

ZACHARY CHEER ATHLETICS

COMPETITIVE PROGRAM INFORMATION PACKET • SEASON 7

WELCOME PARENTS, ATHLETES, & FAMILIES

Thank you for choosing ZCA as your premier cheerleading program. We are embarking on our **7th competitive season**, and we are very excited! ZCA has quickly become a well-recognized name in the cheerleading industry.

Accountability, commitment, integrity, hard work, respect, trust, responsibility, humbled achievements, and being family-centered are what make ZCA truly a unique place to learn and enjoy the sport of cheerleading. More important than any title or award, our athletes learn skills that benefit them throughout every area of their lives. Our goal is to train athletes to be **champions on and off the mat**. We want to ensure your athlete learns skills while having fun and making lifelong friendships. Our athletes are the leaders of the future. We will teach them time management, commitment, how to overcome adversity, and teamwork.

In this packet, you will find all the information needed to become a competitive All-Star cheerleader at ZCA. As you review this information and consider joining, we ask that you please read all requirements including, but not limited to, attendance, financial and time commitments, policies, and procedures. Competitive cheerleading is a select team sport and is very demanding from a time and financial standpoint. It is a commitment that should not be entered into lightly. Please make sure you are capable and willing to commit to the mandatory practice schedule, competition schedule, and financial responsibilities required.

We are interested in athletes and parents who will fully commit to this year-round sport and remain loyal to their team and our program. With hard work, loyalty, and dedication, together we can be successful and achieve great things.

If you have any questions after reviewing the information in this packet, feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,
ZCA Staff

WHAT IS ALL-STAR CHEER?

All-Star cheer is a competitive sport. Teams are typically affiliated with a gym; All-Star teams differ from those that primarily support school or recreational sports. All-Star athletes train and perform for the challenge of competition in a fast-paced and highly dynamic environment. They focus on skills and a routine comprised of dance, tumbling, jumps, and stunts. While some skills are individually developed (such as tumbling or dancing), partner stunts, pyramids, and tosses require a great deal of teamwork and synchronization. There is no voicing of chants or cheers like school cheer. Athletes are placed on teams based upon their age and ability. Regardless of prior experience, we have teams for ages 3 and up, from beginners to advanced levels.

ALL-STAR TIERS

Teams are formed based on competitive tiers for every ability level from novice to elite:

NOVICE

- **Target:** For athletes who are new to All-Star but are ready for performance-based teams evaluated at events. Focuses on strengthening technique and performance skills.
- **Commitment:** Full year commitment.
- **Practice:** 2 hours of practice a week (either two 1-hour days or one 2-hour day). Extra practices may be called at the discretion of the coach.
- **Competitions:** 5–6 competitions plus an end-of-season showcase (compete 1 day).

PREP

- **Target:** For athletes with limited tumbling who want to strengthen technique and performance skills in a competitive atmosphere.
- **Commitment:** Full year commitment.
- **Practice:** 2 practices per week, 2 hours long each. Extra practices may be called at the discretion of the coach.
- **Competitions:** 6–7 competitions plus an end-of-season showcase (compete 1 day).

ELITE

- **Target:** For athletes with strong cheer training and solid technical ability. Elite teams are comprised of athletes ready for highly competitive performance levels.
- **Commitment:** Full year commitment.
- **Practice:** 2 practices per week, 2 hours long each. Extra practices may be called at the discretion of the coach.
- **Competitions:** 6–7 competitions plus an end-of-season showcase (compete 2 days).

PERFORMANCE REC CHEER

Performance Rec cheer is a competitive sport. Teams are typically affiliated with a gym. Our athletes train and perform for the challenge of competition in a fast-paced and highly dynamic environment. They focus on skills and a routine comprised of dance, tumbling, jumps, and stunts. Partner stunts, pyramids, and tosses require synchronization and team uniformity. There is voicing of chants or cheers similar to school cheer. Regardless of prior experience, we have teams for ages 4 and up, from beginners to advanced levels.

STAFF & GOVERNANCE

ABOUT OUR STAFF

Our staff members are USASF and/or USA Cheer certified. They come from a variety of backgrounds in cheer, including school, all-star, professional, and collegiate levels. All staff are trained in concussion and injury protocols, and select staff members are CPR certified. Our staff is completely dedicated to the sport of cheerleading.

USASF MEMBERSHIP

ZCA is a member of the USASF, the largest membership organization for all-star cheer. We follow the USASF code of conduct and compliance to create a safe, positive environment for all participants while promoting the highest standards of respect and integrity. All of our coaches are USASF credentialed and have clear background checks. We are certified in many areas of the sport. All of our athletes are required to be USASF certified. We will send out detailed information when this is required. There is a fee required for this (this past season it was \$49.00 and is paid directly to USASF). Please be aware that a birth certificate is required when registering your athlete through USASF.

PRACTICE & ATTENDANCE

"Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard."

You are making a TEAM commitment. Cheerleading is the epitome of a team sport. Attendance and promptness are expected. We want you, your athlete, their teammates, and our families to get the full benefit of our program. Athletes are required to report to all practices ON TIME. In this sport, it takes 100% attendance to hold a full team practice. You will receive practice days and times a few days after tryouts/placements. Practices may be changed and/or added throughout the season at any time. Extra practices will be added during competition season.

CRITICAL POLICY: BLACKOUT WEEKS

PRACTICES CAN NOT BE MISSED THE WEEK BEFORE A COMPETITION. These practices are critical to the team's performance. If your athlete misses a practice the week of a competition, they may be removed from the routine for that event.

Summer practice schedules may change after school starts to accommodate school schedules. We understand summertime vacations; we just ask that you please communicate any prior scheduled events with your coaches ASAP. Competition schedules are provided at the beginning of the season so families can set their schedules for the entire year.

Excessive absences will result in the athlete being pulled from upcoming performances or competitions at the discretion of the coaching staff. If the problem continues, the athlete may be removed from the program. **Zero unexcused absences are allowed.**

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Excused absences are strictly limited to:

- School functions for a graded requirement
- Immediate death in the family
- Illness/injury with an official doctor's note
- Pre-planned vacations discussed and approved by the coach well in advance

ALL excused absences must be communicated with the coach IMMEDIATELY. If you do not let us know timely, it is very challenging for our staff to accommodate an entire team around your athlete's absence.

DISCIPLINARY HOLDING POLICY

Holding your athlete out of practice for disciplinary actions at home or school will not be acceptable. As you are not only disciplining your child, you are hurting the entire team. Although education is very important, missing practice for homework/studying is not acceptable. Athletes need to learn time management. Practices are only twice a week; they must study and do their homework efficiently so they do not get behind.

INJURIES

Unfortunately, injuries can happen. In the event that an injury occurs, **the athlete is still expected to attend practice and every other commitment to the program.** If an injury occurs, there is a possibility the athlete's spot in the routine could be changed. We will need a doctor's note for all injuries to sit out of practice, as well as a doctor's note for the athlete to return to active practice. *No tuition adjustments will be made during times of injury.*

Drop-off & Pick-up: Please pick up your athlete on time. Do not drop them off earlier than 10 minutes prior to their scheduled practice time.

GENERAL GYM & COMPETITION RULES

GENERAL GYM RULES

- Only athletes and coaches are allowed in the practice areas. All parents and siblings must remain in the upstairs viewing area unless practice is closed.
- No food, gum, or colored drinks are allowed on the mats.
- Athletes are not allowed on equipment unless supervised by a coach.
- Fingernails must be kept at a safe, short length.
- Athletes are expected to arrive on time for practices, in proper attire, with no jewelry, and hair secured out of their face so it does not interfere with the routine. We are not responsible for valuables brought into the gym.
- All athletes will behave in a respectful manner. Unsatisfactory behavior may result in removal from practice or the team.

- **Parking:** Parking is permitted in the back parking lot ONLY. Parking in front and directly behind the building is strictly reserved for coaches. Do not block the drive-through area.
- Only athletes are allowed to enter the gym through the back doors. Parents must enter through the front and go directly to the upstairs viewing area.
- Alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs are NOT allowed on ZCA property. No one under the influence is allowed on the property at any time.

COMPETITION RULES

- An athlete's participation in competitions is mandatory. Missing a competition may result in dismissal from the program. Awards are mandatory. Coaches are not responsible to keep track of awards for athletes; if an athlete does not attend awards, they may not receive it.
- No loud or bright fingernail polish is permitted at events.
- Hair and makeup must be worn exactly as instructed by the coaching staff.
- Athletes must be in full uniform for awards. No casual pants, jackets, slippers, or flip-flops are allowed. All athletes MUST stay for awards unless there is an emergency situation.
- All athletes and parents should be respectful to competition staff, other athletes, coaches, and families from other gyms.
- **Itineraries:** Itineraries are given out prior to the competition (usually on Wednesdays or Thursdays). We typically do not receive official competition times until the week of the event. Please pay close attention to arrival times. Warm-ups are very crucial; if an athlete is not present, it complicates the entire process. **A \$20.00 fee will be assessed for any athlete arriving more than 15 minutes after the designated meet time (no excuses).**
- The staff will meet with teams and parents at their discretion after competing to go over scoresheets, etc. Please allow coaches time to get the scoresheets and review them. We have a very limited amount of time to review and dispute the score sheet. Please be respectful of this window.
- Do not talk negatively about any of our athletes regardless of how they performed. Remember, no one is perfect and it's our coaches' responsibility to coach the athletes.
- We ask that you support all of our teams at competitions. Energy is EVERYTHING, and these athletes work very hard!

ATHLETE CONDUCT

Athletes will conduct themselves appropriately while in the gym and when wearing any ZCA apparel or representing ZCA (this includes pictures and social media posts). Any negative or disruptive behavior can result in immediate removal from the program. All athletes and parents are a direct reflection of our program and should conduct themselves appropriately at all times. Disrespectful or negative behavior in any way is grounds for immediate removal from our program.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT & COMMUNICATION

We would not be successful without the support from our families. We want every parent to feel comfortable and informed about his/her child; therefore, we make every effort to keep all lines of communication open.

Mandatory Communication Channel: All updates and important information will be sent through the **BAND app**. It is imperative that you have this app and read it daily. There is a lot of information sent out throughout the season. Please keep in mind that there are a lot of athletes and families, and only a few staff members. Please read all notifications before texting or calling. Most of our staff have more than one job; we may not be able to answer immediately, but we will as soon as possible. We do ask that when approaching a coach or director/owner in regards to a concern, you consider a "24-hour" approach before you reach out.

Unless there is an emergency that requires immediate attention, **please do not interrupt practice**. Interruptions during practice are a huge distraction to both athletes and coaches. We want to ensure we are devoting the practice time to the team. Please do not stop the coach at the end of your athlete's practice (unless there is an emergency) as most of our coaches coach more than one team and will need to get to their next team immediately.

There will be times the gym is closed to practices (tryouts, choreo camp, week of competitions, and holidays). Please understand this may happen at any time throughout the season.

Parents are not allowed at any time to spot athletes. There is no unsupervised tumbling allowed in the gym without a coach present. Perfection before progression is the key to great technical skills. We will not teach advanced skills until we feel as though your athlete is ready. Please be patient and remember you are paying for the process of achieving goals.

As a parent, you will not agree with every decision we make. The staff will make decisions for the interest of the entire team and program. You must be willing to trust the program and the process. Any negative talk about the program could cause for dismissal of your athlete. Bring concerns directly to the staff, do not gossip to others.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

We want to make sure all social media communication and posts are always positive. As a parent and an athlete of ZCA, you are a huge representation of the company. We do not condone athletes or parents cursing, swearing, or posting negativity about our program, athletes, families, gyms, or competitions. If anything of this manner is brought to our attention, you may be asked to remove it.

We do not promote athlete or parent communication/groups that we do not set up through Band. This form of communication can easily become problematic and negative. We do not condone bullying or cyberbullying in any way; if this becomes an issue, it may result in disciplinary action.

ATTIRE & TEAM ROLES

ATTIRE REQUIREMENTS

Athletes are required to be dressed and ready to work out at the practice start time. There will be a set practice wear schedule for the season. Athletes are required to follow this schedule.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITY

Parents, it is your responsibility to ensure your athlete has on the required attire. Hair should be securely tied back at the start of practice. **Not long fingernails. Athletes should not wear or bring jewelry into the gym.** ZCA is NOT responsible for lost or broken jewelry.

Disciplinary action will be taken for athletes who are out of uniform at the discretion of the coach (NO exceptions). This will apply to every athlete, no matter the circumstances. If you are out of uniform, you will be required to do assigned conditioning. If any required gear is lost, damaged, or no longer fits, the items must be reordered at the athlete's expense. All items are required for the ENTIRE season.

FLYERS SPECIFIC POLICY

If your athlete is chosen as a flyer for their team, they will require extra practice. There will be a couple of flyer classes throughout the week; 1 of these classes will be strictly required. There will also be a flyers Band group just for flyers. They will be required to take pictures, videos of stretching, etc., as per instructed by the coach. If these requirements are not met, the athlete may risk losing their spot. They will also have extra conditioning as a result.

ATHLETE ROLES & POSITIONS ON THE TEAM

Each athlete is chosen for a pivotal role in each routine. No role/position is anymore important than the other. The coaches choose the role/position based off of a full team approach. Each athlete works incredibly hard. They all have strengths and weaknesses, and teams are put together with every aspect in mind. Your child's role/position may change throughout the season based off the needs of the team. Please be mindful this is a TEAM sport and it is not personal. Please remind yourself and your athlete your responsibility as a TEAM player is to work on being your best and to bring your best wherever you are.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS & POLICIES

Please carefully consider the financial responsibility for all costs involved. All-Star cheer, like many youth activities, can be costly. We are committed to keeping it as simple and as organized as possible to increase the value of your experience and to lessen the burden on your family. We will offer various fundraising endeavors throughout the season to help alleviate the cost, should you choose to participate. All-Star cheer is a 12-month commitment (June – May). Tuition is due by the 15th of each month. Tuition is not prorated by the amount of practices in the month.

IMMEDIATE DROP FEE

A drop fee of **\$500.00** will be immediately charged to the account on file if you decide to drop your child from the program after choreography.

SEMI-INCLUSIVE MONTHLY PRICING

This season we are offering semi-inclusive pricing. Our semi-inclusive pricing includes monthly team tuition, competition fees, and coaches' fees.

Payment Billing Schedule: Monthly team tuition will be drafted on the 15th of each month. **Competition fees will be charged on the 1st of the month starting August through January.**

What is NOT included: This fee does not include the end-of-season event for elite teams, or any other competition that is not on the original schedule, or coaches' fees to those specific events. If your athlete's team is chosen to participate at any added competitions that are not on the original schedule, the total amount due will be due no later than 30 days prior to the event. If you do not pay timely, your athlete will be removed from the routine and will jeopardize their placement on their team.

DRAFT & PAYMENT RULES

- All athletes must have a CURRENT bank auto-draft form or account information on file. If your account information changes, it is your responsibility to notify us immediately in order not to incur extra charges.
- Tuition will be drafted on the 15th of each month, and competition fees will be drafted on the 1st of each month (August – January).
- All returned fees will be charged a **\$30.00 NSF fee**.
- If the fee is returned, it is the responsibility of the guardian to pay the amount by the 20th to avoid a **\$30.00 late fee**.
- You will have until the 30th to pay any past due balance. After the 30th, your account will be in default. At that time, the athlete will not be able to participate in any practice, competition, classes, or private lessons until the account balance is brought current.

ADDITIONAL DRAFT NOTE

All other additional expenses such as practice wear, uniform, choreography, music, and skill camps will be drafted from the account on file on the specified DUE DATE! Late fees are not negotiable. It is your responsibility to ensure invoiced areas are paid timely.

REFUNDS & FINANCIAL RULES

- **NO REFUNDS GIVEN FOR ANY REASON.** Fundraisers are completely non-refundable and non-transferable. All money raised from a fundraiser will only be credited to your athlete's account. You may not keep any money from fundraisers; even if you have a zero balance, it can only credit your athlete's account.
- All tuition and fees must be current before an athlete may compete, or collect any apparel, uniforms, practice wear, competition earnings, etc.

AVAILABLE DISCOUNTS

- **College Tuition Discount:** Available for athletes currently enrolled in college.
- **Sibling Discount:** \$50.00 off the monthly fee for the second child and any child after that.
- **Tumbling Class Add-On:** \$50.00 for tumbling class if you wish to enroll your child in an extra tumbling class. Tumbling classes are highly recommended.
- **Season Pass:** New this season, a season pass will be offered! Details will be given out ASAP.

ADDITIONAL MANDATORY EXPENSES	NON-MANDATORY ITEMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel to and from competitions / Lodging if unable to commute. • Entry fees for specific non-standard competitions. • Food and other costs associated with travel. • Parking at some venues. • Makeup/glitter for your athlete. • Practice at facilities that charge (e.g., NCA, Cheersport, end-of-season events). • End-of-season practice wear. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm-up suit. • ZCA Rebel Dream Bag (backpack). • ZCA baseball-style jersey with athlete or fan's name. • ZCA athlete and fan apparel (sold throughout the season). • ZCA slides. • Team parties, send-off bags, banquets, holiday parties, etc.

"To me it's not just winning. It's what we are building as athletes and adults in this life."

- JOSEFINA CORONEL (CHEER MOM)

EVENTS & SCHEDULES

STAY-TO-PLAY EVENTS

We will attend events that are designated by the event producer (Varsity) as "Stay-to-Play" events. We will receive a block of rooms from Varsity in which we will be required to book. This is a Varsity rule; this is not a ZCA rule. All athletes competing must comply with this rule. Failure to comply can result in our entire program being disqualified from the event. This information is monitored and enforced strictly by Varsity.

END OF SEASON EVENTS

End-of-season events are decided based off of bids that are received by winning events throughout the season. End-of-season event pricing is NOT added into the monthly tuition/comp fee pricing because we are not aware of which event we will attend until closer to the end of the season. Please look at the potential end-of-season event schedule and keep those dates open. Please be mindful that end-of-season events can be costly; start saving, fundraising, and planning at the beginning of the season.

The teams work incredibly hard throughout the season, and the end-of-season event is the big celebratory event for the teams. The coaches will choose which event is best for the athletes. The end-of-season event selection will not be based on whether or not the team is guaranteed to win. We are building a program that will compete with the best of the best and push our teams to the goals and dreams of competing at the most prestigious competitions. We will need the support of our families to make these dreams a reality. Be positive, put in the extra work. Championship teams are not built by just attending practice; they are built on the extra work put in outside of practice. **Do not make travel arrangements to these competitions until the final practice schedule has been released.**

IMPORTANT DATES & CALENDAR

Please read carefully and mark your calendar. Do not assume dates are the same as previous years! ZCA reserves the right to change this schedule as necessary.

DATES	EVENT / CLOSURE DESCRIPTION
May 25th - May 31st	Gym Closure
June 1st - June 5th	First Uniform/Practice Wear Fittings & Parent Meetings
June 14th	Father's Day Gym Closure
June 22nd - 25th	MANDATORY Skills Camp (Specific team times given out ASAP)
July 4th - July 5th	Gym Closure
July 13th - 16th	MANDATORY Choreography Camp (Prep and Elite teams only)
July 24th - 27th	MANDATORY Choreography Camp (Keep open; times given out ASAP)
October 12th - 14th	ZCSD Fall Break Gym Closure
November 13th (6:00 PM)	FULL OUT Frenzy (Showcase)
November 25th - 26th	Thanksgiving Break Gym Closure
December 23rd - January 1st	Christmas & New Year Holiday Gym Closure
February 8th - 9th	Mardi Gras Break Gym Closure
March 28th - April 2nd	Easter & Spring Break Gym Closure (Novice off; Elite/One Up teams report)
May	Tryouts for next season

TENTATIVE COMPETITION SCHEDULE NOTE

Our competitions are held on weekends (including some Fridays) and may start as early as November and end in May. Some end-of-season events are in April and/or May. End-of-season events may not be finalized until after the last regular competition of the season. Please keep all potential end-of-season dates completely open. **The week of (starting Sunday) each competition are BLACKOUT WEEKS.** Practices may not be missed or exited early during these weeks. Added practices may happen at any time during this week based off the need of the team.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can my athlete be on more than one team?

YES! There is no added tuition cost to be a crossover athlete. You will, however, be responsible for the extra competition fees, choreography, bow, team T-shirt, and music fees. Please indicate on the tryout form if your athlete would like to participate on more than one team. Please consider the extra practice time this requires. Once you have committed to your teams, we ask that you do not quit. Choosing to quit your crossover team will result in dismissal from our program entirely, unless explicitly approved by administration.

How long do you keep your uniforms?

We hope to keep uniforms for 3 years, depending strictly on the condition of the uniforms. Please note that for the 2026-2027 season, we are purchasing brand new uniforms.

Do you order practice wear?

To help offset the cost, we are requiring all athletes to purchase black shorts or a black skirt. 2 customized tops will be ordered through the gym.

Can my athlete attend more classes / private lessons?

YES! Please let us know which class you would like to attend. As long as there is room on the roster, we can sign you up. All tumbling classes are offered to rostered athletes at a discounted rate of \$50.00 per month.

Private lessons are set up directly with each individual coach. We ask that you give a 24-hour notice if you must cancel your private lesson so the coach can arrange their schedule accordingly. If you do not notify the coach within 24 hours of a cancellation, you may be subject to pay the full lesson fee at the discretion of the coach. **Privates cannot be done in the gym alone with only one athlete and coach. A parent, additional athlete, or second coach must be present per USASF guidelines.**

Can we do fundraisers?

YES! We highly recommend participating in them. Some athletes have been able to cover their entire cost of the season just by fundraising alone! Fundraiser money is not refundable at any time, even if your athlete quits or is removed from the program. ALL fundraiser money is routed directly to the gym for program fees.

You can also organize and do your own independent fundraising at any time during the season.

*"IT'S MORE THAN A SPORT.
It's a lifestyle."*

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PLEASE READ AND INITIAL BESIDE EACH ITEM. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU FULLY UNDERSTAND THE TIME AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENT YOU ARE MAKING BEFORE SIGNING.

_____ **COMPLETE PACKET REVIEW:** I have read and understand this entire informational packet. I received a copy of this packet as well as had it thoroughly explained to me and my athlete during the mandatory orientation meeting.

_____ **VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION:** I understand that I am entering into the ZCA program of my own free will and I have thoroughly read and understand the responsibilities of the packet.

_____ **FINANCIAL COMMITMENT:** I understand that this is a 12-month financial commitment running from June through May. I also understand that if I fail to honor my one-year commitment, NO REFUNDS for any reason will be given to me. All past due balances will remain due and must be paid. If I drop my athlete after choreography, my account on file will be immediately charged an inconvenience fee ("drop fee") of \$500.00 listed on the financial obligation form.

_____ **AUTO-DRAFT AUTHORIZATION:** I understand that all recurring monthly fees will be drafted automatically from the bank account or card on file on the specified due date.

_____ **ROSTER PLACEMENT & CHANGES:** I understand that my child has been placed on a team, but can be moved to any other team at any time for any reason at the absolute discretion of the coaches. I understand that my child's position/role may change at any time during the season.

_____ **PUNCTUALITY & ATTENDANCE:** I understand my child needs to arrive on time and not leave early for any scheduled practices, competitions, or mandatory events. An emergency is the only exception. All competitions and awards are mandatory. A \$20.00 late fee will be charged to the card on file for any athlete arriving more than 15 minutes after the designated meet time for a competition (no excuses).

_____ **PRACTICE ATTIRE MANDATE:** I understand my child must wear the appropriate designated practice attire to all practices; if they fail to do so, disciplinary conditioning action may occur at the discretion of the coach.

_____ **BRANDING & MERCHANDISE RESTRICTION:** I understand no outside merchandise of any kind may be designed, purchased, or distributed without explicit written permission. I will need to get formal permission from ZCA before using the ZCA logo in any capacity.

_____ **ACCOUNT DELINQUENCY:** I understand that tuition and fees must be paid and current, or my athlete will not be able to participate in practice, competitions, and any apparel items will be withheld. Any returned payments will incur a \$30.00 NSF fee. There will be a \$30.00 late fee assessed for any payment made after 5 days of the due date. You will have until the 30th to pay any past due balance, after which the account is in default and all services (including privates) are suspended.

_____ **CONDUCT & BEHAVIOR DISMISSAL:** I understand that any negative behavior from myself, my family members, or my athlete in regards to ZCA could end in immediate disciplinary action and/or removal from the program.

_____ **BLACKOUT WEEK MANDATE:** I understand that all practices and competitions are mandatory. Unexcused absences may result in removal. Practices the week prior to a competition starting the Sunday before are official BLACKOUT DATES and are absolutely not to be missed.

_____ **RETALIATORY ACTIONS BANNED:** I understand that I will not hold or threaten to hold my child back from practice or competitions as a form of personal punishment at home, as this unfairly impacts the team.

_____ **12-MONTH TUITION ASSUMPTION:** I understand this is a 12-month commitment I am making. I will honor my commitment. If my athlete quits, I am still fully responsible for all fees in this 12-month commitment period unless the drop fee is settled post-choreo.

_____ **COURTESY INVOICING:** I understand my monthly billing statement is emailed to me as a courtesy. Whether I receive it or not, I am still obligated to make my payments on time and late fees apply uniformly.

_____ **FILL-IN ATHLETE AWARDS:** I understand that if my child is a fill-in at a competition, any and all awards won will go to the child on the team that has paid for the competition that the athlete is filling in for.

_____ **FUNDRAISING MARGINS:** I understand that fundraiser money may only be credited to my child's gym account and cannot be paid out directly to myself as cash, nor can I keep any excess funds if my personal account balance is zero.

Printed Guardian Name

Athlete Name

Signature of Parent/Guardian

I understand, accept, and agree to all the terms and conditions within the ZCA packet.

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