



VEGA STARS ELITE
Rules & Policies
2025–2026 Season

PAYMENT POLICY

- A valid credit or debit card must be kept on file for all enrolled athletes. No exceptions will be made.
 - Tuition is due on the 15th of each month and will be automatically charged to the card on file.
 - If a payment is declined, a \$35.00 fee will be assessed.
 - Tuition is not prorated for holidays, breaks, or unforeseen gym closures.
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REFUND POLICY

Vega Stars Elite has a strict **no refund** policy. Any fees paid or accrued prior to a withdrawal date remain the responsibility of the parent/guardian. No refunds will be issued for tuition, merchandise, travel expenses, or any other program-related fees under any circumstances.

DISMISSAL POLICY

Vega Stars Elite reserves the right to refuse service or dismiss any athlete or family who fails to comply with program policies or exhibits behavior deemed inappropriate or disruptive to the program's values and expectations.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Consistent attendance is essential to the success of each team and the program as a whole. All athletes are expected to prioritize Vega Stars Elite (VSE) practices and events over other

extracurricular activities. Excessive absences disrupt team progression and may result in removal from choreography, withholding of services or items, or dismissal from the program.

General Guidelines:

- Unexcused absences exceeding **three (3) per season** are considered unacceptable and will be reviewed on an individual basis.
- All absences must be communicated **via text** directly to the Head Coach.
- **Athletes arriving 10 or more minutes late** to class will not be permitted to participate in that day's class and will be marked absent. However, they may remain in the facility to complete the warm-up routine.
- **VSE practices and events take precedence** over any non-VSE activities, including school clubs, sports, or personal events.

Excessive Absences May Result In:

- Changes or removal from competition routines
- Withholding of items, services, or participation privileges
- Dismissal from the program

Excused Absences Include (but are not limited to):

- Death in the family
- School-related functions that impact academic grades (must be communicated a minimum of **2 weeks in advance**)
- Contagious illness with a valid **doctor's note**

Unexcused Absences Include (but are not limited to):

- Illness without a doctor's note
- Traffic, travel delays, or long-distance driving conflicts

BLACKOUT PRACTICES

Athletes are required to attend all practices and classes scheduled **within two weeks** of a competition or performance. Failure to attend may result in removal from the event at the discretion of the coaching staff.

COMMUNICATION

- VSE will communicate primarily via text and program-specific apps. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to keep contact information updated at all times.
 - App notifications **must** be enabled for updates, reminders, and schedule changes.
 - Program apps are for VSE information only. Concerns must be addressed respectfully and privately with the Head Coach.
 - Disrespectful, negative, or inappropriate comments will result in removal from communication platforms and/or dismissal from the program.
 - Athletes and parents must refrain from speaking negatively about staff, teammates, or other gyms.
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SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

- Athletes and parents may not post inappropriate or negative content on any social media platforms.
 - Team videos, music, or routines may **not** be posted online without written permission.
 - Skill videos may only be shared with approval from coaching staff.
 - Social media usernames may not include "VSE," "Vega Stars Elite," or any team names without permission.
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FUNDRAISING REQUIREMENTS

Each season, Vega Stars Elite hosts three mandatory fundraising events:

- Car Wash
- Raffle #1
- Raffle #2

Athletes are required to sell a specified number of raffle tickets for each event.

Parents/guardians are financially responsible for any unsold tickets. Please note that fundraising activities and requirements are subject to change at the discretion of the program.

ATHLETE DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

- Athletes may arrive **5–10 minutes** before class. They are not permitted on equipment until class begins.
 - Early drop-off or late pick-up will incur a **\$10.00 fee**.
 - Any athlete dropped off or picked up more than **30 minutes** before/after class will incur a **\$30.00 fee**.
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PRACTICE RULES

- All practices are closed to spectators.
- Family members may not coach their athlete during practice.
- The following items and behaviors are **not permitted**:
 - Jewelry (including belly, nose, and earrings)
 - Long or sculpted nails
 - Gum during practices or events
 - Use of cell phones during practice (phones must be turned in to the team phone box)
 - Unauthorized videotaping

- Pets inside the gym
- Practice wear must be worn as scheduled. Additional conditioning or consequences may be assigned for non-compliance.

COMPETITION & PERFORMANCE POLICY

- All competitions and performances are **mandatory** and subject to change.
- Not all teams will attend the same competitions.
- Athletes must attend all scheduled events, regardless of current status (including suspension).

Competition Day Expectations:

- Full uniform and hair/makeup completed **before arrival**.
- VSE cover up must be worn over the uniform until warmups begin.
- Parents are not permitted in warm-up areas after athlete check-in.
- Phones should remain down during performances unless placed on a stand.
- Athletes must attend all awards ceremonies and remain in full uniform with their cover-up.
- Team photos will be taken after awards before dismissal.
- Parents are expected to wear VSE attire or gym colors and support respectfully.
- Athletes must display good sportsmanship at all times, including clapping for other teams and cheering appropriately.

BID COMPETITIONS

Select teams, including Mini Masters and Elite University, are eligible to receive invitations (bids) to prestigious end-of-season competitions. These events are considered an honor and are often a reward for the team's performance throughout the season.

Important Information for Bid Competitions:

- Bid events are typically travel competitions, which may require airfare, hotel accommodations, rental vehicles, and other travel-related expenses.
- In many cases, official bid invitations are not received until anywhere from a few weeks to two months prior to the event.
- Once a bid is received, there is usually a payment deadline within 2 to 4 weeks. These fees are non-negotiable and must be paid promptly to secure the team's participation.
- Participation in these events is mandatory for athletes on selected teams.
- Families should begin preparing early for the potential financial commitment associated with these competitions.

We encourage Mini Masters and Elite University families to budget and plan in advance, as bid events are a significant part of the all-star cheer experience and provide athletes with unforgettable memories and prestigious performance opportunities.

TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

All athletes and parents are responsible for arranging and funding their own travel to and from competitions, including end-of-season events. All athletes must arrive at the designated hotel/destination **by 6:00 PM the night before** the scheduled competition.

INJURY POLICY

- Injuries must be reported promptly and accompanied by a doctor's note.
- Injured athletes must continue to pay tuition and fees and attend as many practices as possible.

- Upon recovery, athletes may not be reinserted into choreography if the coaching staff deems it in the best interest of the team.
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REPRESENTATION & BEHAVIOR

VSE expects all athletes and parents to uphold our values of respect, commitment, loyalty, and teamwork.

- Disrespectful behavior, gossip, or attempts to slander the gym, staff, or teammates will result in immediate dismissal.
 - Athletes and parents must conduct themselves with grace and humility in both victory and defeat.
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VSE LOGO USAGE POLICY

The Vega Stars Elite logo, gym name, and team names may **not** be reproduced or used on apparel, merchandise, or any promotional items without written approval. Unauthorized use or distribution is a direct violation of this policy and will be subject to disciplinary action.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Vega Stars Elite programs represent a **season-long financial and competitive commitment**. Any decision to withdraw an athlete from either program has both financial and eligibility consequences, outlined as follows:

1. **Tuition Responsibility**
If you choose to withdraw your athlete for **any reason**, you remain **responsible for the remainder of the season's tuition**.
2. **Buyout Option**
You may opt to **buy out the remainder of your contract** for a flat fee of **\$500 OR the total balance remaining on your tuition, whichever is greater**.
3. **Forfeiture of Items**
Any uniforms, apparel, or merchandise that has not yet been distributed **will not be**

issued and will be forfeited upon withdrawal or removal from the program.

4. Posted Fees

All **fees already posted to your account** (e.g., choreography, camp, music, competition entry, etc.) **are your responsibility** and must be paid in full regardless of withdrawal status.

5. Influencing Others

If a parent, guardian, or athlete **influences or encourages other athletes to leave** the program, legal action may be pursued and **you may be subject to civil suit** for damages and breach of contract.

6. Non-Compete Clause

Upon withdrawal or removal, your athlete **may not join or compete with any other competitive cheerleading team** until the start of the following competitive season.

Tiny Team (Ages 4–6) Withdrawal Policy

Tiny athletes are enrolled on a month-to-month basis. If you wish to withdraw your Tiny athlete:

- Written notice must be submitted via email to info@vegastarselite.com at least 15 days prior to your next scheduled payment date.
- Failure to provide timely notice will result in responsibility for the upcoming month's tuition.
- No refunds will be issued for partial months or missed practices.

Important Notes for Tiny Athletes:

- Once withdrawn, athletes may not re-enroll until the following month, and re-enrollment is not guaranteed.
- All outstanding account balances must be paid in full before re-enrollment will be considered.
- This policy ensures appropriate staffing, planning, and fairness to all team members.



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RULES AND POLICIES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & AGREEMENT

Athlete Agreement

As a member of Vega Stars Elite, I understand and agree to uphold all rules, policies, and expectations outlined in the Rules & Policy Handbook. I recognize that being part of this program requires dedication, respect, and commitment.

Athlete Printed Name: _____ **Date:** _____
Athlete Signature (if age 12 or older): _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Agreement

As the parent/guardian of the above-named athlete, I understand my role as a supporter of my athlete and the Vega Stars Elite program. I agree to encourage good sportsmanship, adhere to all program policies, and maintain respectful conduct at all times. I acknowledge that Vega Stars Elite enforces a strict No Refund policy and agree to remain financially responsible and in good standing throughout the season.

By signing below, I confirm that I have read, understand, and agree to all terms outlined in the Rules & Policies Handbook. I acknowledge that participation in Vega Stars Elite requires a commitment of time, finances, and sportsmanship. I understand that failure to comply with this agreement may result in financial or legal consequences, including collection efforts or legal action.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____ **Date:** _____