



Mountain State Cheer Academy All Star 2025- 2026 Tryout Packet



TRYOUTS



MSCA TRYOUT EVALUATION CRITERIA

- ☒ Tumbling Difficulty
- ☒ Tumbling Execution
- ☒ Athleticism
- ☒ Willingness and ability to accept instruction, follow direction, learn choreography
- ☒ Stunting Position (Flyer, Base, Backspot)
- ☒ Jump Technique
- ☒ Overall attitude and attendance from the past season (if applicable)

Team placement sessions are essentially low-stress workouts. During the workouts, athletes show skills they have already developed and demonstrate potential to learn new skills. Athletes are given numerous opportunities to show skills over multiple days. Several clinics and classes are held prior to tryouts which are an important way for your athlete/s to be seen and to come prepared for tryouts. After the final session of placements, the staff assembles rosters for the upcoming season. Athletes need to attend both days within the try out selected. MSCA may host call back days - call backs are used to continue the evaluation process if more info is needed. Call back days will be used on an as- needed basis for coaches to observe one- on- one or small group.

TRYOUT CHECKLIST

We look forward to working with you at our upcoming tryouts. Be sure to arrive with these items already completed or turned in by due date. Once you have registered for try outs online through our Interest Link, tryout paperwork will be given out at the parent meeting.

- ☐ Create an online account and register for tryouts
- ☐ Financial Agreement
- ☐ MSCA Apparel Contract
- ☐ Try out form with attached photo of your athlete to upper left corner
- ☐ Payment Authorization Form
- ☐ Attendance Policy
- ☐ Member Release Waiver
- ☐ Expectation Agreement
- ☐ All outstanding debts must be paid in FULL prior to trying out

Athletes should wear their yellow showcase outfit. If they don't have it, please have them wear Black shorts and white top. Hair back. White Shoes

IMPORTANT: Please be sure to double-check all your information. Contact information needs to be legible and written in blue or black ink. All paperwork and any back due balances are due prior to the first day of tryouts.



MEMBER RELEASE

MEMBER RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION, AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

In consideration of the permissions to enter and use the facilities, to participate in or observe activities, and to receive the services described herein, I, on behalf of myself, my children, my parents, my heirs, guardians, assigns, agents, personal representative and estate (hereinafter collectively referred to as "I") hereby agree to release, discharge, indemnify, and hold harmless, Mountain State Cheer Academy, L.L.C., its owners, corporate entities, companies, affiliates, subsidiaries, premises owners, contractors, agents, officers, employees, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf, as follows:

1. I understand and acknowledge that the activities that I or my child engage in while on the premises or under the auspices of Mountain State Cheer Academy, L.L.C. pose known and unknown risks which could result in injury, paralysis, death, emotional distress, or damage to me, my child, to property, or to third parties. The following describes some, but not all, of those risks: Cheerleading and gymnastics, including performances of stunts and use of trampolines, entail certain risks that simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity. Without a certain degree of risk, cheerleading students would not improve their skills and the enjoyment of the sport would be diminished. Cheerleading and gymnastics expose participants to the usual risk of cuts and bruises, and other more serious risks as well. Participants often fall, sprain or break wrists or ankles, and can suffer more serious injuries. Traveling to and from shows, meets and exhibitions, raises the possibilities of any manner of transportation accidents. In any event, if you or your child is injured, medical assistance may be required which you must pay for yourself.

2. I acknowledge I am familiar with the sports of cheerleading, gymnastics, trampoline, tumbling, stunting, jumping, athletic workouts, and other physical activities. I understand I have the right to inspect all equipment, surfaces, and facilities before every use or event. I represent that I have done so and will do so to the extent that I want. I also represent that I and my child are entering into this agreement for recreational purposes and not for business or financial reasons. I have not been promised or expect any future monetary gain or publicity or intellectual property rights.

3. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risks, known and unknown, connected with all Mountain State Cheer Academy, L.L.C. related activities, including but not limited to those listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 (hereinafter Mountain State Cheer Academy L.L.C. related activities"). My participation and that of my child is purely voluntary. No one has forced or coerced me or my child to participate. I elect for myself and my children to participate in such activities in spite of the risks.

4. I represent that my child is physically and mentally fit to participate in all Mountain State Cheer Academy, L.L.C. related activities. To the extent I had any doubts, concerns, or questions about whether my child was physically or mentally fit to participate, I have discussed those with the appropriate medical or professional advisor and I am comfortable making this representation.

5. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless and indemnify Mountain State Cheer Academy, L.L.C. from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions or rights of action, which are related to, arise out of, or are in any way connected with my child's participation in Mountain State Cheer Academy, L.L.C. related activities, including personal injury and property damage.

6. This release, waiver of liability, and hold harmless agreement means I will not sue Mountain State Cheer Academy, L.L.C., for any reason. "Any reason" includes:

- (a) Mountain State Cheer Academy L.L.C.'s own negligence or fault;
- (b) the negligence or fault of anyone else which might be attributable to Mountain State Cheer Academy;
- (c) the negligence or fault of me, my child, or anyone I am responsible for.

I understand I am not releasing or waiving the liability of anyone for criminal actions, intentional torts, or gross negligence. The indemnity provision means I will pay any settlement by, judgment against, and expenses of Mountain State Cheer Academy, L.L.C. due to me or my child's Mountain State Cheer Academy, L.L.C. related activities.

7. I waive and release all statutory and common law intellectual property and publicity rights I or my child may have or gain from participation in Mountain State Cheer Academy L.L.C. related activities.

8. Should Mountain State Cheer Academy L.L.C. incur attorney's fees and costs (a) to enforce this agreement, or (b) because Mountain State Cheer Academy L.L.C. is named in litigation related to, arise out of, or are in any way connected with my child's participation in Mountain State Cheer Academy related activities, I agree to indemnify and reimburse them for such fees and costs.

Athlete/ Parent Guardian Name (Print):

Athlete/ Parent Guardian Signature:

Date:

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9. I certify that my child has health, accident and liability insurance to cover bodily injury or property damage that may be caused or suffered while participating in this event or activity, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage to my child. I further certify that I am willing to assume and bear the costs of all risks that may arise or be created, directly or indirectly, through or by any such condition. No promise has been made to provide medical or training staff at any premises where Mountain State Cheer Academy L.L.C. related activities occur.

10. Medical Treatment Authorization::

I authorize Mountain State Cheer Academy and its representatives to obtain medical treatment for me (or the minor participant) in the event of any injury, accident, or illness during my participation in the programs. I understand that efforts will be made to contact me (or the designated emergency contact) before any medical treatment is administered, but if such contact is not possible, I authorize medical treatment deemed necessary in the judgment of coaching staff and medical professionals.

11. I grant Mountain State Cheer Academy permission to use photographs, videos, or other likenesses of me and/or my child for promotional and publicity purposes, including but not limited to social media, print materials, and the website, without compensation.

12. In the event that I file lawsuit against Mountain State Cheer Academy L.L.C. , I agree to do so solely in the State of West Virginia., where he/she primarily performs related activities. I further agree that the substantive law of West Virginia shall control this agreement, including my authority to waive the rights of my minor child, and West Virginia law shall apply in any such action without regard to the conflict of laws rules thereof. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

13. I understand that West Virginia is relying on my representations and certifications herein, which are material to it entering this agreement.

14. By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my participation or the participation of any of my children in this activity, I may be found by court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against Mountain State Cheer Academy, L.L.C. on the basis of any claim from which I have released Mountain State Cheer Academy, L.L.C. by signing this Agreement. I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read it and understand it. I agree to be bound by its terms.

Signature of Participant or parent: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

(MUST BE COMPLETED FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18)

In consideration of _____

(print minor's name) ("Minor") being permitted by Mountain State Cheer Academy, L.L.C., to participate in its activities and to use its equipment and facilities, I further agree to indemnify and hold Mountain State Cheer Academy, L.L.C., from any and all claims which are brought by, or on behalf of Minor and which are in any way connected with such use or participation by Minor.

Parent/Guardian: _____

PrintName: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Athlete Signature: _____ Date: _____

FINANCIAL AGREEMENT



PLEASE READ AND INITIAL NEXT TO EACH OF THE TERMS FOLLOWED BY YOUR SIGNATURE AND DATE

I _____ parent of _____,
(Print name of parent/ legal guardian) (Print name of athlete)

- ☐ I understand and agree that monthly tuition payments are due on the 1st of the month.
- ☐ I understand that there are no refunds of prorating of any fees for any reason.
- ☐ Additional practices may be added prior to large competitions. I understand there is no additional charge for additional practices - unless offsite, team camp or clinic, additional choreography or some other outside expense.
- ☐ Practices may be canceled due to holidays, competitions, or inclement weather, and no refunds will be given.
- ☐ To receive a payment in full discount of 10% of tuition, payment in full must be received by July 15th, 2025 in the form of cash or check ONLY.
- ☐ I understand that I am required to put a debit/CC on file for tuition charges. If you would prefer to not include that information on this form, you can access your online account and save that information under the manage my payment options section.
- ☐ I understand that I am subject to a late fee charge of \$20.00/month after the 15th of the month. Excessive tardiness in payments will be grounds for my child not competing, not able to order merchandise or other items, possible dismissal and my account being sent to a professional collection agency. In the event where an athlete must resign from a team for any reason, by signing this contract, I agree to pay the early quitter's fee based on time of notification and all fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- ☐ I understand billing will be immediately charged to the credit card on file. If no card is on file, you will have 30 days to pay the fee before the account is sent to a collection agency.
- ☐ MSCA reserves the right to remove athletes from the program if their financial obligation is not upheld. Athletes with past due balances that exceed 30 days may not participate in private lessons, classes, and/or team practices until the account is brought current. Past due balances that exceed 120 days will be sent to a third party collection agency for which charges will apply, and the parent will be solely responsible for the total amount. Accounts that have a balance over 30 days will not be permitted to purchase apparel or other items that are not mandatory.
- ☐ I understand that all travel fees are non-refundable and I do not hold MSCA responsible for any changes, additions to travel plans. MSCA will provide travel days when the competition schedule is released to help make travel expectations understood and will send out Stay to Play hotel information as soon as it's available.
- ☐ I understand that my uniform WILL NOT be released to the athlete until I pay in full AND finish the season. I also understand that my uniform is custom made and therefore cannot be canceled once ordered through the 3rd party vendor. I understand that if my athlete chooses to quit after my uniform has been ordered, MSCA may need to keep the uniform for the season for a replacement athlete, but that MSCA is not responsible for selling my uniform. MSCA reserves the right to use this uniform for the season if another athlete is needed to fill the vacancy on the team.

I understand and agree to the above financial policy.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION



PARENT INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I understand that I am liable for and hereby authorize Mountain State Cheer Academy to withdraw funds from my account for the purpose of any outstanding fees related to my account and that all fees are non-refundable. Failure to keep your account in good standing may result in your athlete being unable to practice, dismissal from Mountain State Cheer Academy, and being sent to a collections agency.

☐ I already have saved payment information on the online portal and agree that MSCA may charge the card on file according to the payment schedule.

PRINT NAME OF ATHLETE(S)

SIGNATURE OF PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN

DATE

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

NAME ON CREDIT CARD

ACCOUNT#

VISA / MASTERCARD

BILLING STREET ADDRESS

EXP. DATE

CVC CODE

CITY, STATE, ZIP

SIGNATURE OF CARDHOLDER

MSCA APPAREL CONTRACT



PLEASE READ FOLLOWED BY YOUR SIGNATURE AND DATE

I understand that the Mountain State Cheer Academy logo is branded for this company. To protect our brand to the fullest extent, we take our logo very seriously and therefore cannot allow parents to use the logo without written consent or approval from the owners directly. Please review the following procedures for apparel to alleviate any apparel issues during the season.

I understand that as a parent in the program, I cannot create any item using the **MSCA LOGO, TEAM NAME, TEAM SYMBOLS** without written permission from the owners of MSCA. Without MSCA, there would be no team so we respectfully will not allow any items with teams names used either as that is representing our brand. I understand that should I decide to create an item without permission, I may be asked to either leave the program, or replace the items created for everyone at your own cost. Items made without using the appropriate avenues, will not be allowed to be used/worn and must be turned into the front desk to the managers immediately.

Teams are allowed to purchase items, through our approved vendors. Going through the appropriate process allows us to keep any additional non-planned expenses to a minimum for families during a competition season. Coaches and managers are the appropriate channels to go through when items are wanted/needed. Edible Items: the logo or team name are allowed to be used during a season on any edible items without our written consent.

We love celebrating your athletes' successes at parties in the gym and are happy to allow the use of our brand/logo/team name for those events solely.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mandatory Boosters Fee

At the beginning of the season, each athlete will have a mandatory \$35.00 fee that the gym will collect and pay to Boosters for the Athlete Gift Fund. These funds will go towards the gift bags which will be given prior to comp season and prior to attending each team's final competition whether it's for Tiny Novice and Prep Teams, or End-of-Season events for other teams. This money is also used to jumps start funds for fundraising efforts (ie: spaghetti dinner materials decorations, ticket purchases, banners, buckets, etc.)

End of Season Practice Wear

The Practice Wear for practices and our End-of-Season Events is mandatory for all teams attending an End-of-Season event. These items must be purchased by athletes. The gym will not cover the costs of these items. If an athlete is injured or leaves prior to the End-of-Season Event, the gym will keep the items so that we have them on hand for replacement athletes. No refunds will be given for practice wear. These shirts, tanks, etc. will be designed later.

EXPECTATION AGREEMENT



ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS/ PHOTO RELEASE / SOCIAL MEDIA

Attendance is crucial to every team's success during the season. We expect top priority and 100% commitment from all of our athletes. Please keep in mind there are only 6 excused absences allowed per season per athlete.

Absences must be submitted in writing TWO WEEKS prior to absence via the ATHLETE ABSENTEE GOOGLE FORM. No practice can be missed TWO WEEKS PRIOR to any competition. If you do not comply with these rules, it is at the discretion of the MSCA Coaching Staff whether your athlete will be replaced for the upcoming competition. We ask that you try to plan vacations based on our holiday schedule when possible to help make our teams successful throughout the season.

Excused Absences: Contagious illness accompanied by a doctors note, school function that affects grade, family emergencies, and vacation during the summer months only. **Unexcused Absences include but not limited to:** Events such as school dances, traffic, too much homework, feeling tired, not having a ride.

I understand MSCA's policy on attendance and will make every effort to get my child to practice when scheduled. I also understand that should my child miss too many practices, it is at the discretion of the MSCA staff whether my child will be removed from the team.

I hereby authorize MSCA to publish photographs taken of my minor child or children listed below for use in MSCA's print, online, and video-based marketing materials, as well as other MSCA publications. I hereby release and hold harmless MSCA from any reasonable expectation of privacy or confidentiality for myself or the minor child/children listed below associated with the images specified above. Any athlete, parent or family member is prohibited from posing videos of any part of the routine until after the completion of the season.

Further, I attest that I am a parent or legal guardian of the child or children listed below and that I have full authority to consent and authorize MSCA to use their likeness, I further acknowledge that participation is voluntary and that neither I, the minor child, or minor children will receive financial compensation of any type associated with the taking or publication of these photographs or of said photos, videos, etc. confers no rights of ownership or royalties, whatsoever.

I hereby release MSCA, its contractors, its employees and any third parties involved in the creation or publication of MSCA's publications, from liability for any claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation or the participation of the minor children listed below.

I hereby agree to act with good sportsmanship and respect for others at all time when representing MSCA. This applies to parents, family members and athletes and includes any activity or behavior taking place at MSCA related gatherings such as practice, camps, competitions, hotel stays and especially on social media. Use of the MSCA name or general posts that associate the athlete to MSCA representing negative or inappropriate posts on any form of social media including private stories could result in dismissal from the MSCA program and full payment of the maximum quitter's fee of \$1500.00.

POLICIES & EXPECTATIONS COMMITMENT

I have read and fully understand all codes, rules, and expectations in this try out packet. I understand that I am entering into this All-star program of my own free will. I understand what is expected of me as a parent and an All-star cheerleader. I will conduct myself in a sportsmanlike manner and uphold the standards that are expected of me as an MSCA All-Star parent and cheerleader.

Athlete Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Cheerleader Signature: _____ Date: _____