



## Half Season Information 2022-2023



Half season team:

Season Dates: October 21<sup>st</sup>- February 7<sup>th</sup>

Ages: Birth year 2010-2017

TRY-OUTS: Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-7:30pm = Cost: \$10.00 <https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/excite/camps/58>

MANDATORY PARENT MEETING: Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-7pm. \*1 parent of guardian must attend.

### Team Announcement:

If you decide to NOT join team this season, you must decline by **NOON on OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**. Please email into [office@excitegym.com](mailto:office@excitegym.com) AND [cheer@excitegym.com](mailto:cheer@excitegym.com) to decline. All families will receive an email **by Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> by 2pm** with your team placement, practice times and coaches. Please be sure that your information is correct in our parent portal so you receive this email. We need 2 contacts per athlete.

### Start Date/ Practice Info:

Practices will **begin the week of October 24<sup>th</sup>!**

### Choreography Dates:

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> or December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Final times will be posted on our Hotline

### Team Meetings:

**October 25<sup>th</sup>** team meet and greet at 7:30 pm

### Performance and Competition dates and locations:

\*All final locations and times will be posted on the hotline the Thursday before the event. We do not receive final schedules until this date so please keep the entire day open. No absences for 2 weeks out of any performance or competition.

Show off at Excite! January 13<sup>th</sup> – Kids arrive 5:00pm – Show-off 5:45-6:00pm

January 15<sup>th</sup> - Redline Winter Showdown -Frisco, Texas

February 4<sup>th</sup>; DCC Classic at AT&T Stadium

**February 7<sup>th</sup> – kid's celebration and last practice**

### Communication:

- Email:
  - [cheer@excitegym.com](mailto:cheer@excitegym.com) with any absent or late requests and all cheer questions. ALL requests, questions or concerns should ALWAYS go to [cheer@excitegym.com](mailto:cheer@excitegym.com) NEVER to just a coach unless setting up a private. We all work together, and ALL coaches need to know anything going on.
  - Emails should be short and to the point. Let's keep our happy place!
  - No texting to your coaches unless for a last-minute issue for practice or setting a private.
  - [office@excitegym.com](mailto:office@excitegym.com) with any billing or class scheduling questions, or proshop/uniform.
- Hotline:
  - Mandatory to check each Friday by noon. Password will be emailed out in your Team Placement Email.
- BAND App
  - This app needs to be downloaded. This is for coaches to send any last-minute information and to share fun pictures and videos from the season! This will be explained at the meet and greet.

### Fee Structure:

**\*\*Monthly billing begins October 20<sup>th</sup> (pro-rated tuition in October / \$36.25 + Uniform Billing and Bow of \$160.00= \$196.25)**

- **Tuition** \$145.00 a month – includes the following.
  - 1.5 hours team training time a week (if we need more you will never be charged more for extra practices)
  - Music fees
  - Choreography fees
  - Entry into 2 events and a private show off for families. – (January 13<sup>th</sup>)
- **Registration Fees:** NEW MEMBERS only \$35
- **Additional Expenses:**
  - Competition Parking Fee (possible)
  - Light make-up for competitions - over the counter purchases

### Additional Company Perks in joining our Excite! Teams:

- No additional charges for any extra practices or specialty coaches.
- \$62.00/mo. any additional class (45min-1hr) Team students only.

## MOST ASKED QUESTIONS:

- 1) **Will my child for sure make a team?** It is dependent on who shows up for try-outs and the age ranges as well. We have always been able to place most all kids on the team with the basic requirement being that they 1) can follow directions and pay attention 2) comfortable coming to practice alone 3) has the basic toughness to enjoy stunting and all that is cheer. 4) They are having FUN!  
**If there is a situation where we feel it is not a good fit or we aren't sure on a spot for you then we will contact you in advance of TEAM PLACEMENT.** We want your child to feel good about themselves so this way they can decline team not vice versa.
- 2) **Am I obligated to do THE team once placed if my child changes their mind .** With half season we can be a bit more flexible. However we need to stress that we spend a lot of time designing a good team it is not about just age groups; it is more about who we need on the team to build a strong team. We need flyers, backspots, side bases, tumblers etc. We strongly ask that you have this conversation prior to team placement. Also uniforms will be ordered immediately and once ordered are non-refundable. You could try to resell your uniform next season.
- 3) **Tuition** – Please see the lists for Fee Structure. We do not know every expense to competitions, so we compare what has happened year to year and we keep an eye out on increases in the industry. There is not an exact breakdown, however we will never ask for more. We will balance decisions based on total income in and income out.
- 4) **What if I already have an obligation for choreography or competition dates .** Notify [cheer@excitegym.com](mailto:cheer@excitegym.com) prior to try-outs. Many times we are able to work with you on these issues and we understand these are all new dates to you.
- 5) **Competition days is there any way to try and find out the times;** Big answer NO we wish but even if you see a schedule posted we wait until we get the final due to the first round ALWAYS changes. We will get all information to you as soon as we know it is correct. We want you to know the right information not the rushed.
- 6) **What happens after the season is over, and they love cheer and want to try out for full season teams in May 2023.** We will be offering a 1-hour class 6:30pm-7:30pm on Tuesday as a Full Season 2023-24 try-out training class. The class will be a 1 hour class and \$62.00 a month. This class is a verbal commitment to trying out for full season in 2023-2024. Otherwise, you can opt out and take a class or take a break. It is your choice!
- 7) **Why is attendance so important?** Unlike any other sport we DO NOT have a bench. Everyone is needed to practice stunts and pyramids. Synchronization is absolutely key to a successful season and that takes all here all the time. Please consider your commitment and your child's. They may need to go late to a party or an event BUT they will have such a great time and such a short season they won't miss much.
- 8) **SHOES** – where do we get these and are they required? They are not required but an approved white shoe we will need to see. Information on how to purchase cheer shoes will be on our hotline once team practices begin.
- 9) **UNIFORM:** How do you know my child's size? We have a professional Varsity rep come in to do this as she does all year for many many other gyms and ours. We will be doing our sizing the first day of team. If your child is late coming to you after practice, please be prepared we will work as quickly as we can. Remember parent Meet and Greet is that night at 7:30pm.