## GOLDEN ELITE ALLSTARS MIDSEASON EVALUATIONS PACKET

## 2024-2025 Season

Join Northern California's fastest growing All Star program

EST 2013



# Evaluation Information Sunday September 22nd from 5:30-7:00 pm at Just Tumble/GEA Training Center

Cost: \$25

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First and foremost, Welcome to Golden Elite Allstars. We are excited for you to become a part of one of Northern California's largest programs for Allstar cheer and tumbling!

Outside of training amazing athletes, we pride ourselves on developing great adults as well. Our goal every day is to teach our athletes the values of commitment, hard work, integrity, leadership, self-confidence, positive attitude and a love for the sport! It is our goal to be the very best Allstar program in the area, if not the country. Each and every family is important to our program and us. We invite you to come and see what it is like to "Become One of The Elite."

\* Practices – (Up to 3 hours of Instruction/Week for Midseason Teams)

#### **CLOSURE DATES**

THANKSGIVING BREAK-- November 27th-December 1st, 2024 CHRISTMAS BREAK--December 22nd - January 1st, 2025 EASTER-- April 20th, 2025

#### **Competition Schedule**

American Masterpiece Sacramento, CA 01/11/2025-01/12/2025

MCDA High Sierra Showdown 2025 Reno, NV 01/18/2025-01/19/2025

NCA - Roseville – Showdown Roseville, CA 02/8/2025-02/9/2025

CHEERSPORT - NorCal - Classic - DI/DII Davis, CA 03/15/2025-03/15/2025

MCDA Journey Super Nationals Tahoe Takeover 2025 Lake Tahoe, NV 04/05/2025-04/06/2025

We are currently working on practice days. It looks like it will be a Sunday and a Tuesday or Wednesday. We will update you when we finalize. Please note, choreography will likely take place in mid-November and beginning of December. We will publish dates asap.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### WHEN DO PRACTICES BEGIN?

Practices will start sometime in the first part of November. We will know after teams are formed actual practice days and times for each team. Midseason teams will practice up to 3 hours a week, however, more practices may be added prior to competitions at coaches' discretion. \*\*All paperwork and down payments must be received for team members to start practicing. We know that many of you will have some conflicts at the beginning of November if your child is part of a youth program. We strongly encourage your athlete to not miss one of their youth practices as they have a commitment to that team. We ask that you try your best not to miss ours, but it is considered an excused absence if you miss our practice for their current team. Once the youth season wraps up, you can now honor your commitment to GEA.

Please note that on competition weekends, that will likely mean that practice on Sunday will be either canceled or moved to a weekday for just that week. Full season teams usually compete both Saturday and Sunday, where your team will be only one or the other but usually on a Saturday.

#### WHAT IS THE LENGTH OF THE SEASON?

Midseason teams run from November through April/ possibly May 9<sup>th</sup> with competitions beginning in January.

#### WHAT IF MY CHILD MISSES PRACTICE?

All absences should be called to their coach at least 48 hours prior to the missed practice. Extreme family emergencies or a graded school event are the <u>only</u> excused absences. If your cheerleader misses a practice one week prior to any competition or two weeks prior to a National Competition, GEA staff has the option to replace them in that competition and/or change their position in his/her routine.

#### WHAT ABOUT HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS?

No vacations. Please understand that if you miss, it affects a stunt group, pyramid and team. You must commit 110% or this team is not for you, period. The gym will post closed holidays and typically emails are sent out to notify cheerleaders of gym closing dates. We encourage all cheerleaders to take their vacations when the gym is closed. However, please note that choreography clinic requires mandatory attendance. GEA coaching staff reserves the right to move a cheerleader's team placement based on excessive absences or no longer performing skills they had at try outs.

#### WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHEERLEADER MISSES A PRACTICE?

We take attendance very seriously. **Athletes will incur a \$50 fine for any unexcused absence**. Your account will automatically be charged for the fine. Excessive absences will result in removal from the team. After 2 unexcused practices a meeting will be held with parents & cheerleader.

#### WHAT DOES MY CHEERLEADER WEAR TO PRACTICE?

Cheerleaders are required to wear black on black sports bra and shorts or other GEA approved apparel. (No additional colors, i.e. pink stripes, swooshes, waistbands, etc.) Additional practice wear is available

for purchase at the GEA spirit shop. Bows must be worn with hair pulled up in a high pony. Bows can be worn in any color, but our GEA colors of black/gold/white are preferred. No jewelry can be worn at any time. Appropriate white cheer shoes must be worn to practice at all times.

#### **HOW DO I PAY MY MONTHLY FEES?**

A credit card number MUST be on file for all cheerleading families. AUTOMATIC PAYMENT WITHDRAWAL ARE REQUIRED for all team members. Credit cards and/or checks will be charged on the 1st of each month. Cash payments will be accepted on a case by case basis. A \$25 processing fee will be charged to cheerleader accounts for each bounced check(s.)

Tuition is payable regardless of injury, illness, or vacation. If a team member quits, the parent that signs the 2022-2023 Acceptance/Registration form online will remain financially responsible until the completion of the season.

#### WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM BEHIND IN MY MONTHLY PAYMENTS?

If for any reason a cheerleader's family falls behind in payment, it is the family's responsibility to contact GEA accounting to resolve the matter. GEA coaching staff reserves the right to bench any cheerleaders for delinquent accounts. The Cheerleader will be required to attend all practices but will be benched during this time until account is in good standing. There will be a \$50 late fee for accounts 5 days behind. You will not be allowed to do private lessons, cheer clinics or tumbling classes until you are current

# WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHEERLEADER IS NOT PERFORMING AT THE SKILL LEVEL REQUIRED OF HIS/HER ASSIGNED TEAM?

All cheerleaders must perform at the highest level of the skills required for the level of his/her team. If for any reason, the cheerleader's skills are not meeting these expectations, GEA coaching staff reserves the right to move the cheerleader down to the team of his/her appropriate level.

#### WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHEERLEADER QUITS THE TEAM FOR ANY REASON?

There are **no refunds** from any fees paid for any reason, including illness or injury. \$600 Termination fee if you are removed from the program or you quit.

# CAN THE ATHLETE STILL TAKE TUMBLING CLASSES OR PRIVATE LESSONS AT JUST TUMBLE IF THEY LEAVE AND GO TO ANOTHER ALLSTAR PROGRAM?

No, you will not be allowed to return to Just Tumble for 2 seasons.

#### IS MY CHILD ALLOWED TO DYE HER HAIR?

No! Your child will not be allowed to color his/her hair any color that could become a distraction to the judges. Example: Green, Blue, Hot Pink, Purple, Red, etc.

#### DO WE HAVE TO STAY IN TEAM HOTELS?

Some of the time, YES. Many events are 'Stay to Play" meaning you must stay in the designated hotels offered by the Event producer. We will inform all families of "stay to play" hotel requirements for each competition at the start of each Allstar season.

#### Parent's Information

- Parents, we understand that this is an expensive and time-consuming sport. The sport of competitive cheerleading takes a total commitment by the entire family. Just as we have rules and regulations for the competing GEA members, there are certain rules that we ask of our GEA families.
- Parents & spectators are not allowed to watch practice unless invited by the Staff.
   The best way you can help is to support and reinforce the coaches' decisions. We encourage you to drop off and pick up your cheerleader at the conclusion of each practice.
- Name calling, disrespecting other parents or children, and down talking to a coach are not permitted. If such actions take place, the individual(s) will be asked to leave.
- Parents are never to address an athlete personally. If you or your child has an issue with another team member, you must first go to the coach for assistance.
- If you have a suggestion or concern, please feel free to discuss this with the coach or Yvonne and Richard.

Please be respectful of our practice times. We are always happy to listen to any new ideas you feel may be helpful to our program. During a practice or at a competition is not the appropriate time for these discussions. Please find time prior to or after practices. Parents may also find emailing a useful way to resolve minor issues.

As a parent your support is crucial, without you there are no kids, and thus no program. GEA will not show favoritism to any child. We feel each and every child is an important part of the entire program, and that no one person is bigger than the GEA Allstar Spirit. You may not agree with every decision made here, but you have chosen to be part of this competitive cheer program. In essence this means that you have chosen to follow the rules and regulations as stated in this contract.

Remember, we are all part of the GEA Family. Each and every person is here to learn, have fun and win championships. Together and only together can GEA Allstars be Successful. It takes a strong and serious effort by everyone involved to build positive, confident, successful individuals and award-winning teams.

Unlimited Tumbling will be offered to all GEA families for \$129.00 a Month

Mid Season Fee Schedule: \$179 a Month (November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>) \$395 due on Oct 15<sup>th</sup> \$395 due on Nov 15<sup>th</sup> \$197.50 due on Dec 15<sup>th</sup> \$197.50 due on Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Installments include:

Uniform, Bow, Music, Choreography, Competition Fees and Coaches Fee

You will create an account on our Amilia System. This system will be used for the entire season. Invoices will be created for the whole season, not on a monthly basis. This will allow you to know exactly how much you owe at all times. All families are required to keep a current credit card information on file. All transactions will have a 2.9% convenience fee added to the account

**Does not include**: Shoes and makeup. These items will be purchased separately as needed. Warm ups and backpacks can also be ordered but are optional. Travel expenses are also not included.

Your monthly fees will be charged to your account on the 1st of the month. You can pay in person and Golden Elite Allstars, Inc. accepts checks, cash, money orders, cashier's checks and all major credit cards except Amex. If you have any questions regarding your account, please do not hesitate to call the front office. Accounts not paid will be charged a \$50 late fee and the athlete will be unable to participate in practices, tumbling classes, private lessons or competitions until the account is brought current.

There will be no refunds made to anyone who is asked to leave the program or who quits a team. If there is a financial problem, please contact the office immediately. Your coach will not be able to advise you on these matters. Again, there are no refunds. All monies already paid will be forfeited and you must return the uniform if your Installment payments are not paid in full.

If you start late for some reason, you are still responsible for all prior months and down payment