



DCA Cheer Season: December-April 2020-2021

Welcome to DCA's Cheer Program for 2020-2021. This will mark our 12th cheer season and we are happy to offer several programs this year that we think will serve many different skill, age and program levels. In addition to our "short season" programs that run December - April, we have added a "mini" and "tiny" team program.

Tuition: includes all practices and tumbling classes happening inside the gym and will be collected on a monthly basis.

Team Fees Include: uniform, practice wear, shoes, bows, administrative fees, organization memberships, choreography, music, coach travel and competition registration fees. These will be divided up and collected throughout the season.

Competitions: We have planned for a set competition schedule for each team (see following pages) but with COVID and the risk of possible cancellations thought the year, we will collect competition payments as we are certain they will be allowed. Also, we may participate in virtual competitions if needed. We ask for everyone's patience and understanding as we go through this competitive season.

Discounts: 20% off tuition for siblings; if you are a returning cheerleader from short season 2020 and have a uniform, practice wear and/or shoes (clean) from last year, you will not be charged for a new uniform.

Fundraising: We will be offering several optional fundraising opportunities throughout the year.

Other Expenses:

- Optional extra tumbling class/week during the cheer season: \$65/mo
- All costs associated with any travel (responsibility of each family)
- Admission costs to competitions for spectators
- Optional spirit wear for kids and parents
- Black practice shorts- you provide your own black practice shorts.
- "Team Parent" fee-usually collected by a volunteer team parent for gifts, posters, treats for the athletes throughout the season from the parents. Usually around \$25 and this is taken care of by a volunteer team parent.
- Competition fees for any general competitions or additional bid-winning competitions that may be added to schedule if teams qualify.

DCA Beginner Cheer - Momentum & Hot Shots

DCA's beginner cheer teams are long-standing programs here at DuPage Cheer & Power Tumbling that introduces cheer to our younger athletes with little to no cheer experience without taking up too much time. Athletes will learn cheer motions, jumps, a dance, practice individual stunting technique (until we can stunt when Illinois mandate is lifted) and then put a routine together. Both teams will be an exhibition/showcase performance program.

Ages: 3-6 (HOT SHOTS/tiny team) and/or 5-8 (MOMENTUM/mini team)

Registration: No tryouts for this program- beginners welcome! **Registration for Winter session will begin DECEMBER 14th.**

Winter Session: January 9th - April 24th (with tumbling classes starting week of January 4th)

Parent Meeting: Friday, January 8th via Zoom, ~ 6pm (Zoom invite will be emailed to you as you register)

Practice Schedule for Winter Session:

Practice schedule subject to change but plan on 1 tumbling day of your choice + EITHER Friday afternoons or Saturday afternoons. Price includes every athlete taking a tumbling only class and you can pick the day/time (subject to availability of course) for January - April and then the Friday or Saturday practice is our team practice where they will be learning the routine.

Performance/Showcase Schedule:

April 9-11 - In-House showcase + Exhibition Performance weekend (Winter Session)
(dates subject to change)

Fees: \$740 for Winter Session and includes 4 months of tuition for tumbling class and cheer team practice, music and choreography, shoes, team tshirt, uniform, bows and admin fee. *(If you participated in the fall session, September - December and sign up for the winter session you do not need to buy shoes or team t-shirt again so your cost will be \$80 less).*

Payment Schedule:

\$50 - registration fee due upon registering for the beginner cheer program

\$80 - order shoes & team t-shirt before January 15th (link will be provided to order online)

\$204 - January 10th - 1st team fee

\$204- February 10th - 2nd team fee

\$204 - March 10th - 3rd team fee

Other Expenses:

- * new members need to pay the membership fee of \$35 with their \$50 registration fee
- * optional spiritwear will be made available (backpacks, hoodies, etc. all OPTIONAL)
- * any exhibition fees for competitions we are able to attend either virtual or in-person. We will not charge a competition fee until we know we can attend a competition depending on our current world situation.

DCA Half Season All Star Team(s)

DCA's traditional cheer program we call "short season" or "half season" which always allowed cheerleaders to cheer for their recreational teams in the fall and then continue their love for cheer and explore the Allstar side of cheer during the winter/spring. Athletes will be evaluated on tumbling, jumps, motions and individual stunt technique (if we cannot stunt at time of tryout). Team(s) will be either Prep, Elite or Non-Building depending on skill level and if Illinois is still mandating no contact for competitive cheer. Previous cheer or tumbling experience is required for Half season tryouts. ***We encourage athletes and parents alike to not worry about the level but focus on the ability to learn skills and better yourself as a cheerleader while having fun being able to do the sport that you love!***

Ages: Youth (6-11), Junior (9-14)

Tryouts: Sunday December 6th

1:00 - 2:00 pm OR 2:15 - 3:15pm (online sign ups will begin November 16th. Look for sign up online at www.dupagecheer.com under CHEER tab)

Team Announcement: Thursday December 10th via email

Parent Meeting: Via Zoom Friday December 11th, ~ 6:00pm

Practice Schedule: Schedule subject to change and depends on how many teams we have but plan for Friday night, Saturday afternoon and/or Sunday practices. In order to continue our social distancing plans and to ensure we have space for the teams to practice, we will most likely have to practice on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday in order to get enough floor time. In addition to the team practices, every team athlete will pick their weekday tumbling class. We will start the season with a Boot Camp Clinic/Get to Know Each Other Event/Christmas party on Saturday December 12th and/or Sunday December 13th and then continue with a few clinic days through December 23rd (dates to be released at parent meeting) before we break for Christmas break. Gym will be closed/no practices December 24 - January 3rd. We will probably have a few open work outs for team kids during those weeks and we will send out emails with this info as we get closer to dates. **NO PRACTICE OR COMPETITIONS OVER SPRING BREAK: MARCH 29- APRIL 4 (EASTER).**

Competition Schedule:

Exact competitions and locations will be announced further in the season but for now you can use these weekends to save the dates for competitions we plan to attend. We still do not know if competitions will be in-person or virtual and if they are in person, we will do our best to stay as close as possible but we may have to travel in order to compete. Please save these dates: March 13/14, April 10/11 and May 1/2

Fees: Tuition & Team Fees: \$1736 and includes tuition, admin fees, practice wear and shoes, competitive uniform, music, choreography and bows.

Competition & Coach Travel Fees will be around \$70- \$200/competition and the goal is to do 2-3 competitions. We will not charge these competition fees until we know for sure we are able to attend competitions either virtual or in-person. There could also be a \$30 USASF membership fee for each athlete that will also be due if teams get to compete.