New York All Stars 2025-2026 Dance Team Program Handbook



All Star Dance is BACK!

Did you know that New York All Stars Junior Dance Team took GRAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONS at the Spirit Brands National Championship in 2017? Renowned for our performance based cheerleading program, our spirit dance curriculum was a natural progression in our pre-Covid years and we are thrilled to bring it back!

Our All Star Dance program provides an introduction to technical skills and team performance with opportunities to perform locally and compete in jazz, lyrical and pom categories at the spirit events our program already attends. All Star Dance provides an introductory experience for dancers who may pursue a high school or collegiate level dance team, musical theatre or other performance art.

What to expect

In our first year resuming dance, we will offer one team, ages 10-16 for up to 12 dancers. Previous experience is not required. Registration is now open

To learn more about categories, divisions and skill levels in All Star Dance, visit: <u>unitedscoringpartners.org</u>

Season at a Hlance

SUMMER 2025

- Optional Tumbling Classes and Virtual Flexibility Training will be offered and are highly encouraged.
- All Star Boot Camp: *Exact Schedule depends on team.

SEPTEMBER-MARCH Training & Performance Season

Includes fun events like Cheer & Dance Night at Citi Field and the St. Patrick's Day Parade

MARCH-MAY Competition Season

All teams may have extended practices during this time at no extra cost.

Practice schedule will be based on Team Placement and Availability surveys which will be distributed in June. If we cannot accommodate your availability, placement on a team is not guaranteed.

Ways to Save Here are all the ways New York All Stars helps you save.

Tuition Discounts

Save on your tuition with these discounts:

Sibling/Multi-class Discount

Save 5% per additional student/class in the same household and on the same account. Applies to ALL NYAS programs!

Pay in Full Season Tuition by August 25th Save 10%

Refer a Friend!

When you refer a new family who joins ANY New York All Stars program, you'll receive a \$10 credit! Be sure they e-mail us your name upon registration to receive the credit. No limit!

Fundraising Opportunities

We are committed to keeping this program accessible. While cheerleading does come with necessary expenses, we provide optional fundraising opportunities to help reduce or even eliminate your balance. Inpast seasons, some families have paid their entire tuition through just one fundraiser! We will kick off the season with our most successful fundraiser - **Double Good Popcorn,** this July!

Want to help shape our fundraising efforts? Join the Parent Fundraising Committee and be part of the planning team!

Support Our Mission

New York All Stars is a fiscally sponsored project of Fractured Atlas, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts service organization. That means all donations are tax-deductible and go directly toward keeping our program affordable.

Please consider making a one-time or recurring donation or inviting local businesses to become supporters. Every bit helps our stars shine brighter!

Your Financial Commitment

Payment Policies

Monthly Payment Plans

Families on a monthly payment plan must enroll in Auto-Pay with either a credit/debit card or ACH draft via the secure parent portal. Your account will be charged on the 25th of each month for the upcoming month's tuition. Monthly payments are a way to fulfill your season-long tuition commitment—they do not represent a month-to-month enrollment. You are responsible for the full tuition amount for the season. **PLEASE NOTE: In order to ensure accounting accuracy, we will NOT ACCEPT Venmo, Zelle, Apple Pay for monthly tuition payments.** All payments must be made through the parent portal. You may update your payment information at any time. Alternative forms of payment will only be accepted for point of sale merchandise.

<u>Tuition</u>

Tuition is non-refundable and will not be pro-rated, refunded, or credited due to scheduled closures, inclement weather, or other circumstances beyond our control—including but not limited to public health emergencies, safety concerns, mechanical issues, or natural disasters. In the case of an extended closure, programming will resume virtually. If a class is canceled due to instructor illness, every effort will be made to schedule a makeup class. If more than two classes are canceled in a single semester and cannot be made up, a credit will be applied to your family's account for future use. Tuition rates are based on the full season and include all regularly scheduled classes. Additional practices scheduled near events are included at no extra charge

Late and Returned Payments

A \$35 fee will be automatically applied to any returned or declined transaction or fee that is 5 days late.

Outstanding Balances

Students with unpaid balances will not be permitted to attend classes, rehearsals, or performances. You cannot register for events, additional classes or merchandise if you owe a balance. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact us as soon as possible—we're happy to discuss options such as individual fundraisers to help meet your tuition commitment.

Cancelling Membership

We carefully place each member on the team with consideration for the entire season. Quitting mid-year can cause the team significant set-backs. Canceling membership after January 1st will result in a charge of \$150 to replace your athlete, re-choreograph and train a new member. If the fee is not collected, you will continue to be billed for the remainder of the season and subject to collections pursuit.

ALL STAR DANCE FEES

*Fees with asterisks do not apply to those also particiapting in NYAS CHEERLEADING.

Annual Registration	\$35
Monthly Tuition Tuition is automatically charged on the 25 th of the month and covers the cost of weekly practices during the regular season only. Tuition is billed September to May with the first payment due on 8/25/25. 10% Savings when you pay in full by August 25th.	\$60
Official New York All Stars 2025-26 T-Shirt *Required for dancers. Available for family members as well! **Customize the back for \$8 Orders are due July 1st. This is the ONLY time during the season we will offer customization!	*\$20
Costumes Due August 1st	\$125
Mets Cheer & Dance Night *All dancers and spectators need a ticket - Cheerleaders perform on the field at CitiField! Due September 1st	*\$50
Optional Warm-up Jacket and Pants *Jacket only is \$95 Due October 1st	*\$160
Competition Fees Dancers should anticipate roughly \$85 per competition. NYAS Cheerleaders who dance only pay crossover fees! Roughly \$35 per event. Due March 1st	<u>TBA</u>
Six Flags Great Adventure Cheer and Dance Fest All cheerleaders and spectators purchase the All-Inclusive Park Ticket and Event Wristband. Six Flags season pass holders may purchase just the event wristband. Psst: You can fundraise your entire order! Due April 1st - Earlier deadline ensures biggest discounts!	*\$70 <u>*approximate</u>
Showcase & Awards We honor each dancer for the hard work by producing an annual Showcase and presenting each cheerleader with awards and special recognition.	\$50

Showcase & Awards fees are due May 1st, 2026

On your own:

Dance shoes: Dancers may wear any brand of tan slip on jazz shoe to practices and performances. Check the BAND for recommendations.

Hotels: For two day events, a hotel is needed. We will coordinate group blocks or you may book on your own. Optional for one day events.

New York All Stars Program Policies

1. Students should be prepared and on time for every scheduled class or event. This includes proper attire, hair away from the face, and water. Water is the only beverage allowed!

2. Attendance: Attendance at all practices and events is **mandatory**. You must communicate in advance if your child will be late or miss a class due to illness or a pre-planned conflict. Punctuality is also important. If your child is late to practice they are missing valuable warm-up and conditioning time which could cause injury. Frequent tardies or unexcused absences will result in your child losing the privilege to perform or compete. **Please note: Practice the two weeks before a competition is mandatory. If your child is not at the last practice before an event for any reason**, <u>they will not compete</u>. You can log an expected absence in your Parent Portal – the link is available on our website: www.newyorkallstars.org

3. **Classes are drop-off**, except for invited performances. While we have allowed parents to stay, the noise is challenging for teaching due to an echo in the gym. Parents who stay in the gym are asked to quietly watch practice without talking. Parents more than 15 minutes late for pick-up may be subject to a \$15 late pick up fee to cover the cost of our staff's overtime.

4. What to wear: Dance shoes, New York All Stars t-shirt or black leotard, black leggings or shorts. Girls should wear a sports bra or tank under t-shirts. You may also purchase NYAS practice wear from our online store. We will also have several in-uniform/costume practices. Hair should be up and out of the face. Performances will have required hair styles and make-up. ABSOLUTELY NO JEWELRY OF ANY KIND, including stud earrings. These are significant safety risk and we will not be responsible for lost or misplaced jewelry.

5. **During classes:** No food, No Gum, No Phones (unless the device is used for instruction/music/research under the supervision of a teacher). Water is the only beverage allowed at practice.

6. **No side-coaching:** Parents should try to avoid coaching children during classes or performances. Our staff will provide guidance for how to help your child practice at home.

7. Join the BAND APP: This is a required tool which we will use for communication, practice tips and challenges and sharing of videos and pictures.

8. The New York All Stars brand is the result of dedicated collaboration with our trusted partner vendors and the creative vision of our team. While we love seeing team spirit and enthusiasm, the replication, reproduction, or sale of merchandise featuring our name and/or logo without prior authorization is strictly prohibited.

2025-2026 Event Schedule

Schedule is subject to change, but please put all dates on your calendar and notify us immediately of known conflicts.

Saturday, September 13th First Day of Regular Season Practices

September - TBA Mets Cheer and Dance Night at Citifield

Saturday, November 29th Thanksgiving Weekend - NO PRACTICE OR CLASSES

Saturday, December 13th Holiday Showcase and Gift Exchange

December 22nd - January 2nd Holiday Break - NO PRACTICE OR CLASSES

January 19th-25th NYAS Musical Production - NO PRACTICE OR CLASSES

February 14th- 20th President's Week/NYAS Performing Arts in Orlando - NO PRACTICE OR CLASSES

Saturday, March 21st McLean Ave St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday, March 22nd Competition in Lincroft, NJ - Tentative

March 30th - April 5th Spring Break - NO PRACTICE OR CLASSES

April 11th & 12th Competition in Wildwoods, NJ - TWO DAY EVENT - Tentative

April 26th Competition in Lincroft, NJ - ALL TEAMS

May 2nd - 3rd Nationals in Atlantic City, NJ - Tentative May 10th Six Flags Great Adventure CheerFest - ALL TEAMS 2025-2026 Awards Showcase & Cheer Gala Saturday, May 16th, 2026

Our Community Standards

At New York All Stars, we are committed to building a positive, inclusive environment that nurtures leadership, teamwork, and wellness. By enrolling in our program, all students, parents, and caregivers agree to uphold our COMMUNITY STANDARDS.

We expect all members of our community to treat one another with kindness, respect, and integrity. We recognize and appreciate the hard work and dedication required to deliver a high-quality experience for every participant.

We have zero tolerance for abusive or inappropriate language, behavior, or actions directed at any student, parent, or staff member or at any event. Consistently disruptive behavior that cannot be managed in class may result in removal from the program without a refund.

If you have a concern or complaint, we ask that it be addressed respectfully and privately, away from the presence of other families. We are here to support you and take concerns seriously. Please email us or request a phone call or meeting with an administrator or teacher.

Failure to adhere to our Community Standards by any student or family member may result in immediate dismissal from the program without refund.

Ready to Register?

- Visit our website at: www.newyorkallstars.org
- Click the link for the parent portal to create an account.
- Register for Tiny Stars, Club Cheer or All Star Cheer.
- Complete your registration and try-out payment.
- Keep an eye on your e-mail for further details.

Questions? E-mail: office.nyas@gmail.com