

Welcome to Novice All Stars

Thank you for your interest in the 2021-2022 Victory Cheer Academy Novice All Star Teams! We are looking forward to another fantastic year!

Being an All Star Cheerleader is a truly rewarding experience. Members will gain not only athletic skills, but life lessons as they gain friendships, learn to accept victories with honor and defeat with grace, gain confidence, and so much more!

As a member of a Victory Cheer All Star team, athletes become part of a program that strives to provide a competitive outlet for local athletes in the sport of cheerleading. Our goals are to teach athletes the value of teamwork, sportsmanship, and dedication, while allowing them to develop skills and build confidence in a fun, positive, and safe environment.

Our professional coaching staff has extensive experience in cheer, dance, youth sports, overall fitness, and FUN! We have all had experience with competitive cheerleading and know what it takes to be successful.

In this All Star Information packet, you will find basic information about our program, policies, and philosophies. Please read over each item carefully and don't hesitate to call with questions! Again, thank you for your interest in our program.

Novice All Star Teams

The All-Star Cheer program requires a strong commitment from the athlete as well as the athlete's family. It is a great way for athletes to learn new skills, develop a sense of what it means to work together as a team for a common goal and to develop a sense of pride and sportsmanship while making life-long friendships.

All-Star teams are typically composed of athletes with similar skill levels and of similar ages. Based upon the skill, age, size and make-up of the team, the teams are categorized into different divisions. Each team is taught a competition routine that has elements of tumbling, stunting, jumping and dance skills to music. At a competition, the team performs their routine for a panel of judges who score the performance based upon the level of difficulty, precision, creativity and entertainment value.

Team Placements:

Athletes will be placed on teams based on the following factors: age, skills mastered, potential for skill mastery, and overall team need (flyer, base, backspot)

Below you will find the age breakdown used to help form teams:

Division	Birth Year (must be on/between the following)
Tiny	2014-2018
Mini	2012-2016
Youth	2009-2016

Practices

October-March: We will have 1.5 hour practices one day a week plus an optional tumble class through the Month of March. As we get closer to the start of our competition season, we may add an additional practice day if the need arises.

Attendance:

Athletes are only allowed to miss with an excused absence. The following is considered an excused absence:

- Contagious Illness (accompanied by a doctor's note)
- Family Emergency such as death in the family, accident, etc.

During the teams' season athletes must get all absences approved by a coach. Athletes should not miss practice the week of competition, doing this may result in your athlete having to sit out from competition. If your child is not contagious they are expected to be at practice; however, we will make sure they are not overworked. Please understand that as coaches we must be strict to these policies with all athletes. If your child is going to miss a practice you should contact your child's coach BEFORE practice. Failure to do so could result in dismissal from the program. **A \$5 fee will be added to your account for any absence that is not communicated and/or approved by the coach prior to practice or until documentation for the excused absence is provided for missing practice (doctors excuse, school excuse, etc.)**

The practice times for the novice teams will be the following. Please note that these days and times are subject to change depending on team composition.

TEAM	Practice Days & Times	
Tiny Novice	Tuesdays	6:00-7:30pm
Mini Novice	Fridays	4:00-5:30pm
Youth Novice	Fridays	4:00-5:30pm

Competition Schedule

Teams will attend 3 competitions between the months of January-March. Competitions are typically held on a Saturday and will be no longer than a 2 hour driving distance.

Below is the list of competitions we will be attending. In the event a competition is cancelled or rescheduled, we will do everything in our power to find a replacement.

January 22nd - WSA Birmingham

January 29th - Victory Huntsville

February 19th- WSA Birmingham

March 4th - End of Season Showcase

Financial

We will make sure to do everything possible to assist VCA Athletes and their families in alleviating as many costs as possible by fundraising and payment plans. Fundraising may be possible throughout the season. If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to call VCA at any time. All Fees include Tax, and Shipping & Handling. **All fees are non-refundable and by registering you are committing to and responsible for all financial obligations.**

All payments will be due on the 1st business day of the month and will be auto-drafted automatically unless other arrangements are made by filling out a form with the front desk. We can set up a different payment plan if needed; however, the proper steps of filling out the information must be made. Any other payment plan set up must consist of some sort of monthly payments and will be drafted on the day you provided automatically. You must have a valid credit/debit card or bank account info on file. **A \$5 late fee will be added to your account if your monthly payment is not made by the 15th.** Please understand that your child will not receive practice attire, uniforms, or be choreographed into the routine until the account is brought to \$0. It is your job to communicate with the front desk if a payment is declined/missed or your card number changes. You can easily change card information and make payments from the app. In the event that your account is 2 months past due, your athlete is subject to not being able to participate in practices, events, or competitions. Communication on balances is key!

If at any point your athlete decides they no longer want to take part on the team you are responsible for all fees due prior to the decision to quit. Please understand that because of the payment plan we are using, you may still be responsible for additional fees even if your account is at \$0.

Please note that payments are run from October-March, and this is not affected by the date of the last competition.

Payments

We have broken all fees and tuition up into an easy minimum monthly payment. A list of what each team's fees cover throughout the year can be found on the pages to follow. In the event the season must end earlier than planned due to unforeseen circumstances, please be aware that you may still be responsible for continuing payments to cover costs that have already occurred.

Below payments include ALL fees and Tuition for the season. You will also be responsible for the \$30 USASF Registration Fee that will be paid when new athletes create an account and previous athletes re-new their account.

All Payments are due on the 1st of each month with the exception of the \$50 payment due at registration.

Due at Registration: \$50

October-March: \$190/month

Family Discount: Receive \$10 off your monthly payment for any additional athlete in your family who is also a member of the all star program. Receive \$10 off your monthly payment for any additional athlete who is part of the Tumble Academy.

Novice Team Cost

Below you will find the items that are covered in the monthly payment plan. If athletes choose to take advantage of an additional tumble class, it will also be included in the monthly payment. Please note that open gym, stunt classes, private lessons, and extra gym events are not included.

Fee	Amount
Registration	\$50-Due at Time of Registration
USASF Fee	\$30- Due by Parent (not included in payment plan)
Yearly Tuition	\$450 (\$75/month)
Practice Attire & Shoes	\$100
Uniform & Bow	\$200
Choreography/Music	\$90
Registration Fees	\$250
Coaches Fees	\$100

-Above items are estimations and may vary slightly. Any major changes will be relayed to you and adjusted accordingly.

How to Join Us

At this time, if you plan to be on one of our competitive teams this season we ask that you please register for the novice team on our website (www.victorycheeracademy.com)

We will be in contact with you before the first practice to ensure you know all important information regarding 1st practice and fittings.

Unforeseen Circumstance

In the event that an unforeseen circumstance arises that would keep the gym from continuing it's season you will see a list of ways we may continue our season.

Temporary postponement in Practices:

In the event that practices must temporarily be cancelled, we will continue to hold practices using Zoom. We will focus on conditioning and sharpening choreography so that athletes will still maintain contact with each other and stay conditioned. This may require extra practice time when we are allowed to meet again; however, we hope by maintaining contact with the athletes it will keep this to a minimum.

Delayed Season:

In the event that practices must be stopped or another outbreak occurs there could be a delay in the start of the competition season or cause the season to extend into May. If this occurs we will make the best decision as possible as to how to continue on.

Cancellation of Season:

This would be the most extreme case we could see. In the event this occurs, we would refund as many costs as possible. Possible refundable costs would be as follows: Competition registration Fees, Coaches Fees, future tuition costs, team gifts/activities. Items that have already been ordered or services such as choreography camp will not be able to be refunded. Refundable fees would be dependent on at what point of the season this would occur. Event producers do have a plan in place on how reimbursements would be made; and most all registration fees will be credited back to the gym owners to be able to distribute to you. Depending on when this occurred we would look at discounts on the next season and the reuse of items such as practice attire, shoes, uniforms would remain the same, possible reuse of some choreography and music.