



NORTHEAST OHIO ALLSTARS

2019-2020 ALL STAR INFORMATION

Dear N.E.O. Allstar Candidate and Family,

Thank you for your interest in joining the longest running all star program in Ohio! We can't wait to meet each of you during our clinics and evaluations!

N.E.O. will be celebrating our 28th year in the competitive cheerleading industry. Over the years, we have trained athletes all over the state of Ohio and created an atmosphere to inspire athletes to grow into successful adults. We will continue with our traditions and will be adding up-to-date methods to our program each season!

We look forward to welcoming you to the family! As we develop competitive cheerleading teams for the upcoming 2019-2020 competition year, we hope that this packet will provide you with all the necessary information for the upcoming season. Please take the time to read this packet in full. We have added important information regarding this year! Please discuss this information with your athlete prior to clinics. We hope you find this packet informative and will answer any questions you may have concerning our program.

Good luck to each of you! We will see you at the clinics! We can't wait to meet you!

-The N.E.O. Allstars Coaching Staff



How Do I Sign Up?

Here is a checklist to help you know what's next!

- Turn in your Registration Form with your non-refundable \$75 tryout fee by 5/19/19.
- Register for Tryout Clinics by 4/28/19 to qualify for May unlimited tumbling at a discounted rate of \$65/month (this includes 5 weeks of tumbling, but some dates may be excluded due to the D2 Summit and holidays)
- Create a parent portal account through www.neoallstars.com
- Attend Parent Orientation **Sunday, 4/28 @ 3:30pm OR Monday, 5/15 @ 7:00pm**
- Athlete attends placement clinics in appropriate age/level (refer to schedule)
- Team Reveal on **Monday, May 27th** online (\$125 Registration fee due 5/28 on parent portal AND handbook contract signed)
- Enroll in June tumbling classes through parent portal
- Fill out absence/vacation forms and turn in to the front desk (Put dates on absence calendar – found on team Facebook page)
- Attend mandatory team practices & fittings starting **May 29th/30th** (a parent MUST be present for fittings)

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NEO All Stars

Website: www.neoallstars.com

What is All Stars?

All Stars is a fun and challenging sport offered to kids of all ages and experience! Cheerleading is an innovative sport that includes dance, jumps, gymnastics, tumbling, and stunting! With so many different facets, it requires dedication, teamwork, and hard work to achieve every individual and team goals!

N.E.O. has a reputation for success and innovation, yet what we value most is family. While pushing our athletes to fulfill their highest potential, we take pride in offering a safe and friendly environment for our athletes to call home. Our energetic, experienced and certified coaching staff provides the ultimate experience from the moment you walk in the door.

What do we offer at N.E.O.?

We offer a safe environment, highly qualified coaches, and a family friendly atmosphere. We are committed to teaching our athletes life lessons that will sculpt them into a well-rounded athlete.

N.E.O. is committed to the physical, mental and emotional growth of every athlete. No matter the skill level, they are all here to grow as not only athletes, but as individuals.

Our owner, Brooke Richards, is committed to maintaining our highly competitive standards by always being available to our families and athletes. Our goal is for all staff, families and athletes to maintain our family-like atmosphere.

The coaches are committed to the training and nurturing of every athlete and continue to be passionate about developing our athletes and teams.

Our facility is strategically organized to provide your athlete a safe environment including the correct progressions to ensure mastery before moving on. We pride ourselves in perfection before progression.

We are committed to making a difference in our community, at the gym and on an individual/team basis.

We want to provide a home for your athlete and create a memorable experience throughout their life. In order to accommodate a successful business, we do not cut costs or offer discounts that would jeopardize the stability of our business.



All Star Information

At N.E.O. Allstars, we offer teams for different age groups as well as various skill levels. Athletes will be placed strategically throughout levels 1-6. We are committed to placing well rounded athletes to each level. This year, we will take into account their tumbling skills, stunting ability, performance factor, and jump technique. The athletes just have to have the willingness to learn and have fun to be placed on the appropriate team!

In order to determine your athlete's correct age division, we have put together a table below. First, figure out what your athlete's age will be on **August 31st, 2019**. This is considered your "cheer age" for the duration of the season. All athletes are guaranteed a place on an age and skill appropriate team. Based upon skill and experience, athletes may move up in age, division or join an additional team (crossover).

Tiny Expo 3-5 years old	Youth 7-11 years old	Worlds Teams 13-18 years old
Tiny 5-6 years old	Junior 8-14 years old	International 14 years old & up
Mini 6-8 years old	Senior 11-18 years old *2020-2021 13-18 years old	

All Star Teams

Please note that there is absolutely no difference in the quality of training or performance expectations between the four team types – Elite, Prep, Novice & Exhibition. Teams will all utilize the same choreography experience, music, practice space and coaching staff. We are excited to offer these team options to families who want to compete at the elite level but wish not to travel as far.

Each team will have a team parent (Mom or Dad) that will be a huge help to their team! They will be your main source of contact throughout the year regarding team bonding events and athlete meet/pickup locations & times at competitions.

Please understand you must have an email address and Facebook page if you want to receive information from our program. These are our main forms of communications.

When making a decision to become a part of the N.E.O. Family, we want to provide you with different options to fit your athlete's skill level and your family's needs. We offer **four** types of All Star teams to choose from: Exhibition, Novice, Prep and Elite.

Elite Teams

Our Elite teams are our premier teams of the program! They receive choreography and music from some of the best in the cheerleading industry. Elite All Star teams will be required to take a tumbling class once a week, practice twice per

week, travel out of state, and may be eligible for postseason events. Elite teams are made up of levels 1-6. The goal of every Elite team is to earn a bid to the post-season, Varsity D2 Summit event. Post-season travel to Orlando, FL is an extra expense not included in tuition costs.

Prep Teams

Our Prep teams are the building blocks of our program. Prep teams are made up of levels 1-2. Prep teams will be required to take a tumbling class once a week, practice once per week, travel to local & in state competitions, and are not eligible for post-season events. Practices in the summer are not mandatory but highly encouraged!

Half Season Teams

We are excited to continue the growth of our program by offering Novice and Exhibition cheer teams. These teams are considered “half-year”, as they will not begin until the fall and are more affordable for our different family demographics. Clinics and information on these teams will be released at the end of the summer! Half season teams are made up of level 1.

Exhibition Teams

Our exhibition team is specifically designed for our younger athletes to participate in cheerleading and steal the show! These young athletes learn a routine that includes tumbling, jumps, and very basic stunt connections. We have a short 4-month season. The Exhibition division is not scored but rather allows our younger athletes to get the experience of being on the mat as an all star cheerleader.

Novice Team

All Star Novice opens an opportunity to become an all star cheerleader for an extremely low price! We have a short 4-month season that includes tumbling once a week! This team focuses on learn stunting, jumps, dance, tumbling and performance! The Novice division is scored on a rating system.

	<u>Exhibition</u>	<u>Novice</u>	<u>Prep</u>	<u>Elite</u>
Age	3-5 years old	5-14 years old	5-18 years old	5-18 years old
Monthly Tuition	\$75	\$120	\$175	\$305
Registration Cost	\$60	\$60	\$125	\$125
Practices	Once a week	Once a week	Once a week	Twice a week
Extra Practices	1-2 extra practices	1-2 extra practices	5-6 extra practices	7-8 extra practices
Tumbling	Tiny Tumble is extra \$40 monthly	1 tumbling class included	Unlimited Tumbling	Unlimited Tumbling
Uniform	\$75	\$75	\$160	\$375-\$400
Bow	\$10	\$10	\$30	\$30
Competitions	3 competitions	3 competitions	4 competitions	8-9 competitions
Tuition	November-February	November-February	June-February	June-April
Practice Wear	None	None	\$75	\$150 for Two
Team Shirt	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15
Shoes	\$60	\$60	\$115	\$115
Warmups (optional)	Jacket \$95 Pants \$40	Jacket \$95 Pants \$40	Jacket \$95 Pants \$40	Jacket \$95 Pants \$40
Booster Fee	\$25	\$25	\$50	\$50
Post Season	No	No	No	Yes
Travel	Within 1 hour radius*	Within 1 hour radius*	Within 2 hour radius*	In & out of state
Team Performance	Show Team	Rating System	Competitive	Competitive

Practices

Summer Practices: May 29-August 15

Practices will be during the week from the 5-9pm hours and will stay on the same schedule for the entire season. Each team will practice 1.5-2 hours per practice, depending on level, age, & make-ups. Each team will practice two times per week (once a week for Prep Teams) during the summer. Summer practices are MANDATORY for elite all star teams. You must submit an absence request form for any scheduled vacations AND enter them on the team's absence calendar (this will be located on the team's private Facebook page).

School Year Practices: August 25-April 31

Elite teams will practice two times per week. Prep, Novice, and Exhibition teams will practice once a week. Practices will be during the week. NEO encourages families to make plans over the weekends! We want our athletes and families to value family time spent outside of the gym. Not to mention, we won't miss any practice times due to competition weekends. We make every effort to keep our practice times on weekday evenings between the hours of 5pm and 9pm. However, there will be times that we will schedule extra practices on the weekends when needed. All practices are MANDATORY.

Extra Practices

Coaches will have the ability to schedule one extra practice a month. It will be on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Extra practices will be scheduled at least 3 weeks ahead of time. These dates will be chosen by the coaches and added to the team Facebook page. If not needed, then the coach has the authority to cancel it. Extra practices are not mandatory but strongly encouraged in order to have an effective practice. Extra practices could be added promptly due to injury, replacement, or removal of an athlete.

Competition Schedule

Dates	City	Competition	Novice & Exhibition Teams	Prep Teams	Elite Teams
11/3/2019	Uniontown	SHOWCASE		X	X
11/16/2019	Cleveland	One Up			X*
12/7/2019	Pittsburg	Cheersport			X*
1/11-12/2020	Cleveland	Double Down		X	X*
1/18-19/2020	Indianapolis	Jamfest			X*
1/26/2020	Uniontown	Green High School	X	X	
2/16/2020	Canton	American Cheer Power	X	X	X*
2/22-23/2020	Columbus	COA		X	X*
3/7/2020	Cleveland	US Cheer	X	X	
3/28-29/2020	Columbus	American Cheer Power			X*
4/4-5/2020	Nashville	One Up			X*
4/19/2020	Sandusky	US Cheer			TBD

(*)=Bid Event

**Elite all star teams (excluding Mini) are eligible to attend post season events: The D2 Summit – Date TBA

Attendance

All absence requests must be submitted & approved by inputting a vacation/absence request on the team's absence calendar. Team calendars will be found on the team's private FB page. When entering an absence, it is important that you explain why the athlete will be absent from practice. Absence requests must be put on the calendar at least 3 weeks prior to the requested date. This includes vacations, school functions, athletic games, family events, etc.

Athletes are allotted 8 absences for the entire season. Athletes must not exceed more than 8 absences from May 29th/30th to the end of the season. All practices will be set in May after teams are formed. We will try to schedule these practices based on the availability that you have submitted. Excessive absences may result in a meeting to discuss suspension or removal from the program. *If an athlete is injured or sick and cannot participate BUT is at practice, this will not be counted against them. ALL COMPETITIONS ARE MANDATORY. NO EXCEPTIONS.

1-8 absences – no consequence

9th absence- owner's discretion to have athlete sit out next competition

10th absence - athlete MAY be removed from team

Partial absence: Count as ½ or ¼ and will accumulate to above totals

*If an athlete is consistently late, partial absences will be accumulated.

*No refunds of installment fees, competition fees, or cross over fees will be given due to absences, sickness, injury or dismissal from team.

Excused Absences:

- Death in the family
- Severe Illness with doctor's note

Unexcused Absences:

- Sickness- athletes are expected to be at practice. Coaches can make accommodations when necessary.
- Injuries- athletes must come to observe practice
- School dances, school functions, school trips or athletic events
- Too much homework/disciplinary punishment
- Other sports practice
- Vacations

Important Dates

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Date	Event	Team
April 28 th	Parent Evaluation Informational Meeting & Free Open Gym @ 3:30pm	Any interested Athletes/Parents
April 28 th	Register for Evaluation to qualify for unlimited tumbling promotion (see 'How Do I Sign Up Checklist')	ALL
May 15 th	Parent Tryout Informational Meeting @ 7:00pm	Any interested Athletes/Parents
May 19 th	Tryout Fee Deadline	ALL
May 19 th	2:00-4:00pm Tumbling/Jump Evaluations	11 Years old & younger
May 20 th	7:00-9:00pm Tumbling/Jump Evaluations	12 Years old & older
May 21 st	7:00-9:00pm Stunt Evaluations	ALL AGES Attend
May 27 th	Team Reveal - Posted Online	ALL
May 28 th	Commitment/Registration Fee Due (pay on parent portal)	All Teams
May 29 th or May 30 th	Practice Wear/Uniform Fittings	All Teams
May 29 th or May 30 th	Team Practices Start	All Teams
June 1 st	June Tuition Due	Prep & Elite Teams
June 9 th - June 15 th	Summer Break #1 (open for classes)	All Teams
June 27, 28, 29, 30 th	Elite Team Choreography	Youth, Junior & Senior Teams
July 4 th - July 13 th	Summer Break #2 (no classes – gym closed)	All Teams
August 18 th -24 th	Summer Break #3 (open for classes)	All Teams
September 6, 7, 8 th	Prep Team Choreography	Prep Teams
October 24 th	Trunk-Or-Treat	ALL
October 24 th	Novice Interest Clinic/Parent Info Meeting	Novice Teams
November 3 rd	All Team Season Showcase @ Green HS	Elite & Prep Teams
November 10 th	Pictures	Elite & Prep Teams
Nov 27 th -Nov 30 th	Fall Break (no classes)	All Teams
December 15 th	All Team Christmas Party	ALL
December 20 th -Jan 1 st	Winter Break (no classes – gym closed)	All Teams
May TBA	Summit Showcase	All Summit Teams
May TBA	Banquet	All Teams

Team Placement Information

With the variety of skills used in cheerleading, we want to select the best and safest placement for your athlete. The key is to have fun, build confidence and become a part of the family! Therefore, we want to place each athlete on the proper team to help them grow accordingly! Coaches will consider the athlete's tumbling skills, stunting ability, performance factor, and jump technique. Tumbling alone does not define the level of the team you will be placed on. In addition, we choose our teams according to bases, back spots, and flyers which make up each stunt group. During evaluations, athletes will be given specific skills that we are requesting to see for specific levels. We want to see consistency during the evaluation process, as well as

allowing your athlete the opportunity to showcase skills that they have been working on. We will provide a tumbling rubric that includes level appropriate skills. Each level will have a mandatory skill and an optional pass for the athletes to choose. The optional passes are listed by the degree of difficulty. Technique scores will be given for each pass as well. These skills can be found at the front desk.

Clinics

Tryout Clinics		
Date	Time	Clinic
April 28th	3:30pm	Parent Informational Meeting & Free Open Gym
May 15th	7:00-9:00pm	Parent Informational Meeting
May 19th	2:00-4:00pm	Athletes 11 years and younger
May 20th	7:00-9:00pm	Athletes 12 years and older
May 21st	7:00-9:00pm	ALL Athletes
May 27th	5:00pm	Team Reveals (24 hours to commit to team)

*\$75 Tryout Fee Due by May 18th and \$125 Registration Fee Due May 27th

NEO 2019-2020 Fee Schedule and Information

Registration Fee:

\$125 is due 24 hours after team reveals. Athletes WILL NOT be put on a team until the registration fee is paid. The one-time registration fee includes athlete insurance, athlete USASF membership, and your commitment to NEO Allstars.

All Inclusive Monthly Installment:

Our elite all star season runs for **11 months**, and we make it easy for you to budget the majority of costs by dividing it into month installment payments. For the months of June through April, installments will include the following:

*Choreography *Music *Coaches Fees *Competition Fees *Unlimited Tumbling Classes *Gym Membership

Our prep all star season runs for 9 months, June through February.

Exhibition and Novice teams will run for 4 months, November through February.

Sibling Discount: NEO Allstars offers a sibling discount of \$20 off each month.

For your convenience, we use Jackrabbit computer programing. This is a one stop shop computer program where you will be able to view your account balance at any time. You will also be able to make all your payments online at any time. We still accept cash and check payments at the front desk, HOWEVER, you MUST have a credit card on file! We encourage you to check your accounts often to ensure that payments are made on time. Tuition is due the 1st of every month. If monthly fees are not paid by the 7th of each month by 12:00pm, a \$50 late fee will be administered to your account.

*If accounts are not paid, athletes will not be permitted to participate. The athlete will be asked not to come to practice until accounts are paid in full to avoid any type of embarrassment. Missed practices due to accounts not being paid will result in an absence and will be counted against the athlete's allotted 8 absences.

Monthly Installment Fee Schedule:

Team	If paying in full (Due by June 1st) 5% Off	Due 1st of Every Month
Senior, Junior & Youth - Elite All Star Teams	\$3,187	\$305
Mini Elite All Star Teams	\$3,187	\$305
Senior, Junior, Youth & Mini - Prep All Star Teams	\$1,662	\$175
Tiny All Star Exhibition	N/A	\$75

Extra Costs Not Included in Tuition		
Description	Cost	Due Date
Shoes	\$115	6/15/2019
Booster Club Fee	\$50 (elite & prep) \$25 (novice & exhibition)	6/15/2019
Practice Wear #1 (Elite & Prep Teams)	\$75	6/25/2019
Quit Fee	\$500	Only if athlete quits after 7/1
Elite All Star Uniforms Down Payment	\$300	7/15/2019
Bow	\$30	7/15/2019
Warmups (optional)	Jacket \$95, Pants \$40	8/15/2019
Prep All Star Uniforms	\$160	8/15/2019
Practice Wear #2 (Elite Teams)	\$75	8/15/2019
Elite All Star Uniforms Balance	\$75-\$100	9/15/2019
Crossover Fee	\$825 (\$75 per month)	1 st of every month
Tumbling Classes	UNLIMITED (elite & prep)	Included in tuition

*Uniforms will only need to be purchased if the athlete is new to the program or needs a new size! We will have uniform fittings at the first team practice in June. The cost of an elite uniform is \$375-\$400. A \$300 down payment will need to be made to the front desk by July 15th. The cost of a prep uniform is \$160. Prep all star athletes will not pay for uniforms until August.

**Practice Wear fittings are scheduled for the athletes' first day of practice. It is MANDATORY for a parent or guardian to be present to sign off on practice wear sizes before the order is placed. There will NOT be exchanges. If an athlete needs a different size, it will be the parent's responsibility to purchase a new size.

Booster Club:

We offer multiple community service and fundraising opportunities throughout the entire season through our Booster Club to help give back and offset some of the fees that are due during the season. More information on fundraising opportunities will be emailed and on the Booster Club Facebook page throughout the season. This is a great opportunity to help pay for your season!

Quit Fee:

NEO Allstars requires a huge commitment from each athlete. To help ensure this level of dedication from everyone, we have implemented a fee charged to any athlete who quits his or her team. The fee for quitting is \$500 and will be immediately applied to one's account if an athlete quits for any reason after July 1st. If your auto pay declines these fees, you will need to refer to the policies you signed when setting up your account. Any fees left unpaid will be turned over to our attorney for collection through small claims court. You also agree in these policies to pay NEO's attorney fees for this process. You will not be refunded any fees paid to NEO Allstars. You will not receive practice wear or other attire if they have not come in at the time of removal.

DETAILED RULES & POLICES CAN BE FOUND IN THE 2019-2020 HANDBOOK – SEE THE FRONT DESK FOR A COPY