TEAM BC 2026/2027 ATHLETE INFO

Introduction:

To support athletic opportunities and community, BC Sport Cheer is proud to announce the information for Team BC 2026-2027. We welcome applications for athletes to take part in this team that will compete provincially and nationally.

Please read over this document in FULL before applying. Questions regarding Team BC or the tryout process can be directed to info@bcsportcheer.ca.

Why this year is different:

The International Cheer Union has adjusted the Pan-American Cheerleading Championship cycle back to their original schedule after moving it during the COVID-19 pandemic and will be running Pan-Ams again in 2027.

The 2027 Pan-Am Cheerleading Championships are scheduled for **October 2027**. It is not a guarantee that we would be selected for Pan-Am, but we would know by December 2026.

Timeline:

PLEASE NOTE: Timelines and training will be built to not interfere with athletes participating in Worlds or Summit.

Teams:

BCSC is offering the opportunity to run both a Youth Median (Level 3 equivalent) and Junior Advanced (Level 4 Equivalent) team for Pan Am 2027. The ability to field these teams is contingent on the number of athletes that apply and the skill level of the applicants. Although both a Youth and Junior team are being offered, BCSC reserves the right to adjust teams and divisions including cancelling a team or moving a team to a non-tumble division.

Eligibility

- All members of a stunt group must be in the same age group:
  - Junior athletes must be in birth years 2008-2012
  - Youth athletes must be in birth years 2012-2015
- All athletes must be currently training on an all star or scholastic team intending to compete in the 2026-2027 season with a member program
- Must be able to commit to biweekly homework assignments from Team BC coaches, to be supervised by a certified coach
- Must be able to attend monthly training camp
- Must have parent and coach support to apply
- Must have, or be willing to obtain a passport for international travel

Preparing for Application

1. Assemble a stunt group of four people in the same age group consisting of one top person, one backspot and two bases.
    a. It is highly recommended to speak with a coach when assembling a group.
    b. Groups from a similar team or training schedule are highly recommended for ease of homework completion.
2. Fill out the sign-up form
3. Review the skills list below to ensure that you have the necessary skills for each level.

Video Submission:

Each group is asked to submit ONE skills video.

Videos should:

- only include those applying to the team (i.e. please do not send videos of a flyer doing a skill on a different base group),
- include a quick introduction of each group member and position (i.e. Hi, my name is Susie Smith, and I am a main base), and
- clearly demonstrate each of the skills in the Skills List below. ***Stunts must be filmed all in one unedited video.*** If a mistake occurs during filming, reset the stunt and do it again immediately. Tumbling can be filmed in separate video clips.

Skills List:

Youth Median (level 3, 12-14 years old)	Junior Advanced (level 4, 15-18 years old)
Baskets: • Full Twist • 1 other basket of your choice • Straight ride	Baskets: • Kick Full Basket (if you do not have a kick full then ball full) • 1 other basket of your choice • Straight Ride
Stunts: • Switch up to body position at prep level, as full group and as a 2 man stunt (base and a back), bump down • Half up to extended liberty, transition to 2 foot extension, full down • Ball up to prep left lib, 360 switch lib to right, drop to lib and ball prone. • Inversion to prep level lib (your choice). At prep level, please demonstrate all body positions you are comfortable with.	Stunts: • Full up to extended lib with half up grip from ground (Main base cross wrist - Flyer loads facing the backspot, flyer rotates half, bases finish the turn), Show a body position, return to lib, full down. • Switch up to stretch, switch down (lib or stretch) foot to DB, Ball prone from DB. • Plank inversion or hand in hand to DB, Double down, ball full if no double down. • Full up switch up to prep.
Tumbling: • Series handspring • Roundoff back handspring back tuck • Back walkover Double back handspring	Tumbling: • Standing tuck • Two back handsprings to Tuck • Roundoff back handspring layout • Specialty passes ending in a layout

Application Information:

Application form will open October 1st - December 1st

Before you fill out the application form, please prepare the following information:

1. Discuss your plan with your program director/gym owner.
2. Find a supervising coach with appropriate certifications who will oversee your homework training.
3. Film your YouTube video as "unlisted"
4. Gather each group member's:
    a. name,
    b. birthdate,
    c. contact information,
    d. membership number,
    e. tank top size
    f. parent/guardians full name
    g. parent/guardian's email address
    h. passport status
5. Your supervising coach's:
    a. name
    b. email address

Athlete Info:

To encourage participation from all of BC, an effort to select groups from various programs will be made, permitting all applicants meet eligibility and skill requirements. The board reserves the right to make final decisions based on team composition to ensure representation goals are achieved.

Team BC Athletes must actively train on an all star or scholastic team in addition to training for Team BC. This will ensure athletes have consistent coach supervision and maintain the athleticism necessary for the minimal training that the team does together throughout the year.

Costs:

We are currently estimating the cost per athlete at a flat fee of $800. This fee includes coaching costs, Team BC practice wear, music, and competition fees. The amount will be finalized once we determine if we will attend Pan-Am. Athlete families will be responsible for all costs related to travel and accommodations for both training and competitions. Parent chaperones are required for all travel. All chaperones are responsible for their own expenses.

Estimated Costs

- Team BC Fee: $800
- Team Canada Apparel package - $650 (includes coach gear) if chosen
- Accommodation at competition - estimated at $2000 for the week per room
- Flight to/from Competition - estimated at $1600/person

FAQs:

Can I try out as an individual?

Please try out as a stunt group of 4 athletes: two bases, top person and backspot. If you are having trouble making a group, please talk to your current coaches and ask for help! You are permitted to combine with another program's athletes, as long as you can practice together, and do not try to recruit athletes to your program.

What if I don't tumble? Can I still be considered?

There were athletes that didn't contribute tumbling to our routine last year, but as the routine/division(s) requires a tumbling section, all groups are encouraged to demonstrate as much tumbling as possible! Our goal is always to have full team tumbling.

Is there a limit on how many teams can apply from one gym?

No! Talk to your current coaches to make sure you have supervision and their support before trying out. There is no limit on how many groups can apply from one gym/program; however, as bringing together athletes from across BC is the goal of the program, selections for the roster will be made to ensure this is possible. The board reserves the right to final roster decisions to ensure the goal of representation is met.

What if I have never done this level before?

That is okay! However, Team BC is not designed to teach athletes a brand new level. Athletes should bring confidence and experience to the program as we meet in person only a few times. Many athletes on the roster in previous years competed at a higher level all season on their home teams, and some competed at the same level or below!

Do I need to tumble on non-sprung mat, or is spring floor okay?

Performing tumbling on non-sprung mat is a great goal, but spring floor tumbling is fine for tryouts. Please note: if the team is successful in being selected for Team Canada, the Pan Am Championships will occur on non-sprung floor.

What if I have a stunt group with athletes born in 2010-2013?
Unfortunately, we cannot accept applications with athletes in different age groups, because they would not be eligible to compete in any divisions.