

REGISTRATION INFORMATION



ELITE ★ ATHLETIC ★ CHEER

SEASON 10 2024-2025



Welcome and thank you for your interest in our program! We are entering our 10th season, and are proud to offer the best recreational competitive cheer experience in NJ. The EAC Recreational Program is committed to teach the value of teamwork and dedication. We pride ourselves on inspiring today's youth to be Elite. Your child is not just another number, they are family. We stand apart by being highly successful without sacrificing sportsmanship, character or integrity. EAC will uplift and empower athletes by providing qualified coaches and exceptional role models. Even as we instill these core values in our athletes, we never forget that cheerleading is fun. We live to compete. Our athletes train hard inside and outside of practice. There will be extra options for your child to progress. Additional tumbling, stretch and stunt classes are offered at our gym, by the Elite Athletic Center. For more information go to eliteacnj.com. This packet should help to provide you with all of the information you need to know about our program. If you should have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We look forward to welcoming you into our EAC family!

Thank you,

EAC Board & Coaches

TEAM INFORMATION

Boss Baby EXPO TEAM Ages 4 & 5-Must be 4 by June 1st 2024

For this age group, we offer a shorter season. Mandatory practices start in September 2024 and runs through March/April 2025. Athletes will attend 4-6 competitions. A majority of competitions are local within 1-2 hour driving distance. The only competition that may require a hotel stay is Nationals.

Half Season Athletes ages 6 & up (Must be 6 by June 1st).

For these teams, we offer a shorter season. Mandatory practices start in September 2024 and run through March/April 2025. Athletes will attend 4-6 competitions and 1 National. A majority of competitions are local within 1-2 hour driving distance. The only competition that may require a hotel stay is Nationals.

Full Season Elite Cheer Teams

Full season athletes start with once a week mandatory practices in June 2024 and 2 times a week starting September 2024 and could run through the beginning of May 2025. If your athletes team wins a paid bid to a competition/national there may be added dates for that team. EAC loves that we can provide our athletes with these additional opportunities. Teams will attend 10-12 competitions including Nationals. Hotel stays for these competitions are not mandatory and are within driving distance. The only hotel stay that is mandatory is for our National Competitions.

PRACTICE

All practices are held at our gym located at 1030 Delsea Drive, Building 5E, Westville, NJ. Additional practices, or make up practices will be added on an as needed basis. Once your athlete is placed on a team, their coach will provide you with a practice schedule via the band app. **All practices are mandatory.** Please see the attendance policy.

IMPORTANT DATES

Important Dates	Dates
<i>In Person New Parent Meeting Info Session-6:30pm</i>	5/23
<i>Virtual Returning Parent Meeting Info Session-7pm</i>	5/29
<i>Athlete fittings (athletes get sized for uniforms & practice gear)</i>	TBD
<i>Evaluations Ages 6-9</i>	5/31
Evaluations Ages 10 & Up	6/1-6/2
Athlete Kickoff Party	6/9
Mandatory Stunt Choreography level 3, level 4 & Another Team TBD	6/6 & 6/7
Mandatory Stunt Choreography all other full season teams	6/17-6/20
Mandatory Practices Start <i>(June-August 1 day a week) All Pre planned vacations must submitted to the board so they are counted as excused absences.</i>	June 2024
Mandatory Choreography level 3, level 4 & Another Team TBD	9/6-9/9
Mandatory Choreography for all other full season teams	9/10-9/15
OFF Halloween	10/31
OFF Thanksgiving	11/28-11/30
OFF Christmas	12/24-12/26
OFF New Years	12/31-1/1
OFF Easter Break	4/20

HALF SEASON PRICING

Boss Babies EXPO Team	Price
Tuition Cost for the Season	\$160/Month
5 Monthly Payments are June-October	
<p>-June Payment will be taken out June 4th. -July-October payments will be taken out the 1st of the month.</p>	
<p>What is included in my tuition?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choreography • Routine Music • Mat Time/Gym Fees • Comp Fees • Athlete Insurance • Miscellaneous-operating costs • Season 10 Banquet-1 Ticket per athlete 	<p>What is not included in my tuition?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Practice wear set per athlete • Competition Bow • 1 Season 10 T-shirt per athlete • Competition glitter • Building expenses • Uniform • Cheer Shoes • Hair/Makeup Supplies • Added Competition fees (if any) • National Fees/Goodie Bag • Tumble Classes

Half Season Athletes	Price
Tuition Cost for the Season	\$215/Month
6 Monthly Payments are June-November	
<p>-June Payment will be taken out June 4th. -July-November payments will be taken out the 1st of the month.</p>	
<p>What is included in my tuition?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choreography • Routine Music • Mat Time/Gym Fees • Comp Fees • Athlete Insurance • Miscellaneous-operating costs • Season 10 Banquet-1 Ticket per athlete 	<p>What is not included in my tuition?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Practice wear set per athlete • Competition Bow • 1 Season 10 T-shirt per athlete • Competition glitter • Building expenses • Uniform • Cheer Shoes • Hair/Makeup Supplies • Added Competition fees (if any) • National Fees/Goodie Bag • Tumble Classes

- ★ All monthly tuition payments will be automatically withdrawn on the dates listed above with an online transaction fee.
- ★ *If you are returning athlete that has previously quit, all quitters fees must be paid from past season in able to return to EAC.
- ★ If your card declines, your athlete will still need to come to practice but will not be able to participate.
- ★ If your tuition is not in good standing, your athlete is not able to compete.
- ★ Once tuition is paid, athlete may resume practicing and competing.
- ★ There will be a \$35 late fee added onto your monthly payment if your monthly payment is not paid after 7 days of the due date.
- ★ There will be **NO REFUNDS** to anyone who quits/leaves a team or is asked to leave the program. ALL fees and money paid will be forfeited.

★ QUITTERS FEE

If an athlete quits or leaves a team, there will be a \$350 charge on your online account per athlete per team. This fee covers the cost to fix choreography and to cover any competition fees lost.

FUNDRAISING

BOSS BABIES & HALF SEASON ATHLETES

GREAT NEWS! If you take advantage of our fundraisers, you could fundraise your total tuition cost! EAC offers many fundraising opportunities throughout the season. **This year, Boss Babies and half season athletes have a mandatory fundraising fee of \$300.** We have this fee to help keep tuition costs down for these teams. Fundraising will be very easy to do with our Raffle Ticket Sale. Anything over the \$300 fundraised, will go back to the families account to put towards tuition and other fees. Any money left over at the end of the season can be carried over for registration and tuition for the following season. No money in your EAC Cheer account can be used for tumble classes, camps or private lessons. If you leave EAC, the money left in your account at the end of the season, will be forfeited to the organization. Funds may not be transferred to other families accounts.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Every Season, we ask athletes to participate in community events that EAC participates in. For example, Halloween Parade, Christmas Parade, Fun Day, Fall Festivals, Road Clean ups etc. We love showing the surrounding communities why EAC is the place to be!

We are excited to offer these great opportunities to our athletes and families every season.

FULL SEASON TEAM PRICING

<u>Full Season Elite Athletes</u>		Price
Tuition Cost for the Season		\$215/Month
<u>10 Monthly Payments are June-March</u>		
<p>-June Payment will be taken out June 4th. -July-March payments will be taken out the 1st of the month.</p>		<p>*Sibling Discount for Full Season Athletes 1st sibling-\$25 OFF monthly tuition 2nd sibling-\$50 OFF monthly tuition 3rd sibling-\$75 OFF monthly tuition</p>
<u>WHAT DOES MY TUITION COVER?</u>		<u>WHAT IS NOT COVERED IN MY TUITION?</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choreography • Routine Music • Mat Time/Gym Fees • Comp Fees • Athlete Insurance • Miscellaneous-operating costs • 1 Practice wear set per athlete • Competition Bow • 1 Season 10 T-shirt per athlete • 1 National T-shirt per athlete • 1 Set of Nationals Gear per athlete • Clean ups/ Upgrades • Competition glitter • Building expenses • Nationals Athlete Gift • Season 10 Banquet-1 Ticket per athlete 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform • Cheer Shoes • Hair/Makeup Supplies • Added Competition fees (if any) • National Fees • Tumble Classes

FINANCIAL POLICIES

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RULES & REGULATIONS- PLEASE READ WITH ATHLETE

- ★Practice wear will be given to all EAC athletes. This is MANDATORY and must be worn at all practices with cheer shoes.
- ★No boots or street shoes will be permitted on practice mats as it is a liability.
- ★No jewelry is to be worn at practice or competitions.
- ★Hair must be up and out of face for all practices.
- ★Gum chewing is not allowed for the safety of the athlete.
- ★Nails need to be kept at no longer than fingertip length for the safety of all.
- ★For Competitions, athletes must take off nail polish or have a neutral color.
- ★When in uniform at competition, cheerleaders are representing our organization. As such, we ask that they maintain a well-groomed, respectable appearance (before, during and after their performance).
- ★During awards ceremonies, all EAC cheerleaders should be in full uniform with no jackets, boots, t-shirts or jerseys.
- ★No toys, bags, jackets, drink, food, candy, earbuds, ipod/iPads are allowed on the practice or competition areas.
- ★Neither EAC or coaches are to be held responsible for personal items brought to practice that are left behind, stolen or damaged.
- ★Disruptive and/or disrespectful behavior to a Coach or teammate, including any type of bullying, will not be tolerated.
- ★Athletes may be asked to sit out of practice or leave the building if this behavior is displayed.
- ★If your child is having an issue with another cheerleader, please discuss with the coach.
- ★Parents/guardians are not permitted to attend or interfere with any practice or performance at any time.
- ★No Parent/guardian is permitted on the practice/competition mat at anytime unless asked by a coach or board member.
- ★Coaches have the right to dismiss any athlete from practice that cannot follow the rules or listen.
- ★Please remember that this is a team sport and there are no assigned or promised "spots". The routine, stunts, positions, teams etc., are subject to change at any time.
- ★No member of the EAC Organization is permitted to participate on any other Rec, or all star cheer team.
- ★EAC athletes may participate on their High School cheer team, as long as no EAC practices, competitions and or choreography will be missed.
- ★Athletes may participate on their High School competition team during the fall season September-December.
- ★Competing after December with a High School team will only be considered for 1 National Competition. This will have to be approved by the EAC board & coaches.
- ★Any negative discussion about other teams within the organization will not be tolerated. Everyone here is family and should lift each other up.
- ★Sportsmanship is expected of every cheerleader and parent at all times especially while we are at the gym or competitions.
- ★Athletes/Parents should be a role model of good sportsmanship showing respect for all Coaches, Volunteers, Officials, Players, Parents/Guardians, Opponents, EAC Board Members.
- ★Please remember that **all EAC Coaches are Volunteers and do not get paid to coach your athletes.**
- ★Athletes/Parents will respect all Coaches decisions with regard to any and all team issues. Any disagreement with a coach should be emailed to the board.
- ★**Under NO circumstances is a Coach to be approached before, during or after a practice/Competition with regard to a conflict or issue.**
- ★Athletes/Parents will not engage in unacceptable behavior toward or involving other Coaches, Volunteers, Officials, Players, Parents/Guardians, or EAC Board Members while at any EAC related sporting event, practice or meeting.
- ★Unacceptable behavior includes, but is not limited to the following: using foul or abusive language or gestures, social media slander/ confrontations with other teams, physical or verbal confrontations or fights, slanderous or libelous remarks or statements, threats, intimidation, or crimes punishable by Civil or Criminal Laws.
- ★Any infraction of this Code of Conduct may result in Disciplinary Action by the Elite Athletic Cheer Board and including immediate expulsion from the Elite Athletic Cheerleading program.
- ★**No videos of practice, competitions or routines should be posted anywhere at anytime.**
- ★No private social media accounts (facebook, instagram, twitter, snapchat, musically, tic tok) with the EAC name or team names are permitted to be used or created by any member other than EAC BOARD and Coaches.
- ★Negative posts about EAC, another program, or another child in our program will not be tolerated.
- ★The Elite Athletic Cheer logo is NOT to be duplicated or used for your own apparel use. Anyone who attempts to sell, make, or use our gym logo, will be in violation of our policy.
- ★Fan gear will be offered throughout the season for purchase
- ★The use of drugs, tobacco/vape by an EAC athlete is prohibited. This behavior will result in immediate dismissal from EAC.
- ★At NO time should any EAC parent or athlete contact (in person, email, letter, social media, call, etc) a competition company, vendor, judge official etc.
- ★It is every parent's responsibility to check emails and/or Band for any and all information distributed by EAC coaches or board members.
- ★All coaches use Band (a mobile app) over the course of the season as the main source of communication. This is NOT a forum to voice individual questions, concerns, or complaints. Personal/individual conversations should also not take place in this forum. For all questions/concerns, please email earec@yahoo.com.
- ★When dealing with a matter that upsets you or your child, please follow a 24-hour rule to calm down and collect your thoughts before presenting them to the parties involved. Sometimes we say things in anger that cannot be rescinded after we have calmed down and revisited a situation.

ATTENDANCE AND TEAM COMMITMENT POLICY

Competitive Cheerleading is a team sport that requires 100% commitment. Each athlete's safety is dependent upon teamwork, trust and responsibility. We expect for each athlete to dedicate 100% to their team. This means **ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY**. When a team mate is missing, the whole team suffers. Attendance effects your teams placement at competitions! A practice missed by one athlete has a significant impact on the entire team. The only practices that are excused are listed below.

Excused absences include...

- A death in the family
- Religious obligations
- Mandatory school functions
- Hospitalization
- Contagious sickness **with doctors note**

Examples of UN excused absences include...

- Vacations scheduled during practice or competitions
- School Dances
- Birthday Parties
- Trunk or Treats
- Sports tryouts
- Sport games
- Sport practices
- Cramps
- Getting a shot

★**If an athlete has an injury, they need a doctors note to sit out of practice. Athletes with an injury must still come to practice to condition, stretch and watch.**

★If you are sick and non-contagious, the athlete must attend practice. Lightly participating and / or watching practice will help you and your team.

★Attendance is so critical to the safety of the team, unexcused absences from practice or competitions may result in dismissal from the team.

★All absences are considered unexcused unless cleared with the Coach.

★20 mins late arrival or 20 mins early departure, will be documented by the coach. If a cheerleader is late or departs early 3 times, it will count as 1 unexcused absence.

★If a cheerleader has 3 unexcused absences, the board has the right to dismiss the athlete from the team.

★If an athlete misses the teams last practice before a competition, they cannot compete.

EVALUATIONS

Cheer evaluations are for ages 7 & up. In order for your athlete to participate in evaluations, the registration fee must be paid & a credit card must be on file. If your athlete is new to EAC, we will need a copy of their birth certificate at or before evaluations. Your athlete must be present at all days to get their pre team placement. If you cannot make evaluations, a private evaluation time can be set up by emailing eacrec@yahoo.com. Your athlete will be evaluated on stunting, jumping, tumbling, flexibility, stamina, motions and more over evaluation days. Once evaluations have been completed, your athlete will receive a pre team placement email. If your athlete works hard all Summer they could potentially get placed on a higher level team. If an athlete loses skills over the Summer, or does not put in the work, they risk being moved to a lower level team. We want to make sure that athletes are placed on proper teams for the success and safety of the athlete and organization.

TEAM PLACEMENTS

Your athletes pre team placement is based off of many things. Here at EAC we look at the athlete as a whole and not just based on Tumbling. Coaches will look at Jumps, Stunts, Strength, Stamina, Tumbling, Flexibility, Attitude, Motions and more. For returning athletes, many other factors weigh in on team placements such as attendance, athletes behavior at practices, were they on time for practice and competitions, was the athlete always in appropriate practice wear, did the athlete come ready with hair up and correct shoes on, did the athlete take tumble/stretch/intensives throughout the season to get better, etc. If your child is only willing to fly, and a team does not need a flyer, they may make a lower level team. Having well rounded athletes that are able and willing to do all positions have a greater chance of making desired team. **If an athlete does not keep up with their skills, there is no guarantee they will make the same level team as previous years.** Coaches have the right at any time during the season to move an athlete up or down a level for the benefit of the team. We ask parents to be supportive of your athlete regardless of what level team they are on. ***Here at EAC, all of our teams are elite!*** You will never make a team here that is less cared about, attended too, worked with, or loved than another. From Boss Babies to level 4 you get the same level of coaching/training that sets you up for success.

EAC KICKOFF PARTY

Athletes and families are invited to join us for our 10th Birthday celebration/ Season 10 Kickoff Party! This will be a night of fun to kick start the season!