

# BATON ROUGE CHEER STARS

## 2021-2022 SEASON PACKET



*Welcome to Baton Rouge Cheer Stars!* We are honored that you have decided to join our family for **The HOTTEST** ☐☐ **Season-14!!** We look forward to getting to know you as we continue to grow our program.

### COMMITMENT

All-Star Cheerleading is a highly competitive, yet extremely rewarding SPORT. Our gym and training program is committed to providing a safe and drama-free environment for our athletes. This environment will allow our athletes to grow within the sport as well as learn valuable life lessons for the future. You have registered for our full year All-Star cheer program which is 11 months that runs from May-April. Practices are held 1-2 days per week, depending on your athlete's team placement for the season.

### TEAM Tryouts-MAY 1, 2021

OPEN HOUSE/PARENT ORIENTATION (TBD) ZOOM MEETINGS

EVERYONE MUST TRYOUT! EVERYONE WILL MAKE A TEAM!! ONCE YOUR CHILD MAKES A TEAM, YOUR REGISTRATION FEE IS DUE NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, MAY 8th...

Athletes will be chosen for 1 of the 4 divisions based on age & skill set.

- **Exhibition Teams** are evaluated but not ranked. Teams are for younger athletes with little or no experience.
- **Novice Teams** are for the athletes who have very little cheer background or beginner tumbling skills (cartwheel, round offs, forward rolls) yet looking to perfect the very basic skills on the competition floor before attempting harder skills.
- **Prep Teams** are for athletes who have their required tumbling skills for level but may need a little assistance with their overall technique and confidence.
- **Elite Teams** are designed to push athletes to their highest level. Athlete's must have perfected all levels of tumbling for level. Must be dedicated, have a great attitude and excel at more than just ELITE TUMBLING. One should be strong at stunting, have awesome jump and motion technique to the highest level in this sport.

## **USASF AGE GROUPS** (Age as of Jan 1, 2021)

- TINY EXHIBITION/NOVICE 3-7 YEARS OLD
- TINY 5-7 YEARS OLD
- MINI 6-9 YEARS OLD
- YOUTH 7-12 YEARS OLD
- JUNIOR 8-15 YEARS OLD
- SENIOR 12-18 YEARS OLD
- OPEN LEVEL – 13 YEARS OLD-ADULT AGE (BEST FOR COLLEGE ATHLETES)

## **Full Year Teams-Levels 1-4** **TEAMS WILL BE ANNOUNCED TUESDAY MAY 4th at 6 pm!**

1ST week of practice will begin, Monday, May 10th for new members only.

OUR LEVEL 4 OPEN TEAM-HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES AGES 13-UP AND COLLEGIATE ATHLETES.

### **Level One Skills:**

Forward/Backward Roll, Handstand, Candle stick, Handstand front limber, Backbend Kickover, Handstand Forward Roll, Left/Right Cartwheel, Front/Back-Walkover, Round Off

### **Level Two Skills:**

All Level One Skills mastered, Standing Front/Backhand Handspring, Round Off Backhand Handspring (series), Dive Roll, Straight Arm Back Extension Roll, Connection of all level 1 & 2 skills.

### **Level Three Skills:**

All Level One and Two Skills mastered, Front/Back handspring (series)  
Running front/back tuck, Punch fronts, Aerial, Jumps to tumbling

### **Level 4 Skills:**

Back handsprings to tuck, layout, Round off Back Handspring, Layout, Round off Layout

Several things are taken into consideration when forming a team. First, we evaluate and determine to place athletes on teams that are best suitable for them. Everyone will be placed on a team where they will be most successful. Our goal is to have the most well-rounded team to be most successful in competitions. Skill levels are primarily based on their tumbling level, but also on the owner's knowledge of the athlete's athletic ability, maturity, and coachability. Attendance, attitude, conduct, are also just some of the areas looked at. When forming teams, we are putting together a puzzle and will place athletes where we feel they will best fit. Everyone has a role to play within their team and we will base our decisions off of the available roles on each team.

**CHEER STARS OWNER AND STAFF RESERVES THE RIGHT TO:**

- Place athletes on a team or teams that will best suit them and the program. Decide the roles and/or positions an athlete will have on their team/teams. (Flyer, base, back spot, tumbler, alternate, etc.)
- Recommend that an athlete (or team) take additional classes/camps/privates to improve skills
- Request that an athlete or team practice longer than their regularly scheduled time or add additional practices, camps or competitions if deemed necessary
- Require team members to maintain the skill level that they performed at tryouts. If they lose a skill, they are subject to being placed on a lower-level team. Ex.(An Elite athlete can be bumped down to prep level at any given time in the season)
- Director can change the level that a team competes on at any given time, if required skills aren't being maintained, (Example, Level 2 team can be bumped down to Level 1)

**PLEASE NOTE:** IF YOUR ATHLETE MAKES AN ELITE TEAM AND CANNOT COMMIT TO THE TEAM FEES OR THE MANDATORY PRACTICES, TUMBLING, TRAVEL ETC. PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY AFTER TEAM PLACEMENT. WE CAN MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO MOVE THEM TO A PREP OR NOVICE TEAM THAT MAY WORK OUT BETTER FOR YOUR FAMILY.

If an athlete is chosen as a crossover cheerleader (compete on more than 1 competitive team) there will be additional competition fees required. You do have the right to refuse to being a crossover and we will then choose the 1 team they will compete with\*\* (An athlete cannot crossover from a Prep division to Elite)

**\*Practice Schedule will be provided after tryouts in May\***

**Tuition** (Tuition begins May 3rd for new members and June 1st for returning members)  
CHEER STARS IS AN EXCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM AND HAS A MONTHLY TUITION. TUITION PAYS ONLY FOR YOUR MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP AND INSTRUCTION

**MONTHLY TUITION DOES NOT COVER UNIFORMS, COMPETITION FEES, MANDATORY PRACTICE WEAR OR ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL FEES.**

**Fees will be broken up into installments. Installment schedule is located towards the bottom of this packet.**

## **FULL SEASON TEAMS**

### **All- Star Elite (Travel Teams)**

Levels 1-4/Ages 5-18. Full year costs for athletes are broken into monthly installments of \$115.00 per month. Fees do not include tumbling classes. Practice 2-3 days per week for 1.5-3 hours each day with an additional 1 hour of tumbling monthly.

### **All-Star Prep (Limited Travel)**

Level 1; Ages 5-18. Full year cost for tuition is broken into monthly installments of \$100.00 per month however it does include tumbling. Practice 1 day/ per week for 1 hour- 1 hr- 1 hr 15 minutes.

### **Novice (Mini/Jr) (Limited Travel)**

Full year cost for athletes is broken into monthly installments of \$75.00 per month, Practice 1 day/ per week for 1-1.5 hours each day.

### **Tiny Novice/Tiny Exhibition** (must be 3 years old by August 31, 2021).

- Full year cost for athletes is broken up into monthly installments of \$75.00 per month
- Tiny Novice/ Exhibition Teams practice 1 day per week for a total of 1hr-1.5 hr

## **COMPETITION UNIFORMS**

Uniforms are ordered every two years. All new members are required to purchase a uniform. If a returning athlete's uniform no longer fits or is damaged, a new uniform will need to be purchased.

### **Competition uniform (anticipated due date August 2021)**

- Elite: \$300
- Prep: \$150
- Tiny Novice/ Tiny Exhibition: \$150

## **ADDITIONAL FEES**

### **Travel Elite- 6-8 COMPETITIONS (2 GUARANTEED OUT OF STATE all others local)**

- **Competition Fees-** \$450 ( does not include any End of Season comps, US Finals or Summit or Emerald Coast)
- **Cheer Package-**\$400 MANDATORY(Practice Wear, Shoes, Bow, Choreography Camp and Music
- USASF MEMBERSHIP FEE \$30 (paid directly to USASF) awwww

### **PREP - 5-6 COMPETITIONS (1 OUT OF STATE all others Local)**

- Competition Fees approximately \$350 (Does not include end of season competitions such as US Finals, The One

- Cheer Package-MANDATORY \$325(Practice Wear, Shoes, Bow, Choreography Camp, Music)
- USASF MEMBERSHIP FEE \$30 (paid directly to USASF)

**TINY- EXHIBITION/ TINY NOVICE- 4 COMPETITIONS (MOST ARE LOCAL IN LA)**

- Competition Fee \$300 approximately
- Cheer Package- MANDATORY \$325.00 (Practice Wear, Shoes, Bow, Choreography Camp and Music)

**REFUNDS**

There will be no refunds/exceptions under any circumstances. **FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE!**

- Any payments for uniforms, competition fees, tuition, apparel, camps, clinics, ETC are non refundable under any circumstance.
- You lose all rights to any garments that you paid for or put a deposit down on.
- If your athlete decides to leave the program or is asked to leave, you will not be reimbursed for any deposits or payments made at the time regardless of the reasons for leaving the program.
- If you leave the program, regardless of reason, prior to receiving your Cheer Stars items, these become property of Cheer Stars.

**FUNDRAISERS**

- BR Cheer Stars offer many fundraisers and sponsorship opportunities to help offset some of your costs. Our first fundraiser will begin in June 2021 and can go towards uniform costs. We do our best to give ample opportunity to alleviate the cost of competitive cheerleading. Fundraising is OPTIONAL BUT HIGHLY ENCOURAGED!
- We will offer multiple fundraisers throughout the season. Most fundraisers can be applied directly to athlete's account to help with additional fees (competition fees, cheer package, uniform)
- There will be gym wide fundraisers that will be mandatory for all families to participate in, or you have the option to (buy out) of the fundraiser. THE CHEER STARS BUY OUT FEE for each fundraiser will be SET by Cheer Stars owner and staff

**NOTE:** Fundraising fees are non-transferable among athletes or from one season to another. Any overage money from the fundraiser after all fees are paid, will be placed in the business account to use at our discretion.

## **TUITION & FINANCIAL COMMITMENT**

TUITION PAYS FOR TRAINING ONLY, NOT THE RIGHT TO PERFORM. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS FOR MISSED MONTHLY TUITION. FEES ARE STILL DUE EVEN FOR PERSONAL EVENTS-IE: INJURIES AND/OR VACATIONS. TUITION FEES DO NOT FLUCTUATE BASED ON THE NUMBER OR DURATION OF PRACTICES IN ANY SESSION. (TUITION MUST BE PAID IN SUMMER MONTHS EVEN IF YOUR ATHLETE IS OUT OF TOWN)

- You will be required to complete a Authorization form for Auto Draft for this season
- A bank account or debit/credit card must be active and kept on file at all times
- Tuition payments are due on the 1st of each month. After the 5th, a \$30.00 late fee will be applied to your account.
- Payments not made by the 6th will be drafted on the 6th to include a \$30.00 late fee.
- We will touch base more on the financial commitment in upcoming emails, where you will have to sign off on the agreement and submit a payment authorization form that must be kept on file\*\*

## **TUMBLING**

Tumbling is huge in All-Star cheer and is the most important category we are scored on at competitions! BR Cheer STARS offers tumbling/training that is included in your monthly tuition.

(ELITE TEAMS WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL **MANDATORY** TEAM CLASSES)

Our mission is to provide a program that is as affordable as possible, therefore, participation in privates is NOT mandatory. However, it is highly recommended for your athlete's overall growth and development in competitive cheer. We offer private 1 on 1 tumbling sessions and group tumbling classes. New members will be able to begin taking lessons and classes beginning in June at our gym.

### **Private Rates:**

Private lessons- 30 min sessions- \$30.00

Private lessons- 1 HR-\$45/athlete 1 on 1

Group Classes- 1HR classes- \$25.00/athlete up to 4 in a class

## **Holiday Breaks**

Memorial Day	May 2021
Independence Day	July 2021
Labor Day	September 2021
Thanksgiving	November 2021
Christmas	December 2021
New Year	January 2022
Easter/Spring Break	April 2022

\*\*\*Additional practices may be scheduled during breaks\*\*\*

\*\*Closures and breaks for 2022 will be given out at a later date\*\*

# (ALL STAR TEAMS)

Financial Obligations Schedule The following cost expectations have been carefully put together based upon previous years and is an **estimate** of costs for the 2021-22 season..



<b>Month</b>	<b>Team Type</b>	<b>Monthly tuition</b> Due on the 1st of each month Any payments made online must have a \$5 service fee added to your total.	<b>Cheer Team Package</b> Due on 15th of each month Any payments made online must have a \$5 service fee added to your total.
<b>May</b>	Elite	\$115	\$133
	Prep	\$100	\$108
	Novice/Show	\$75	\$108
<b>June</b>	Elite	\$115	\$133
	Prep	\$100	\$108
	Novice/Show	\$75	\$108
<b>July</b>	Elite	\$115	\$133
	Prep	\$100	\$108
	Novice/Show	\$75	\$108
			<b>UNIFORM Payments</b>
<b>August</b>	Elite	\$115	\$150
	Prep	\$100	\$75
	Novice/Show	\$75	\$75
<b>September</b>	Elite	\$115	\$150
	Prep	\$100	\$75
	Novice/Show	\$75	\$75
<b>October</b>	Elite	\$115	N/A
	Prep	\$100	
	Novice/Show	\$75	
			Competition Fees
<b>November</b>	Elite	\$115	
	Prep	\$100	
	Novice/Show	\$75	
<b>December</b>	Elite	\$115	
	Prep	\$100	
	Novice/Show	\$75	
<b>January</b>	Elite	\$115	
	Prep	\$100	
	Novice/Show	\$75	
<b>February</b>	Elite	\$115	
	Prep	\$100	
	Novice/Show	\$75	
<b>March</b>	Elite	\$115	
	Prep	\$100	
	Novice/Show	\$75	
<b>April</b>	Elite	\$115	
	Prep	\$100	
	Novice/Show	\$75	

## Baton Rouge Cheer Stars Policy and Handbook Contract

BRCA Cheerleading competition/non-competitive cheer season-May 2021-April 30,2022



Parents, our coaching staff and choreographers have strict timeframes and deadlines to prepare and make all teams competition ready. In order for us to continue to provide the best training, upkeep of facilities, purchase equipment and other essentials for our athletes, we need to ensure that all fees are paid on time. Here at BRCS, we strive to provide all athletes with the best coaching and training. BRCS has been a successful cheer program for 13 years and would like to continue this. In order to continue our tradition and longevity, we ask parents/athletes to remain with the program the full year/season.

### Payment Due Dates/Fees:

The program operates on an eleven (11) month automated, electronic drafting system. Every first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of the month, your tuition will be drafted out of your bank account or pre-loaded card. A \$30 late fee will be added if not paid by the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) of the month. There are no exceptions to this pay method. The automatic drafts do not include monthly fees, uniform, team fees, and competition fees. Any returned or unpaid payment will accrue a \$25.00 return fee + \$5.00 each additional day thereafter. If a cheerleader has an unpaid balance after the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) of the month, your child will be removed from the routine and must sit out of practice until all balances are paid in full.

### Unpaid Balances/Broken Contracts:

If a child is removed from the program due to unpaid fees, inappropriate behavior, misconduct or a parent removes the child, there will be a \$250.00 broken contract fee assessed to your account. This fee will be drafted from your account the day the child is removed from the program. Cash payments will be accepted prior to notification of drop/removal or the day of. After 30 days, all unpaid balances including broken contract fees will be reported to collections and will result in negative reports to all 3 of the credit bureaus. Payment arrangements are negotiable depending on the amount owed, but will be reported if not paid within the allotted time frame discussed with the Director.

By signing this contract, you are acknowledging that you have read our TEAM PACKET and Financial responsibilities and completely understand its entirety.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ accept all terms of this policy and will adhere to these conditions and have committed to the above-mentioned competition season of 2021-2022 contractual agreement.

Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child/Athlete Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_