

TRYOUT INFORMATION

If your athlete would like to be considered for any of our 2026/2027 season competition teams - please book them in for their virtual tryout (details below) - spaces are very limited. Please note - there will be no further tryouts for this coming season. I'd recommend printing or saving this information so that you have the dates to add to your diary if your athlete is successful.

Please note that competition team placements are not guaranteed at this round of tryouts. If your athlete is unsuccessful on this occasion, your tryout fee can be redeemed against any of our recreational classes available.

CHEERLEADING

Novice - This team is ideal for beginners, or as an introduction to competitive cheerleading with less financial and time commitment required. Athletes will attend 2 events and have a simpler, more cost-effective competition uniform. Competition costs for this team will be approx. £150 (not including term fees or uniform).

Prep - This team is intermediate level and requires a significant commitment to the team, excellent attendance, and a disciplined approach. Athletes in this team will attend 3 events per season and will require our prep uniform and competition tracksuit. Competition costs for this team will be approx. £200 (not including term fees, uniform, or tracksuit).

DANCE

Prep Dance - These teams are suitable for beginner - intermediate level dancers and require significant commitment to the team, excellent attendance, and a disciplined approach. Athletes in this team will attend 3 events per season and will require pom leggings (as an add on to the cheer uniform), competition tracksuit and a budget hip-hop costume (if that option is offered/selected). Competition costs for this team will be approx. £200-£275 (not including term fees or uniform).

Costs

Please note that all costs given in this information pack are estimates based on previous seasons, they are not finalised amounts.

Term fees - these are the fees you pay for your athlete to attend classes each week (competitive or recreational). These fees are completely unrelated to competitions.

Comp fees - these are the costs involved in entering competitions including event producers fees, extra competition practice fees, and coaches travel expenses for attending events. Comp fees are payable with an up-front non-refundable deposit and then a monthly Direct Debit to spread the cost.

Uniforms - Our novice uniform will cost no more than £75. Our prep/elite competition uniform is around £165 for the full outfit & bow. Our pom dance leggings are around £60 and these are added to the cheer uniform. A hip-hop outfit is around £30. Team tracksuits are required for all competition athletes (except novice) and are around £110 new. There are often significantly discounted, second-hand tracksuits and uniforms available to buy on the DMC parents' Facebook page.

Your athlete will also require either cheer trainers or jazz shoes for dance.

Competition Dates

20th & 21st March - Prep Teams Only

8th & 9th May - All Teams

5th & 6th June - All Teams

All competition athletes must also be available for the following mandatory competition practice sessions:

Sunday 14th March - Prep Teams Only

Sunday 2nd May - All Teams *May Bank Holiday*

Sunday 30th May - All Teams

Term Dates

TERM 1 MON 17TH AUGUST - FRI 9TH OCTOBER

OCTOBER HOLIDAY 10TH OCTOBER - 25TH OCTOBER

TERM 2 MON 26TH OCTOBER - FRI 18TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS BREAK 19TH DECEMBER - 3RD JANUARY

TERM 3 MON 4TH JANUARY - FRI 5TH FEBRUARY

FEB BREAK 6TH FEBRUARY - 14TH FEBRUARY

TERM 4 MON 15TH FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 2ND APRIL

EASTER BREAK 3RD APRIL - 25TH APRIL

TERM 5 MON 26TH APRIL - FRI 25TH JUNE

All competition athletes are required to have excellent attendance.

Our Novice & Prep athletes are allowed a maximum of 5 absences for the duration of the season.

However, it is our hope that athletes will always attend class whenever possible.

Holidays during term time that aren't school trips should be avoided during competition season (March - start of June) to ensure that training is not disrupted unnecessarily.

If you currently have a holiday booked that will mean your athlete will miss training sessions within these term dates, please notify us of this **before** tryouts.

If you are happy that your athlete and family can commit to the time and financial commitments required to be on a DMC competition team - please book their tryout slot [here](#). Once you have received your virtual tryout booking confirmation - please submit your tryout video(s) to the following email address no later than Wednesday 12th August. - karen@planetcheer.co.uk

The video should start with your athlete introducing themselves - full name, DOB.
The video should include front & side views of the following skills:

CHEER

- Right leg splits
- Left leg splits
- Box splits/Straddle stretch
- Bridge
- Forward roll
- Cartwheel
- Any other tumblers your athlete can confidently perform
- Toe Touch jump

DANCE

- Right leg splits
- Left leg splits
- Box splits/straddle stretch
- Toe Touch jump
- Single pirouette

If your athlete is unsure what any of these skills are, or they are not confident to do them - it's absolutely ok to leave them out.

AFTER TRYOUTS

You will receive an email no later than Mon 17th August regarding the outcome of your athlete's tryout.

I will be out of the office now until August, but if you have any questions - just send an email and I will get back to you at the start of August.

Thanks, Karen