

2026-2027 Program Overview

Wildcats Cheer Program: Parent Information Packet

Welcome Letter

Welcome to the Wildcats Cheer Program! We are thrilled to have your athlete join our cheer family. This packet includes everything you need to know about the upcoming season. Please read through it carefully and don't hesitate to reach out with questions.

Mission Statement

Wildcats Cheer Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our mission is to empower and inspire young athletes through the exciting world of competitive cheerleading. We are dedicated to building strong, confident teams by combining skill-based training with a supportive, inclusive environment. Our goal is to help every athlete grow in strength, spirit, and self-belief—on and off the mat—while fostering teamwork, discipline, and a true love for the sport of cheer.

Program Options:

- There is 3-full-year teams.
- There is 1 ½ year team.
- Registration opens in March and closes in August

Participation Models:

- With Fundraising (Families are required to meet their own fundraising obligations.)
- Without Fundraising (Monthly fee with full fundraising fee paid in 4 installments)
- Financial Assistance (available for 6 athletes across all teams)

Commitment:

- Every cheerleader MUST COMMIT to ALL competitions

Team	Birth Year	Level	Half or Full yr	Session Dates
Baby Jaguars (BJ)	2024-2020	Novice Tiny	Half (8 months)	September-April
Little Leopards (LL)	2020-2017	Mini Prep	Full (11 months)	June-May
Servals (SS)	2018-2009	Youth Prep	Full (11 months)	June- May
Caracals (CC)	2018-2009	Junior Prep	Full (11 months)	June-May

Team Fees and Payment Breakdown

Baby Jaguars (1 hour/wk)	Fees
Registration Fee	\$250
Monthly Tuition	\$110
Uniforms	\$140
Competition Fees	\$75 per competition

Little Leopards (3 hrs/wk)	Without Fundraising	With Fundraising charged with tuition	Financial Assistance (6 kids)
Registration Fee	\$280		\$220
Monthly Tuition	\$210	\$330	\$110
Uniforms	\$230- NEW \$80- USED *if available		\$100 rental fee
Crossover Fee	\$25/ month		
Fundraising Amount	\$1320 <small>*in 4 installments</small>	\$1320 <small>* fundraising money goes directly to parents throughout season</small>	
Open Gym/ Tumbling Classes	\$10/ class		

Servals (4.5 hrs/wk)	Without Fundraising	With Fundraising charged with tuition	Financial Assistance (6 kids)
Registration Fee	\$280		\$220
Monthly Tuition	\$240	\$360	\$120
Uniforms	\$230- NEW \$80- USED *if available		\$100 rental fee
Crossover Fee	\$25/ per month		
Fundraising Amount	\$1320 <small>*due in August</small>	\$1320 <small>* fundraising money goes directly to parents throughout season</small>	
Open Gym/ Tumbling Classes	\$10/ class		

Caracals (6 hrs/wk)	Without Fundraising	With Fundraising charged with tuition	Financial Assistance (6 kids)
Registration Fee	\$280		\$220
Monthly Tuition	\$270	\$390	\$130
Uniforms	\$230- NEW \$80- USED *if available		\$100 rental fee
Crossover Fee	\$25/month		
Fundraising Amount	\$1320 *due in August	\$1320 *fundraising money goes directly to parents throughout season	
*Free open gym / Tumbling Classes			

Fees

Registration fee: music, first competition fee, and insurance payment

Monthly fee: coach, choreography, and practice time

Uniform fee: uniform

Crossover Fee: amount paid to the competition organization per crossover athlete

Fundraising Amount: competition fees and any additional competition charges

Miscellaneous Fees: things/events that come up throughout the season, unforeseen

Additional Fees:

Make-up Kit Fee:	Unexcused Absence Fee:	Not prepared for Practice Fee:	Quitting/ Dismissal Fee:
Lip Stain, Brush, Hair Wax, Elastics, Mascara, Sparkles Eye liner, Mirror, Make-up Bag	Once an athlete misses more than 3 practices per session. Sickness, going to another athletic or team practice, going on vacation or a special event that does not have PRIOR APPROVAL, and School-related functions that does not reflect a grade.	Every time your athlete comes late to practice, unprepared, without proper uniform, or not ready when practice begins your account will be charged. All Athletes must wear a bow to practice; a bow is an additional \$3.	If your athlete quits, is dismissed from the program, or is injured and removes themselves from the team, a dismissal fee will be charged for breach of contract.
\$30	\$10 per practice \$25 per practice during competition week	\$5 per incident \$10 during competition week	\$200 + remainder of tuition

Add-Ons:

Item	Cost	Orders Due
Warm-Up Jacket	\$100	Aug. 15th
Jersey	\$85	
Backpack	\$100	
Practice Wear (sports bra + skort + bow)	\$50	
Practice Bow	\$5	
Extra Competition Bow	\$25	
Extra Competition Socks	\$35	
Extra T-shirt	\$25	

Financial Assistance Process

- Families seeking financial assistance must submit a letter of financial hardship explaining their situation.
- All eligible letters will be entered into a lottery, as funds are limited.
- All information is kept confidential.

Fundraising

- ALL Sponsorship goes to the non-profit, not a particular athlete or team.
- Donations made must be labeled per athlete (will not get sponsorship benefits).
- Each athlete is responsible for fundraising their portion of money; Wildcats Booster will set up some fundraising activities to help!
- By choosing the fundraising option you pay your fundraiser amount through-out the season and pay yourself back from any fundraisers you participate in.

Summer Session Practice & Winter Session Practice

Registration for the **2026–2027 Cheer Season** will be open from **March-May 18th!**

Team Evaluations: May 28 & 29 for all new Wildcats athletes. If you are a returning Wildcats athlete, you do not need to attend team evaluations. Team placements will be notified Monday June 1st, if necessary please do not contact the gym until after 24-hours of June 1st.

Current Wildcats Athletes:

If you are already a member of Wildcats, you do not need to schedule a placement evaluation. Please make sure to complete your registration by the **May 18th**.

New Athletes:

If you are not currently a Wildcats member, you must **register** by **May 18th** so we can schedule your team placement evaluation for **May 28th or 29th**.

2026-2027 Summer Schedule

- **Little Leopards (7-10): June 9th-September 1st**
 - Tuesday: 5:30-7:00 PM
- **Servals (9-18): June 8th-September 1st**
 - Monday: 5:00-6:30 PM
 - Wednesday: 5:00-6:30 PM
 - Thursday: 5:00-6:30 PM
- **Caracals (9-18): June 8th- September 1st**
 - Monday: 6:30-8:30 PM
 - Wednesday: 6:30-8:30 PM
 - Thursday: 6:30-8:30 PM

2026-2027 Winter/Spring Schedule

- **Baby Jaguars: September 12th- April (TBD due to competitions)**
 - Saturday: 9-10 AM
- **Little Leopards: Tuesday, September 8th-May**
 - Tuesday: 5:30-7:00 PM
 - Saturdays: 10-11:30AM
- **Servals: September 9th-May**
 - Monday: 5:00-6:30 PM
 - Wednesday: 5:00-6:30 PM
 - Thursday: 5:00-6:30 PM
- **Caracals: September 9th-May**
 - Monday: 6:30-8:30 PM
 - Wednesday: 6:30-8:30 PM
 - Thursday: 6:30-8:30 PM

Important Dates:

June 29-July 5th	GYM CLOSED/ NO PRACTICE
August (TBD)	Team Beach Day
August 31st-September 7th	GYM CLOSED/NO PRACTICE
October 24th	Trunk or Treat Haunted Gym
October 31st	Halloween/ CLOSED
November 14th	The Jungle Rumble Showcase
November 25th-29th	Thanksgiving Break/ CLOSED
December 19th	Christmas Party/ NO PRACTICE

December 21 st -January 3 rd	GYM CLOSED/ NO PRACTICE
February School Vacation	GYM CLOSED/ NO PRACTICE
April	MANDATORY PRACTICE MONTH

26/27 Competition Schedule

*Note that the provisional schedule is *tentative* and may be adjusted*

<u>Month:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event Organizer:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
December	12/13	Liberty Spirit	Providence, RI
January	30th	Maximum	Springfield, MA
February	7th	Maximum	Providence, RI
**Feb/March	TBD	CheerSport Event	TBD
March	28/29	Deep South	Foxwoods, CT
**April	25/26	Open Grand Nationals	Orlando, FL
**May	1/2	Liberty Spirit	Durham, NH
**May	8/10	TBD	

dates are not confirmed

Travel Information

- **Baby Jaguars** are **not** considered travel teams. Competitions will be held within a 2-hour driving range. There will be 3-4 competitions and 1 showcase.
 - **Possibilities:**
 - Rhode Island
 - Connecticut
 - Massachusetts
- **All other teams ARE** considered traveling teams. We will be doing at least 3 competitions within a 2-hour driving range, and 3-4 competitions that require an overnight stay or flight, 1 showcase, and 1 North Kingstown High School Exhibition.
 - **Travel Possibilities: (East Cost)**
 - New Jersey
 - Florida
 - Massachusetts
 - Pennsylvania
 - Connecticut
 - New Hampshire

Please note that travel expenses are not included in any pricing. Each athlete will need to determine if they would like to organize additional fundraising for travel expenses. All travel-related costs, including transportation and accommodations, are the responsibility of each family.

Coaches

Katelyn Mayberry (aka Coach Kate), I overlook all the teams, however, I am the main coach for mostly Baby Jaguars and Special Olympics. Email: wildcats@wildcatsri.com

Kelly Emond (aka Coach Kelly), she is the master mind for the Rules and Guidelines for our routines, and is also the Wildcats Gym Head Coach!! Email: coachkelly@wildcatsri.com

Nicole Harrington (aka Coach Nicole), she is the girl's biggest cheerleader! She assists with the front desk, emails, parent liaison, and other tasks as needed. She is the assistant coach to all 4 teams!
Email: coachnicole@wildcatsri.com

Giselle Palmer (aka Coach Giselle), she is the visionary behind all the team dance choreography! She is the assistant coach to Servals and main coach to Fundamentals of Cheer! On her spare time she helps to run the day to day activities of the gym. Email: wildcats@wildcatsri.com

PARENT & ATHLETE CHEER HANDBOOK/CONTRACT

Wildcats Cheer and Athletics
567 South County Trail, Suite 105
Exeter, RI 02822
P: 401-291-8690
wildcats@wildcatsri.com

Mission Statement

At Wildcats Cheer and Athletics, our mission is to empower, support, and inspire the youth in our community through curriculum-based classes that promote physical and socio-emotional development. We strive to create a nurturing and inclusive environment where physical fitness and emotional strength are valued, and where every individual has the opportunity to grow and thrive in the world of recreational sports.

WELCOME TO WILDCATS CHEER AND ATHLETICS!!

We are so happy to share our love for cheer and athletics with you and the community. Our mission is to create a supportive and empowering environment where every athlete can thrive and reach their full potential. Our coaches will emphasize the importance of overall cheer skills, safety, conditioning, tumbling, stunting, and above all, respect for others while enjoying the thrill of this sport. Most importantly, we focus on the athletes having fun. All athletes and teams are important to us, from our cheer/ tumbling classes to our competing teams!

Along with our loyal staff, WCA has worked hard to make everyone feel welcome and a part of the Wildcats family! We make it our mission to get to know each athlete and parent; help them set and reach goals, teach the value of commitment, dedication, and teamwork, and ultimately help each athlete see their dreams become a reality. Although our goal is to make each team competitive, we strongly encourage all our Wildcats athletes to learn lifelong lessons in dedication, dependability, pride, teamwork, time management, and helping others.

We pride ourselves in promoting the balance of all athletes' education in conjunction with their sport. If you find any questions that may not be directly answered in this document or have further concerns, please reach out to the gym directly at 401-291-8690 or the gym's email wildcats@wildcatsri.com.

Wildcats Cheer and Athletics is under the direct supervision of Gym Owner, Katelyn Mayberry, "Coach Kate". Once again, WELCOME to Wildcats Cheer and Athletics!

Wildcats Cheer and Athletics

ATHLETE & PARENT

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

****The following applies to every athlete and members of their family****

SPORTSMANSHIP

We hold high expectations for our WCA athletes to be well-mannered as they represent our gym at any event or competition, as well as in our community. This includes kindness and respect for one another, respect for staff and facilities, and respect for one another's privacy. Good sportsmanship is also a must. Any negative behavior towards other teams, teammates, and coaching staff may result in immediate removal from the program.

Here at WCA, we want an approach that encourages a positive mindset, and confidence, promotes strong teamwork skills, and celebrates their hard work and accomplishments throughout our entire season.

- Be modest when successful and be gracious regardless of placement.
- Members of all teams are to **show respect for the coaches, fellow teammates**, other WCA athletes, parents, judges, officials, and spectators from opposing organizations.
- Disrespectful attitude, back-talking, and any form of *ill-mannered behavior towards coaches and other athletes is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.*
 - In the spirit of good sportsmanship and all-around team morale, we encourage that any questions, comments, or concerns be brought to management directly.
 - Exhibit good sportsmanship at the gym as well as during and after all competitions.
 - **Encourage your athlete to abide by the rules and respect all other teammates, athletes, coaches, judges, officials & other parents.**

GYM AND PRACTICE POLICIES

1. Athletes will NOT be allowed phones during practice/class.
2. Phones must be left in the cubby area. If you need to contact your athlete you can call the gym phone.
3. Athletes that come to practice unprepared must pay \$5.
4. Respect the privilege of the use of our facility. All cheerleading equipment is for the progression of skills and will be used by all athletes and coaches appropriately.
5. If you are running late to practice for ANY reason, you must call/text to inform your coach, \$5 will be applied to your account if late.
6. No food, gum, candy, or drinks are permitted in the gym area. Only water and Gatorade are allowed.
7. Snacks and drinks are to be maintained in the waiting/cubby area. NO SNACKING during water breaks.
8. The use of drugs, tobacco, vaping, alcohol, and abusive language is prohibited. This behavior will result in IMMEDIATE dismissal from the WCA program. No excuses or exceptions.

Failure to abide by any of these policies may result in removal from the program and/or Wildcats Cheer and Athletics Gym.

STUDENT/ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Participants are expected to follow staff directions.

2. Participants are expected to treat peers, coaches, facilities, and equipment with respect.
3. Participants must stay within the gym area.
4. Any behavior that jeopardizes the safety of other children or staff will not be tolerated (i.e. Spitting, throwing objects, pushing, hitting, threatening violence, bullying, etc.).
5. No foul language, drugs, or inappropriate clothing is allowed.
6. It is the parent and athletes responsibility to know what is going on with your athletes team at all times
7. Please do not gossip about other child/families, team, coaches, other teams. This includes post made on social media platforms/messages . this WIL NOT be tolerated.
8. There will be no yelling at teams or classes during other practices or classes.
9. Please feel free to coaches/owner, about anything, just remember to do it at the appropriate time in the appropriate manner. Please allow 24 hours before reaching out with questions or concerns.

If general rules are not followed, a coach/staff will:

1. **Counseling:** When a discipline incident occurs, the athlete will be counseled and given a description of the behavior change required.
2. **Parent Contact:** If a series of disciplinary situations occur, the athlete's parent or guardian will be contacted.
3. **Termination:** If the child's behavior remains unacceptable, then the parent or guardian will be informed and the child will be dropped from the program. Parents may be notified of disciplinary issues by phone/email. Children who receive 3 disciplinary reports are subject to dismissal from the programs, depending on the severity of their behaviors. Wildcats Cheer and Athletics reserves the right to immediately dismiss any child.

ABSENCES

1. Absences will be reviewed on an individual basis.
2. Throughout the months of **June-August you will receive 3 absences** to use at your discretion. Once you have exceeded 3 absences reserves the right to charge \$10 per missed practice
3. Throughout the months of **September-April you will receive 3 absences** to use at your discretion. Once you have exceeded 3 absences reserves the right to charge \$10 per missed practice
4. On competition weeks you will be charged \$25 for ANY MISSED PRACTICES.
5. **NO ABSENCES ARE ALLOOWD IN THE MONTH OF APRIL.** Please do not schedule any family events/vacations/ other activities during this month. All April practices are MANDATORY to attend Grand National Competition.
6. **Practice during the week of competition is mandatory.** Competition week starts 7 days before the competition. Failure of practice will result in holding competition. YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED to use your unexcused absences this week.
 - a. Excessive absences may be grounds for:
 - i. Change or replacement in competition team routines
 - ii. Withholding items or services
 - iii. Extra Fees
 - iv. Dismissal from the program

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

1. Include but not limited to:
 - a. Death in the family

- b. School-related functions that reflect a grade, coaches and front staff must know at a *minimum of 2 days* before any function to plan accordingly. This DOES NOT include school sports.
- c. A contagious illness with a doctor's note

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:

- 2. Include but not limited to:
 - a. Sickness, **without a doctor's note**
 - b. Going to another ANY athletic or ANY other team practice
 - c. Going on vacation or a special event that does not have PRIOR APPROVAL
 - d. Try to plan school vacations accordingly as we still have practice.

COMPETITIONS

- Parents, relatives, friends, and athletes are never allowed to speak to, call, text, or e-mail competition officials/judges for any reason. All competition communication will be dealt with directly through gym management and coaches.
- All competitions are **MANDATORY**. You are responsible for transportation to each scheduled competition.
- Athletes and Parents **MUST** remain respectful and remember they will be representing WCA.
- All competitions are subject to change; not all teams will attend the same competitions.
- If your athlete is feverish/ throwing up the day of competition, please call a coach immediately. We ask to come just for performance time and leave. Please make every effort to attend the competition.
- Competition fees vary according to team, level, and Competition Company.
- All competition fees **MUST** be paid in advance and promptly upon the due date.
- When ALL athletes arrive at the competition venue, they must be in full uniform:
 - BE ON TIME!!
 - Uniform Top and Bottom
 - Designated Cheer Shoes and socks
 - Designated colored backpack
 - Designated Hair and Makeup
 - NO jewelry
 - NO nail polish allowed
 - NO gum
 - NO unnatural hair colors
 - All black wildcats gear
- Athletes must remain in full competition uniform with competition shirt over uniform throughout the competition (Different shoes, boots, different colored hoodies, and different warm-ups, are NOT allowed.)
- Once athletes have checked in with their team coach, no parents are allowed in warm-up areas.
- There are NO cellphones allowed on stage during awards besides coaches.
- Athletes/families might be required to stay or come early to support other teams in our program, a bigger fan area results in bigger energy!

COPMETITION TRAVEL

- All athletes and families are responsible for travel expenses and accommodations.
- Teams traveling to larger events will have strict travel dates that will be strictly reinforced
- DO NOT schedule travel accommodation until you are given the go ahead
- Teams must adhere to these guidelines, so they are not missing crucial practices or competition events.

FUNDRAISERS

Wildcats Cheer Competitive Teams are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing young athletes with the opportunity to excel in competitive cheerleading. To support this mission, we host fundraisers during the season, aimed at covering;

- Tuition fees
- Bows
- Cheer sneakers
- Additional uniform fees (shipping/handling)
- Remainder of competition fees
- Travel expenses
- League registrations, non-profit business fees
- Team bonding events

The funds raised through our Fundraising/Booster Club initiatives are exclusively allocated to enhance the Wildcats Cheer Team experience. This ensures that every contribution goes directly toward supporting the growth, development, and success of our cheerleaders.

- ALL Sponsorship goes to the non-profit, not a particular athlete or team.
- Donations made must be labeled per athlete (will not get sponsorship benefits).
- Each athlete is responsible for fundraising their portion of money; Wildcats Booster will set up some fundraising activities to help!

Our commitment to using these funds solely for Wildcats Cheer Team activities highlights our dedication to strengthening community support and creating pathways for aspiring athletes to thrive in their sport. By supporting our fundraisers, you're helping provide opportunities for our participants to grow, compete, and achieve their full potential.

SOCIAL MEDIA & NETWORKS

1. No athlete or parent may post inappropriate/negative messages on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, or any other social media platform, website, or message board about WCA, another program, or an individual. Any posting of this nature will result in immediate dismissal from the program or team.
2. No WCA team videos and/or music are allowed to be posted on YouTube or any other website without permission. Including live videos. Violation of this rule or the theft of music is grounds for immediate dismissal.

COMMUNICATION

1. We will be sending messages via BAND and email to keep the lines of communication open with all parents and athletes. Please make sure all your contact information is always current.

- a. *Weekly*: practice schedules and attire, day of competition details.
 - b. *Monthly*: due dates, calendars, newsletters, and invoices.
2. BAND notifications MUST be left on at all times for any changes and/or reminders.
 3. BAND, group chats, or message boards are used for information ONLY. Any complaints, concerns, or questions should be addressed to the manager PRIVATELY.
 4. Day of competition information will be posted on BAND.
 5. Choreography will also be posted on BAND to aid in practice.

PRACTICE APPAREL

- Each athlete must purchase competition uniforms through the Wildcats Cheer and Athletics.
- Failure to abide by the practice dress code will result in extra conditioning from athletes as well as giving the WCA the right to charge \$5.
- White Cheer Shoes
- Cheer Backpack: Solid black, black glitter, or WCA backpack.
- Practice wear, including practice bow, correct shoes are required, and hair must be worn up and out of the face.
- Practice wear includes, black top, black bottom, or any wildcats gear, cheer sneakers, hair up in bow, no jewelry.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. EVERY parent and athlete must complete and initial both the WCA handbook and contract before the first practice.
2. If a competition is canceled by WCA, we will replace it with a comparable event if able to and adjust fees accordingly.
3. If a competition company cancels, note this is on the individual organization.
4. TENTATIVE COMPETITION SCHEDULES AND FEE DUE DATES WILL BE GIVEN ONCE DATES ARE POSTED BY EACH CHEERLEADING OR LEAGUE COMPANY.
5. WCA logo, name, and team names are NOT to be reprinted on any apparel or other items for distribution or sale- personal use is okay.
6. WCA management has the right to dismiss your athlete from the Wildcats Cheer and Athletics program for any of the following reasons (not limited to):
 - a. Inappropriate behavior (This includes behavior from both the athlete and the parents or family of said athlete).
 - b. Excessive absences
 - c. A pattern of tardiness
 - d. Not showing up for a competition
 - e. Delinquent payments

ATHLETE DROP OFF/PICK UP:

Athletes can be dropped off 10 minutes before class time. Athletes are NOT allowed on the equipment until their class or practice has started. They will only be allowed to stretch in designated areas. Practice starts promptly.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

1. Parents are to fulfill their financial obligations on time.
2. There is a strict NO REFUND policy.
3. Tuition MUST be paid through Automatic Credit/Debit Card or ACH/Bank Draft on file in our secure management software.
4. There is a **\$35.00 decline fee on all payments.**
5. Extra payments such as uniforms, competitions, bows etc. can be paid in cash or through any form of payment offered such as Venmo, or Paypal however, if your payment is not turned in by the due date your card on file will be charged.
6. If you are DELINQUENT 10 days of tuition, choreography, uniforms or competition payments your son/daughter will sit out of practice until you are up to date. Late fees may apply.
7. Outstanding balances and fees will be charged to the account on file by the 25th of each month if not paid on time.

PAYMENTS:

- It is your responsibility to make all payments on time.
- All payments are NON-REFUNDABLE.
- Late fees are assessed 5 days after the posted due dates.
- Any fee reminders via email or by phone are a courtesy and are not required by gym management.

TUITION:

- All tuition payments will be automatically withdrawn on the 1st of each month through your online portal. Tuition is drafted through our automatic payment system.
- Declined transactions will receive a \$35.00 insufficient fund fee.

LATE FEES:

- Please be aware that phone calls, text messages, and emails concerning delinquent/past due accounts are a courtesy and will be sent out as frequently as needed. Please remain up to date with your account standing.
- Any other WCA fees paid after the final due date will result in a late fee of \$35.00.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS:

- Failure to meet the deadline for payments, lack of reasonable & fair communication regarding payments or delinquent accounts will result in one or all of the following:
 - Withholding services (Sitting out of practice, private lessons or other classes etc.)
 - Withholding purchased items (uniforms, practice wear, warm-ups, etc.)
 - Replacing or moving the athlete in routines
 - Dismissal from the program

QUITTING OR DISMISSAL FROM THE PROGRAM

1. If your athlete quits or is dismissed from the program, a **\$200.00 dismissal fee** will be charged for breach of contract.

2. If your child gets hurt and is no longer able to practice for a long period of time, we expect that child to still be a part of the Team! If the family decides to leave the team, that is considered quitting; therefore, the **\$200 inconvenience fee will be applicable.**
3. You will **STILL** be held responsible for all **subsequent tuition payments**, which will be automatically drafted on the 1st of each month.
4. You will **forfeit** any money, services, and items previously paid to WCA.
 - a. **THIS INCLUDES:**
 - i. Paid private lessons, other paid WCA classes (Jump or Flying Class), tumbling, competition team practices, choreography practices, camps, open gym, etc.
 - ii. Uniforms, practice wear, bows, shoes, shirts, makeup, etc.
 - iii. All items that may have been paid in full but have not been physically handed to the athlete or parent yet. (Additional merchandise varies to include hoodies, headbands, beanies, etc.)

When a parent signs an athlete up for a cheer season, you are not just paying for week-to-week participation — you are committing to a *season-long financial agreement*. Here's why payment is still required even if the athlete stops participating:

1. **Team and Business Costs Are Fixed:**

Once a team is formed, expenses such as choreography, music, uniforms, competition registrations, insurance, staff wages, and facility costs are already paid or committed *up front* based on the total number of athletes. These fees do not decrease when one athlete leaves.
2. **Non-Refundable Vendor Payments:**

Many costs (like competitions, uniforms, or music) are paid in advance to outside vendors and are non-refundable to the gym. That means the organization still owes that money whether the athlete is active or not.
3. **Roster Commitments:**

Competitions require official rosters, and once a team is registered, the organization is financially responsible for that spot — even if an athlete withdraws.
4. **Team Impact:**

Each athlete's share of costs contributes to keeping the team affordable for everyone. If one family doesn't fulfill their financial commitment, the gym absorbs that loss, or it indirectly affects the other families.
5. **Contractual Agreement:**

Most programs require parents to sign a contract or policy agreement before the season starts. This outlines that fees are due in full regardless of attendance or withdrawal, ensuring fairness and stability for the program and other families.