



**Texas Diamonds Elite**

**Competitive Cheer  
Season Guide**

**2026 - 2027**

## The TDE Difference

Texas Diamonds Elite (TDE) is a premier, championship-winning elite competitive cheerleading program serving Cibolo, Schertz, New Braunfels, Converse, Universal City, and the Greater San Antonio area. As an affiliate of the Tri-County Legacies, a non-profit organization, we are dedicated to shaping the lives of athletes and providing local youth with opportunities for success in multiple sports. Our athletes are led by skilled, certified coaches who are experts in their respective specialties.

Cheerleaders selected to cheer with TDE have the unique opportunity to embrace all aspects of the sport. We provide world-class training in tumbling, acrobatics, and stunting for both sideline and competitive cheerleading. We believe this comprehensive foundation is essential for the individual success of our athletes at higher levels and for the continued growth of cheerleading as a sport.



### TDE Programs - 2026 - 2027

#### Game Day (Sideline Cheerleading)



Our recreational cheer division allows our athletes to experience the THRILL of cheering on the home team! But these aren't your everyday sideline cheerleaders though! As reigning State Champions, our recreational cheerleading program has proven to be one of the best in Texas! We have many cheer alumni that have graduated out of our program and are successful cheerleaders in both middle and high school! So if your athlete is interested in Game day cheerleading, please reach out to us for more information!



### **TDE Full Year Competitive Cheerleading**

Our Elite competition teams for the 2026-2027 season will be full year teams! Our cheerleaders experienced such great success with our 2025-2026 Winter Mini competition team this past season that we have decided to expand our program! Competitive teams are fun and exciting but will require HARD WORK, TIME AND DEDICATION! Commitment to the team

and honoring program policies and guidelines is extremely important due to the fact that cheerleading is a team sport that requires team work and detailed technique and skills training in order to master the components needed for competitive routines in this very exciting style of cheerleading!

### **Evaluations & Team Placements**

IMPORTANT: Cheerleaders interested in cheering on Elite teams MUST be evaluated before they can be placed on a team! NO EXPERIENCE is required and all skill levels are welcome to attend EVALUATIONS for team placement! We have MANY opportunities to train and work on building skills prior to team placements!! All cheerleaders will be placed on a TDE team! The evaluations are to assist with determining skill levels, grouping the correct athletes together, to assist with position placements and building team chemistry!

### **Elite Comp Team Choreography Camp and Attendance Policies**

\*Choreography CAMP is **REQUIRED** and cannot be missed unless the athlete has received **special pre-season approval from the program director**. \*\* Approval will ONLY be considered in dire circumstances which are to be determined on a case by case basis. In the rare circumstance that an absence has been approved by the program director during choreography camp, the athlete (and possibly their entire stunt group), must make-up the missed practice (s) during *pre-scheduled private lessons* at the expense of the parent of the athlete that has had to miss camp . The make-up practices will be scheduled at the convenience of the coaches and any team members that may need to make themselves available to attend. The number/duration of sessions required to make up for the missed practice(s) will be at the discretion of the coaches and will be determined by the length of time that it takes for the athlete/stunt group to master the material that was missed. PLEASE NOTE: Once a team has completed choreo camp, athletes are required to attend every practice, unless otherwise approved.

## **Regularly Scheduled Team Practices and Team Tumbling**

All TEAM practices/tumbling are **MANDATORY** starting **June 16th, 2026**. Elite athletes are allowed up to **THREE APPROVED ABSENCES** during the summer months. This approved time off is in addition to several scheduled days off for the entire team, including a scheduled "team summer break". Please check the calendar in BAND OR reference the dates listed in this handbook in the section entitled GYM CLOSURES.

**\*\*ANY ABSENCE** from a required, scheduled practice (with the exception of the **THREE APPROVED ABSENCES** to be used during the summer), *will incur a \$20.00 fee that will be added to your next scheduled invoice*. We understand that there may be personal conflicts with the practice schedule during the season. Parents are expected to communicate any and all absences as soon as possible. Excessive absences may result in your athlete being moved to alternate status or removed from their team. Reminder, we have a strict **NO REFUNDS** policy. All absences must be approved in advance by notifying the Program Director in a direct message on BAND. Please include the team manager in the correspondence.

ALL team practices are **CLOSED to ALL parents/family members and/or friends**, unless otherwise noted by our coaching staff. All parents must remain in the parent viewing area or leave and return at the end of practice. Please do not enter the athlete practice area **FOR ANY REASON AT ANY TIME**. If you have an urgent message or need your athlete emergently, please notify the **TEAM MANAGER** and she will get the message to the coaches and/or your athlete immediately. Any violators of this policy may be asked to remain outside of the building during practices as this is a violation of our TDE policy as well as a violation of the insurance policy!

## **Practice Schedule & Locations**

**- Tuesdays 6:45-9pm - Team Tumbling/Practice**

- Fridays 6:45-9pm - Elite Team Practice
- Sundays \*VIRTUAL Practice WORKOUT'S DUE (more info about VPs below). *NOTE: This is NOT a regularly scheduled face to face practice.*

**Main Practice Location: 103 Kneupper St, Converse Tx 78109**

**Alternate practice location: Niemietz Park, Cibolo Tx 78108**

Once the season begins all team events, practices, competitions and any updates to these REQUIRED events will be added to BAND. **Please check your team's Band App regularly to RSVP for practice.** If there is an urgent reason to cancel, reschedule or an updated practice location, the information will ALWAYS be listed in the Band on the calendar event.

### **Important Dates to Remember**

- **GYM CLOSURES/NO PRACTICE !**

Jul 3rd - 5th - Happy Fourth of July

Aug 8th - 13th - TDE Summer Break!

Nov 22-29th – Happy Thanksgiving!

Dec 6th - No practice! (Day after the Christmas parade)

Dec 19th - Jan 2nd – Merry Christmas/Happy New Year!

Feb 12-15 - Happy Valentine's Day!

Mar 5th – Mar 14th – TDE Spring Break!

Mar 26th - 28th - Easter Break!

- **EXTRA Practice Dates**

Nov 30th: LOCATION Neimietz Park

Week of Dec 1st: TBD - May need an extra day during this week for Parade Prep!

Dec 7th: LOCATION Neimietz Park

Jan 4th-8th: Holiday makeup practice for competition preparation,  
LOCATION: GYM

Feb 1st - 4th: TBD Potential extra practice dates, LOCATION GYM

Apr 12-16: TBD Potential Dates for extra practice if needed in  
preparation for FINAL COMP of the season!

\* In addition to these dates listed, you can expect extra practices  
during competition week (likely Sundays and/or Wednesdays).  
Always check BAND for details and RSVP!

\*\*Although we really work hard to keep schedule changes to a minimum,  
practice days and lengths are subject to change throughout the season.  
Any changes will be communicated to families as soon as possible via the  
BAND app.

### **TENTATIVE Competition Schedule**

NOTE: Dates are NOT final!!

\*\*Please do NOT make any non-refundable reservations. TDE is NOT  
responsible for change or cancellation fees!

A special note about competition fees: The TDE payment options listed in  
our contract include comp fees for 5 local/regional (within the state of  
Texas) competitions and 1 virtual competition option. We have  
PRELIMINARILY selected these competitions based on convenience for  
families, initial team projections (teams have not been solidified at the time  
that this document is being published so the number of athletes/the  
number of teams have not been finalized as of yet). This means our  
assessment of the overall readiness of the team has not been able to be  
determined. However, based on the limited information that we have at this  
time; we feel that this is a nice round number of competitions to introduce  
athletes and families to the exciting world of full year, elite competitive  
cheerleading while minimizing expenses. If we find that it would be in the  
best interest of the team to make a change in the comp itinerary or if one of  
our competition vendors makes a schedule change then the Program

Director and coaches reserve the right to make changes to the competition schedule! Please note, cheerleading is a VERY expensive sport. Please do your research before deciding that this program is overly expensive as we have done a TREMENDOUS amount of research to help keep costs to a minimum while providing a quality experience for our athletes! The camaraderie, skills, personal growth, life lessons and memories are certainly worth it in the end!

**Competition Schedule (Subject to change):**

1. Nov 14, 2026 – Corpus Christi, TX
2. Dec 13th, 2026 – San Antonio, TX
3. Jan 9th **OR**, 10th, 2027 – San Marcos, TX
4. Feb 6th, 2027 – Arlington, TX
5. Mar, 2027 - \*\* Virtual Comp (no exact date available at this time, also note that this comp may be replaced by another local San Antonio competition that we will consider once the vendor releases their schedule).

We will update you as soon as we know.

6. Apr 17th - 18th, 2027 - Round Rock, TX



## Elite Team Tuition and Fee Schedule

1. **Annual Registration Fee**: Due at the time of registration!

***TDE Regular registration deadline: June 12th!***

- New Cheerleader: \$60.00
- Returning Cheerleader: \$50.00

**\*Late registration** (payment made after the deadline): \$70.00 (New), \$60.00 (Returning) - NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

## **2. Elite Team Uniforms, Practice Wear and Cheer Gear**

New TDE Cheerleaders will need to purchase our beautiful custom competition uniform for the 2026-2027 season!

- A. New Uniform: TOTAL: \$299.00 + fees = \$314.00

Payment 1: \$157.00 due at fitting, Payment 2: \$157.00 due July 31st

- B. Used Uniforms: MANY parents of athletes that have aged out like to keep their uniforms for sentimental reasons, however, if there is a parent that is willing to sell their uniform at a discounted price, then we will let you know! We will evaluate the uniform to ensure that it is in great shape prior to purchase.

All new cheerleaders are *required* to attend uniform fitting!

- *Uniform Fitting Dates: Saturday, JUN 11th OR Sunday, JUN 12th*

Those selected for the competitive team will need to sign up to complete the fitting on one of the above dates. Once your cheerleader accepts their position on the team, you will be added to the team BAND app. There will be a sign up sheet for the uniform fitting on the BAND app.

### Practice Wear and Cheer Gear -

NOTE: I am currently in negotiation with the vendor with some changes that I would like to see this season, however, these prices will not be any higher than the prices listed below. If any changes occur, the price MAY decrease slightly. But for now please budget with these numbers.

Personalized Practice Wear - \$55.00 - Due July 1 (or before)

Personalized TDE Warm-ups - \$90.00 - Due August 1

Personalized TDE Backpack - \$67.95 Due August 1

### **3. TDE Tuition & Fees**

TDE Tuition includes insurance (both athlete and facility coverage fees), gym fees, competition fees, program certification fee, equipment, additional tumbling instructor/class fees, choreography/music, licensing fee, choreography camp facility fee, scheduled additional practices, team practice bow, team competition “glam” products, EOS recognition for athletes.

There are three payment schedules that TDE parents can choose from.

1. Pay in Full - Due June 15th
2. Pay ½ upfront and ½ later - First half due June 15th, 2nd half due August 15th
3. Deposit plus monthly installments
  - a. Deposit: \$150.00 due June 1st - NOTE: We are aware that the deposit is due PRIOR to official team placements. This is for either team that your cheerleader will be placed on. You can also choose to pay your deposit WITH your initial JUNE payment. DEPOSIT is considered LATE after JUNE 15th. Late fees will apply.
  - b. Remaining balance is divided in monthly payments of \$171.00/mth due on the 15th of every month from JUNE 2026 - APRIL 2027

On your contract you will be asked to select one of the payment plans listed above.

NOTE: Competition travel/team hotel costs are NOT included in tuition fee.

Please make all payments as scheduled to avoid penalties, additional fees and unnecessary delays.

### **Additional Details**

Liability Waiver – Cheerleading is a sport. As such injuries may occur. We are not responsible for injuries. All athletes must have a signed liability waiver once contracts have been signed. The Team Manager will assist with this prior to the June 12th Team Placements.

TDE Commitment Contract - MUST be signed prior to being given a uniform fitting time slot! All parents that sign the contract or complete uniform fitting after Monday, June 15th may be subjected to additional fees for shipping and uniform delays!

Please reach out to the Team manager or the Director with any questions! We are here to help with ANY questions or concerns that you may have!

We are looking forward to building a WONDERFUL season with you!!!

GO Diamonds!



