Half Year All Star Team Parent Handbook

2026-2027 Season

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WELCOME TO THE PEACH PIT!

The Peach Pit continues to produce amazing athletes and teams that grow and develop through showmanship, determination, athleticism, and passion. We pride ourselves on being trend setters and family oriented, offering quality, competitive instruction with our boutique Peach Pit feel.

Our Half-Year All Star Prep Cheer Program is designed specifically for **Middle and High School athletes who participate in school sideline cheer but want to continue training and competing throughout the year.**

This program gives athletes the opportunity to:

- Continue cheerleading during the school off-season
- Improve tumbling, jumps, stunting, dance, and overall cheer skills
- Gain experience performing as part of a competitive team
- Prepare for future school cheer tryouts
- Build confidence, strength, flexibility, and athleticism
- Experience All Star competition in a supportive and team-focused environment

Athletes will compete in **All Star Prep divisions** at two local competitions during the spring season.

WHAT WE DO

Our mission is to develop athletes socially through practice and competition, physically by instilling determination and self-starting skills, and psychologically through promoting self-confidence, self-esteem, emotional maturity, and discipline.

We encourage athletes to develop the skills necessary to continue growing as cheerleaders while balancing school, school cheer, academics, and other commitments.

Throughout the season, athletes will learn the importance of:

- Respect
- Humility
- Punctuality
- Accountability
- Commitment
- Teamwork
- Discipline

- Sportsmanship
- Confidence
- Honorable values

Cheerleading is a team sport, and every athlete plays an important role in the success of the team.

COMMITMENT

Commitment starts with the cheerleader and follows through with the parent and family alike. The success of your team depends on each individual athlete's commitment and dedication to the program and team.

This is not an individual sport. There is no "I" in team.

Every athlete is important to the success of the team, regardless of position or skill level. The team will always come first when making selections and decisions.

Because this is a half-year program designed to work alongside school cheer, we understand that athletes may have school-related responsibilities. However, once teams are formed, athletes and families are expected to make the team a priority and communicate conflicts in advance.

TRYOUTS & TEAM PLACEMENT

Season tryouts will be held on **November 15th from 2-4pm,** however, we can also offer alternative tryouts if needed.

Athletes will be evaluated on skills appropriate for the All Star Prep level, including, but not limited to:

- Tumbling
- Jumps
- Stunting
- Dance
- Cheer technique
- Motions
- Flexibility
- Strength
- Performance ability
- Coachability
- Teamwork

Team placement will be determined by the coaching staff based on the needs of the team and the athlete's current skill level.

Placement is a team decision and is not based solely on an individual athlete's strongest skill.

TEAM PRACTICES

Team practices will begin in **December** and will be held **twice per week**. Practice days and times will vary based on team placement, but typically we expect practices to fall on Saturdays for all half year teams plus one weekday (likely Mondays or Wednesdays).

Athletes are expected to arrive on time, prepared, and ready to participate.

Tardiness is unacceptable. Cheerleading is a team sport that relies on the attendance of every athlete. When one athlete is missing, it can affect stunts, pyramids, choreography, tumbling, and the team's overall progress.

If an athlete must miss a practice, the absence must be communicated to the coaches **prior to practice**.

If your athlete is sick or has a fever or contagious symptoms, please do not bring them into the gym.

Additional practices may be added at the coach's discretion as competitions approach, particularly for choreography, competition preparation, or team needs.

SCHOOL CHEER & OTHER ACTIVITIES

We understand that many athletes in this program participate in school cheer and other activities. The Half-Year All Star Prep Program is specifically designed to complement school cheer and provide additional training during the off-season.

Families should communicate known school cheer commitments and conflicts with the coaching staff as early as possible.

Once competition dates and major team events are released, athletes are expected to make every effort to attend all required team activities.

Repeated absences, tardiness, or failure to communicate conflicts may affect an athlete's participation, position, or ability to compete.

PARENT VIEWING

Parents may watch practices from the designated lobby/viewing area.

At times, it may be necessary for coaches to close the parent viewing area, particularly during choreography or when additional focus is needed.

Parent viewing is a privilege and should not interfere with coaching or athlete development.

Questions, comments, or concerns regarding an athlete's progression or practice should be addressed privately with the coach first, then the program director, and finally the owner if necessary.

Group or multi-family meetings regarding individual athlete concerns will not be accepted.

ATHLETE BEHAVIOR

Athletes are expected to show respect and courtesy to coaches, teammates, staff, officials, and other teams at all times.

Athletes are expected to:

- Listen when coaches are speaking
- Respond respectfully to coaches
- Encourage teammates
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship
- Accept constructive criticism
- Maintain a positive attitude
- Treat teammates with respect
- Represent The Peach Pit appropriately

Negative facial expressions, rude gestures, talking under one's breath, disrespectful comments, or negative behavior toward coaches or teammates will not be tolerated.

Athletes and families are also expected to represent The Peach Pit appropriately on social media.

Negative or disrespectful posts about The Peach Pit, its staff, athletes, teams, competitions, or other gyms are not permitted.

No pictures or videos should be posted showing a Peach Pit athlete in uniform or Peach Pit attire engaging in behavior that could negatively affect the reputation of the gym.

CELL PHONES

Cell phones are not permitted during team practice or competition warm-ups.

Phones may be required to be placed in the designated cell phone area at the beginning of practice.

For emergencies, parents should contact the gym and staff will assist in reaching the athlete.

COMPETITIONS

Teams will compete in **two or three local All Star competitions during the spring season.**

Competition dates and locations will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.

Competition fees are **$125 per competition**, for a total of **$250-$375** for the season.

Competition fees cover the athlete's entry into the designated competitions and are non-refundable once submitted to the competition.

Athletes are expected to attend all competitions for which their team is registered.

UNIFORM

Uniforms will be rented from The Peach Pit for the season.

Uniform Rental

$100 for the season

The uniform rental allows athletes to use the designated competition uniform without purchasing the full uniform.

Uniforms must be returned to The Peach Pit at the end of the season in **good, clean, and undamaged condition**.

If a uniform is not returned or is returned damaged or in unacceptable condition, the family will be responsible for the balance of the **full uniform replacement cost of an additional $250**.

BOW

Bow Fee

$30

A designated competition bow will be provided/ordered for the athlete.

MUSIC & CHOREOGRAPHY

Music & Choreography Fee

$100

This fee covers the team's music and choreography needs for the season, including applicable choreography and music preparation.

PRACTICE WEAR

Practice Wear Fee

$100

Designated practice wear will be ordered for athletes at the beginning of the season.

Athletes are expected to wear the designated practice attire to team practices as instructed by the coaching staff.

Practice wear helps create team unity and gives athletes a consistent, professional appearance throughout the season.

TUITION & FEES

Monthly Tuition

$275 per month

The season runs from December through April, for a total of five months of tuition.

Additional Program Fees

Fee	Cost
Monthly Tuition	$275/month
Uniform Rental	$100 (+$250 fee for non-returned uniform)
Competition #1	$125
Competition #2	$125
Competition #3	$125 (if scheduled)
Bow	$30
Music & Choreography	$100
Practice Wear	$100

Any applicable annual Peach Pit membership/registration fees are separate if required.

2026-27 PAYMENT SCHEDULE

November — Tryouts / Enrollment

- Team placement
- Initial Parent Meeting
- Practice wear fee — $100
- Uniform rental fee — $100

December

- Tuition — $275
- Music & choreography fee — $100
- Bow fee — $30

January

- Tuition — $275
- Competition Fee #1 — $125

February

- Tuition — $275
- Competition Fee #2 — $125

March

- Tuition — $275
- Competition Fee #3 — $125

April

- Tuition — $275

May

- Uniform return (non-return fee of $250 will be assessed if uniform remains unreturned by May 14th)
- End-of-season activities

Note: The exact billing schedule may be adjusted by The Peach Pit based on competition registration deadlines and vendor payment schedules.

FEES & PAYMENT POLICIES

Tuition is set to cover monthly athlete training and instruction.

All fees are the responsibility of the athlete's parent or legal guardian.

The Peach Pit's billing policies apply to this program. Families are expected to maintain a current account and remain current on all financial obligations.

Athletes may be dismissed from the program or placed into an alternate position if fees become delinquent.

Any outstanding balances remain the responsibility of the parent/guardian and may be subject to The Peach Pit's standard collection policies.

Program fees are non-refundable once services, registrations, uniforms, merchandise, choreography, music, or competition entries have been ordered or committed on behalf of the athlete.

QUITTING OR REMOVAL FROM THE TEAM

By accepting a position on a team, the athlete and family are committing to the full December–April season.

If an athlete voluntarily quits the team during the season or is removed from the team due to attendance, behavior, or other program violations, fees already paid are non-refundable.

Any outstanding balances or fees already committed on the athlete's behalf remain the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

If an athlete decides to leave the team after choreography has been completed, a $500 re-choreography fee will be billed to the card on file for your account.

TEAM CULTURE

The Peach Pit believes that competitive cheerleading should develop the whole athlete.

Our goal is not only to create stronger cheerleaders, but also to help athletes become more confident, disciplined, accountable, and team-oriented individuals.

We expect our athletes to support one another, celebrate each other's accomplishments, and understand that every position on a team has value.

We want athletes to leave this program stronger, more confident, and better prepared for whatever comes next — whether that is another year of school cheer, future All Star competition, high school cheer tryouts, or collegiate cheer.

WHY HALF-YEAR ALL STAR PREP?

The Half-Year All Star Prep Program is designed to fill the gap between school sideline cheer and traditional full-year All Star cheer.

For athletes who love school cheer but want more, this program provides an opportunity to continue training and competing without committing to a full-year All Star schedule.

Athletes will spend the winter and spring:

TRAINING. PERFORMING. COMPETING. GROWING.

The program is an excellent option for athletes who want to improve their skills during the school cheer off-season while gaining valuable All Star competition experience.

Most importantly, it allows athletes to continue doing what they love — cheering!

WELCOME TO THE PIT!

We are excited to have your athlete join us for this special season.

We look forward to building strong teams, developing confident athletes, and creating an exciting Half-Year All Star Prep experience at The Peach Pit!