.
- If the competition runs late into the evening we may allow our tiny, mini, and youth teams to leave without watching the older teams perform, However you will be notified in advance if this will happen; otherwise you are expected to stay and watch all teams.
- **YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO APPROACH ANY REPRESENTATIVE FROM A COMPETITION COMPANY NOR CONTACT ANY Eagle Elite Cheerleading vendors.**

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- Team members must be dressed in full competition uniform or full warm up for the entire competition unless otherwise directed. NO jeans, shirts, pajamas, slippers, uggs, etc. may be worn with your uniform unless approved by our coaching staff.
- Competition socks will be a white no-show sock.
- Competition bra should be nude with nude or clear straps.
- Nails should be trimmed with **NO NAIL POLISH**.
- Competition shoes must be clean and white. Only wear your shoes for practices and competitions. Do not wear them outdoors.
- Your child can be taken out of a routine based on numerous reasons such as but not limited to: attendance, attitude, account balance, or injury. If your child should be taken out of the routine you are still financially responsible for the competition. It will also be at the coaches' discretion when your child will be choreographed back into the routine.
- Remember when at a competition you are representing our business/program, your team, and your family. Irresponsible or inappropriate behavior may result in removal from our program.
- You will be given a meet time prior to each competition. They must meet our coaches and their team (completely ready) at the meet time given to you. You should arrive at the competition venue at least 1 hour before the meet time to ensure you are never late for the team meeting.
  - Athletes that are late to their team meeting time will be automatically fined \$25
- It is YOUR responsibility to get your athlete to the competition, to make sure they have everything that they need, and that they are competition ready. Athletes that show up to competition without a necessary item, i.e their uniform, bow, shoes, poms, correct socks/ bra, correct makeup/hair ect. will be charged a \$25 fine.

### **COMPETITION DAY PUNCTUALITY:**

- Competition days can be very busy, it is very important that athletes arrive at the competition ready to go and ON TIME. If your athlete is not ready to meet the coaches and their team, Competition Ready (in their uniform with hair and makeup ready) at their given meet time, there will be a \$25 fine. It can be very stressful for athletes if they are running late, it can be stressful for the rest of the team, and it also causes extra work and stress for our coaches. Athletes that are late also run the risk of missing their warm up time with their team. Please make sure your athlete is at the competition venue 1 hour before their given meet time (meet times will be emailed out prior to the competition) to ensure that athletes do not run late. Traffic or getting lost will not be an excuse.

### TRAVELING TO COMPETITIONS

- You are responsible for your athlete's transportation to competitions. None of the costs associated with traveling to competition are included in tuition or fees.
- During competitions where overnight stays are optional, hotel arrangements will be left up to individual families.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE ARE ONLY RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ATHLETE DURING TIME OF WARMUPS AND PERFORMANCES. BEFORE AND AFTER, YOUR ATHLETE SHOULD BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES BY A PARENT.**

**SPONSORSHIPS**

- Many athletes offset the cost of their competition season by finding a business to sponsor them. Sponsorship letters are available and can be mailed or hand delivered to any business.
- Depending on the level of sponsorship, some advertising material such as a banner must be purchased by EE. If these items need to be purchased the cost of these items will be deducted from the sponsorship amount and the appropriate balance/ percentage will then be applied to your athlete's account. (10%)
- If you and your child are moving more than **30 miles** away from EEC following joining our program you must provide Eagle Elite Cheerleading with proof of a **new** residency (i.e. utility bill). All upcoming tuition charges will be waived, as well as competition charges or clothing that Eagle Elite Cheerleading has not yet paid for on your athlete's behalf. If Eagle Elite Cheerleading has registered and paid for your athlete to compete or ordered clothing prior to the move then you will still be financially responsible for the competition fee and/or clothing.
- If your child is injured and will not be physically able to complete the competitive season, you must provide Eagle Elite Cheerleading with a letter from the physician stating the time period they must be out for. If Eagle Elite has registered and paid for your athlete to compete or ordered clothing prior to the injury/medical problem then you will still be financially responsible for the competition fee and/or clothing.

This is a year long program and contract. By signing below you acknowledge that and:

**\*\*\*No refunds will be given for any reason.\*\*\***

**There is a 48-hour grace period after the first practice if you wish to cancel.**

**If you and your child make the decision to quit the team before the end of the season you will be required to buyout of this contract for \$500 and you will be responsible for any remaining balance due. You will have 5 days to pay this fee or you will be automatically charged for it with a late fee.**

**I understand that failure to follow the rules and policies of Eagle Elite could lead to the removal of my athlete from the team or program.**

**If your child is placed on an Elite Cheer, Dance or Open team, and that team receives a bid to an end of season competition in Florida they WILL go. If you refuse to let your athlete go, or they are unable to go for any reason, there will be a \$500 fee.**

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL PAGES/SECTIONS OF THE EAGLE ELITE CHEERLEADING HANDBOOK AND AGREE THAT MYSELF AND MY ATHLETE WILL ABIDE BY ALL RULES/GUIDELINES SET FORTH IN THE HANDBOOK WITHOUT EXCEPTION AND UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL FROM THE PROGRAM WITHOUT NOTICE**

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent or guardian

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Printed Name Date

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of participating athlete

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Printed Name Date