

GRAVITY CHEER

Competitive Cheerleading Team Contract

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Parents & Cheerleaders must read this contract thoroughly and sign the bottom at time of registration. Failure to do so will result in not being able to compete in competition regardless of payments and attendance. Gravity Cheer has many competitive teams that accommodate cheerleaders grades k-12. There is a team for everyone. No one will be cut. All teams require a specific USASF credentialing level for all members. Gravity Cheer has many qualified coaches. Please feel free to talk with them regarding our teams and policies. If at any time you have a question regarding the Gravity Cheer competitive cheerleading teams or any other classes offered at GC, please feel free to call 631-676-2041.

What to bring to practice: Cheerleading sneakers must be worn at all times – these sneakers *may not* be worn from the outside (we need to keep the gym clean). Bring a water bottle. No jewelry is permitted, no gum chewing is permitted. Your nails must be cut short. No acrylic or fake nails. Food and drink may not be brought into the gym (except water). Wear comfortable, form fitting clothing. Shorts and tank top recommended. We do not recommend crop tops revealing athlete stomach/torso area. Hair must be worn up. Bring a good attitude. Do not bring valuables. The gym is not responsible for lost or stolen items. While at practice, athletes should keep ALL of their personal items in a backpack or sling bag. Nothing should be left out in the open. This includes phones and jewelry. Keep these in your bag.

Costs & Commitment: You will be making a commitment to a team or two. Due at the time of registration is tuition, uniform payment, registration fee and possibly competition payment depending on the date you register. At any time during the season, you decide to quit, please realize that there will be no refunds for anything including tuition, uniform, coaches fees, competition fees, or registration fees. You will receive a “payment sheet”. This payment sheet must be paid for in full regardless of attendance or commitment. Failure to pay off your entire payment sheet by all deadlines will result in late fees, suspension from team and/or legal action.

Teams: The team you are placed on will depend on age, grade, maturity, ability, need and credentialing. The team you are placed on is the decision of the coaches. Team levels may change at any time. Additional teams may be added at any time.

Tryouts/Evaluations: Once your child is placed on a roster, a deposit will be due to hold your child’s spot on that team. This deposit will be put towards your child’s competition entry fees, camp or tuition. It is not refundable or transferable. (2021 tryout fee was \$75 – Deposit of \$100 was also taken and will be put towards camp).

Competitions: We travel to many competitions. Please see the competition schedule for location, dates and cost. Competition payment is due 4 months prior to the competition date. If you decide to quit after your payment is made, you do not receive a refund. All competitions are mandatory for all team members. There are no exceptions. *Cheerleaders must watch each of our Gravity teams while at competition. Cheerleaders are not excused from competition until after Gravity’s last award ceremony. You will receive the seasons’ competition schedule no later than October 1st. Dates and Venues are subject to change. We cannot guarantee the number of teams competing in any division at any competition. Sometimes we compete against as many as 50 teams or as little as ourselves. If athlete does not participate in a competition, the fees are still due – we must still pay for that body in the routine whether we find a sub or not.

Uniforms: All team members must purchase a uniform. Remember, there are no refunds or exchanges for any uniform due to size or any other reason. Please make sure you order the right size and make sure you make the commitment to the team. Uniforms take 4-10 weeks to come in. Uniform includes skort & body liner. Additional items required: Socks, hair bow, cheer sneakers, make-up and practice clothes. Other clothing is available. New uniforms may be purchased as much as once per year.

Coaches fee: Each team member must pay an annual coaches fee. Coaches fee depends on the team. This pays for all coaches transportation, hotels, and coaches competition fees and some meals. Failure to pay coaches fee means failure to compete. This is nonrefundable if you decide to quit.

Practices & Tuitions: All team practices are mandatory. Failure to attend practices may result in being taken out of the competition routine without refunds of any sort. Team members have many practice opportunities available to them, therefore team tuition never gets prorated or discounted for any reason including injury. Tuition is always due at the beginning of each session/month (see payment sheet) or a late fee will be applied. All full year team members must practice over the summer. Full year team members get a one hour tumbling classes per week and a 45 minute flex class included with their tuition.

Removal From Routines: Athletes will absolutely be removed from competition routines without refund for any of the following reasons: a) abundance of absences from practice. b) absences the week prior to competition. c) payments not up to date. d) poor behavior. e) loss of skills required for team level. f) injury. g) safety reasons.

Keeping Informed: We try to keep our parents and cheerleaders well informed. To insure you know what is going on at all times read your emails, read our website. Follow us on Twitter and Face Book. Sign up for REMIND!

Surveillance: Gravity Cheer has surveillance cameras for your safety and ours.

Gravity Cheer Registration Form: Every participant must fill out a Gravity registration form at time of registration. These registration forms and team contracts may be filled out each year. Your tuition covers your registration fee.

Credit Card Form: All parents must have a credit card on file. Charges will be made at your request or after a deadline. There is a 3% fee added to all credit card payments except tuition.

USASF: Parents **MUST** register with USASF each year. Failure to do so will result in being pulled from all competitions. This athlete ID is mandatory to compete in any all star cheer competition nationwide. The USASF requires a birth certificate be uploaded to their system for every athlete.

Risk: Participation in cheerleading and gymnastics may result in injury or even death. I understand that my child is at risk for injury and I do not hold Gravity Cheer or staff responsible for any injury that may occur to my child while participating in these activities. I also understand that it is in my child's best interest to stay fit and healthy to help prevent injury. I also understand that I must have my own insurance to participate in all activities at Gravity Cheer.

Appearance Clause: I give Gravity Cheer the right and permission to film, photograph, or video tape my child for the use of advertisement. I understand that cheerleading photos or videos may be placed on the Gravity Cheer website and may also be hung on the walls of Gravity Cheer or other places of advertisement.

Miscellaneous:

HOTEL: Cheerleaders must stay in the same hotel as the team for **SOME** competitions. You will have advanced notification.

CHAPERONES: All cheerleaders grades 9 and below must be accompanied by a parent and/or chaperone throughout the trip. Cheerleaders grades 10-12 may have a parent attend trips and it is recommended, however not mandatory. All cheerleaders 17 and under must have a parent supervisor on all overnight trips. Coaches are not responsible for watching your child except Warm ups, Competition then awards.

TRAVELING: We bring all team contracts to competitions. Please include all emergency phone numbers and information on the signature portion of the agreement.

BEHAVIOR: If a cheerleader behaves illegally or in a matter that we are uncomfortable with, she/he will be removed the routine and a parent will be called to come and get her at the expense of the parents. Drinking, smoking, drugs, piercings, tattoos, cursing, to name a few, are all inappropriate and/or illegal practices and are not permitted on any cheerleading trips even with the permission from parent. These actions are also unacceptable if you are of age to do so.

PRIZE MONEY: Any prize money won by a team or gym goes back to the gym.

MEDICAL INSURANCE: All athletes must be fully insured by their parent or guardian.

Your Information Below: The information below will be used to add you to our contact information. Your cell numbers will be added to the remind app. Your email addresses will be added to the email distribution lists. This information is **NEVER** shared with any outside source. Please be neat and accurate. Print all three pages, read, sign, date, staple together and turn in.

COVID: Covid has resulted in some policy changes and will most likely continue to do so. Gravity has **NO** control over policies that need to be made due to covid guidelines.

Competitive Team Agreement **PRINT NEAT**

Cheerleaders Full Name: _____ Birth date: _____
month/day/year

Athlete Birth YEAR: _____

Parents' Full Names: _____

Phone #'s: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Other: _____

Emergency Phone Numbers: _____

Emails Addresses: Cheerleaders: _____ Parents: _____

Full Mailing Address: _____
You MUST include zip code

Any medication or medical concerns gravity should be aware of : _____

Signatures stating that you have read and agree to all terms of the Gravity Cheer Competitive Cheerleading Rules and Regulations:

Parents' Signatures _____ Date _____

Cheerleaders Signature _____ Date _____