



Wildfire Cheer

2020-21 Competitive Teams

Information Pack



Dear Parents/ Guardians & Athletes,

Firstly I'd like to thank you all for your continued support for the club, especially during these challenging times! We're now able to return to Iveshead School and resume most of our timetable, so all being well, we will be forming our competitive cheer and dance teams after the October half-term. We hope to welcome lots of new and returning athletes to our competitive teams!

The start of our season may be a little different to begin with, and of course everything (particularly large competitions and our full return to stunting) is dependent on the ongoing COVID-19 situation. No matter what, we are determined to come back stronger and make Season 5 a success! Our plans to move to our own facility (Elevate Elite) have been delayed but are very much still underway!

Please read this information pack through carefully. It contains all the important information you will need for the season, including training information, competition dates, fees, uniforms, team policies and more. This document may be updated throughout the season, but the most up to date version will always be available on our website (www.wildfirecheer.com under 'Competitive Teams') and any major updates will be communicated by email. If after reading this information pack you have any more questions then please do not hesitate to email me on the address below.

Kind Regards

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About Competitive Cheer

Since being established in 2016, Wildfire Cheer has grown to a club of over 130 athletes taking part in the amazing sport of cheerleading, both recreationally and competitively. In 2020-21 we are hoping to keep growing our competitive programme – with new teams, levels and opportunities!

Each of our teams will train hard from November 2020 onwards, working on skills and routines in order to perform at 2 different competitions in May and June 2021, competing against other teams from all over the country. Each team will also perform at our club showcase in early July 2021 (TBC).

We have teams suitable for both beginners and more experienced cheerleaders of all ages. No experience is necessary – but we do require our athletes to commit fully to their team, work hard and have excellent attendance.

Which cheer team(s) we are able to offer each athlete will be determined by our coaches. We take into account age, experience, ability and commitment. But what work best for each athlete's progress and each team's competitiveness is also very important.

In some cases athletes will be able to 'crossover' and be part of more than one cheer or dance team. Please indicate this on your Team Placements Form if you are interested.

Cheer Teams Overview

Cheer teams are usually made up of between 10 and 30 athletes. We incorporate stunts, pyramids, tumbling, jumps into fast paced and exciting routines! This year we will be forming 7 competitive cheer teams, ranging from ages 5 to 18, from beginner to more advanced levels.

Team/Level	Age	Training	Training Fees	Competitions	Uniform
Ember Tiny Prep L1	5 to 7 (Yr 1 to 3)	Tuesdays 5:30 - 6:30pm Iveshead School	£15 per month	FC Sheffield - 8 th May 21 CC Leicester - 26 th Jun 21	TBC - current Wildfire or low cost alternative
Glimmer Mini Prep L1	7 to 9 (Yr 3 to 5)	Thursdays 5:30 - 7pm Iveshead School	£22 per month	FC Sheffield - 8 th May 21 CC Leicester - 26 th Jun 21	Current Wildfire (long sleeved)
Blaze Youth Prep L1	9 to 11 (Yr 5 to 7)	Thursdays 7 - 8:30pm Iveshead School	£22 per month	FC Sheffield - 8 th May 21 Legacy B'ham - 12 th /13 th Jun 21	Current Wildfire (long sleeved)
Flare Youth/Junior L1	10 to 15 (Yr 6 to 11)	Thursdays 5:30 - 7:15pm Iveshead School	£25 per month	FC Sheffield - 8 th May 21 Legacy B'ham - 12 th /13 th Jun 21	TBC – current Wildfire or new uniform
Phoenix Youth L2	9 to 12 (Yr 5 to 8)	Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:15pm Iveshead School	£25 per month	FC Sheffield - 8 th May 21 Legacy B'ham - 12 th /13 th Jun 21	New uniform
Inferno Junior Int. L2	10 to 16 (Born 2004 - 2010)	Fridays 5 - 7pm Iveshead School	£28 per month (Crossover £14)	FC Sheffield - 8 th May 21 Legacy B'ham - 12 th /13 th Jun 21	New uniform
Valkyrie Senior L3	10 + (Yr 6+)	*Fridays 6-8pm* *Iveshead School*	£28 per month	FC Sheffield - 8 th May 21 Legacy B'ham - 12 th /13 th Jun 21	New uniform

- Please note that levels and age ranges could change slightly after team placements.
- Valkyrie, our new Senior 3 team, will be training at Iveshead School on Fridays for the time being, due to The Base being unable to accommodate us at this time. As soon as possible we will be moving training to The Base, hopefully on Wednesdays again.
- Training Fees do not include competition entry fees this year. These will need to be paid for separately in Spring 2021 (see 'Fees' section)

Pom, Hip-Hop, Group Stunt & Solos/Duos

Pom Dance

Last year we formed our first ever competitive Pom Dance teams! Pom is a style of dance specific to cheer, involving lots of kicks, leaps, jumps, turns, pom pom work and a lot of flexibility. Unfortunately due to restrictions surrounding her job as a teacher, Shannon is not yet able to return to coaching Pom yet. This means that we can't start Pom until either Shannon can return, or we can find a new Pom coach. As soon as we can return we will, provisionally with the following teams:

- Glow Girls (Mini Pom), ideally training on Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm, fees £15 per month (or £8 if also doing cheer).
- Glitz (Junior Pom), ideally training on Tuesdays 6:30-8pm, fees £22 per month (or £11 if also doing cheer)

Hip-Hop Dance

By popular demand, we are holding some Hip-Hop taster sessions on Tuesday 27th October. I am just waiting for confirmation from the coach, but please leave the date free. If there is interest, forming one or two teams is something we will also look into! Training days/time TBC, fees would be similar to Pom.

Group Stunt

Group Stunt teams are also heavily dependent on the COVID-19 situation. Until the DCMS (government) approves the plan submitted by SportCheer England to resume close contact within cheerleading, stunting is not legally allowed. If/when we are able to return, we will prioritise places for those who were part of Group Stunt last season but didn't get to compete. Training fees would be £15 per month.

Solos/Duos

Solos and Duos are something we can resume straight away! Trials will be held on Thursday 29th October, 6:30-7:30pm. If you are interested in this, please indicate this on your Team Placements form. We will be prioritising solos/duos from last season for places where possible, but there should be space a few new solos/duos too. Training will be either monthly or fortnightly and will fit around athlete and coach availability. For fees please see 'Private Tuition'.

Tumbling & Private Tuition

Tumbling

Currently we are not resuming our weekly group tumbling sessions, as we will be doing a lot more tumbling during normal classes / team training sessions until stunts can resume. Once things are a bit more back to normal (or if there is a big demand for it) this is something we will look to bring back.

Private Tumbling Tuition

We will be offering private tumbling tuition after half-term. Please email hannah@wildfirecheer.com if this is something your child would like to do, places are limited and our schedule is usually full. Sessions can be monthly, fortnightly or sometimes even weekly if there is availability. One to one tuition can really be a benefit and many of our athletes have seen great progress with the tumbling.

Sessions are either 30 minutes or 45 minutes, however athletes arrive 15 minutes before their start time to do their own warm-up, so they don't lose any time from their tumbling work. Please bear in mind that all sessions do still have to be socially distanced for the time being. Fees for private tumbling tuition and for solo / duo training are as follows:

30 mins - £9 for one or £6 each for two
45 mins - £12 for one or £8 each for two

Fees for more regular sessions (e.g. monthly solo training) will be taken by direct debit this season. Please see details in the 'Fees & Discounts' section on Page 8.



Competition Information

Due to the delay in forming our teams and the uncertainty around the COVID-19 situation, we are only planning to attend two competitions with most teams this season. These will be in May and June 2021. Athletes MUST be able to attend all competitions for their team in order to accept their place on that team. Cheerleading is a team sport where everyone has an important and specific role and choreography, so it is not easy to replace people or have others 'fill in' at all. Please see our 'Attendance and Commitment Policy' on our website.

All competitions going ahead are of course dependent on the situation with COVID-19, especially with cheerleading competitions being such large events. This is the main reason we have decided to separate the training fees from competition entry fees this season. Competition entry fees will not be due until March 2021. Most returning members have credit from last season which can be used to cover a lot of these costs.

The competition schedule and costs for this year are as follows:

Future Cheer Gateway to the Galaxy, Saturday 8th May 2021, Sheffield (All Teams)

Athlete entry fee (one cheer or dance team only) = £33

Crossover entry fee (additional cheer or dance teams) = £23

Group Stunt entry fee = £38

Spectator Tickets = £20 for adult spectators (age 12+), £10 for child spectators (age 5-11), age 4 and under free.

Entry fee and ticket pre-order deadline = 1st March 2021. Spectator tickets will be available on the door at a higher cost (£22.50 / £12.50).

Live Your Legacy Nationals, Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th June 2021, Birmingham (Youth/Junior/Senior Cheer & GS Teams)

Which day each age group would compete on is yet to be confirmed by Legacy. Youth is usually on the Saturday and Junior/Senior the Sunday, but I cannot confirm that yet. Please leave the whole weekend free for the time being.

Athlete entry fee (one cheer or dance team only) = £44 for Elite teams, £26 for Prep (Blaze only)

Crossover entry fee (additional cheer or dance teams) = £26

Group Stunt entry fee = £26

Spectator Tickets = TBC. Likely to be around £30 for adults. For Legacy these can be ordered online directly though Legacy rather than through the club. They should also have tickets available on the door but again at a higher cost.

Entry fee deadline = 1st April 2021.

Cheer City Nationals, 26th & 27th June 2021, Leicester (Tiny/Mini Cheer & GS Teams, All Dance Teams)

All teams would compete on Saturday 26th, other than any Junior or Senior age dance teams which would be Sunday 27th.

Athlete entry fee (one cheer, dance or group stunt team only) = £19

Crossover entry fee (additional cheer, dance or group stunt teams) = £12

Spectator Tickets = £9 per session (all aged 5+), £15 for a full day, age 4 and under free

Wildfire Summer Showcase, June 2021 (TBC – All Teams & Rec Classes)

We end every season with our full club showcase, with every team and class performing. This is also a big fundraiser for us with all proceeds going to our equipment fund! This will be in late June, date TBC. Last time tickets were £5 for adults and £3 for children.

Possible Extra Competitions (Solos/Duos)

For those of you interested in solos & duos, the competition options are:

- Cheer City Allstars Championships, 11th April 2021, Nottingham
- Cheer City Summer Showdown, 15th & 16th May 2021, Loughborough
- Cheer City Nationals, 26th & 27th June 2021, Leicester

Entry fees = £19 if Solo/Duo only, £15 if also competing with a team. Spectator tickets are £9 per session as above.

Fees & Discounts

Training fees for all teams and classes are paid monthly from November to June by Direct Debit. All of Elevate Elite is moving to the LoveAdmin (previously PaySubsOnline) system this season. Once you have filled out your Registration Form and Team Placements Form, you will receive an email from LoveAdmin with details on how to set this up, which you will need to do to confirm your place on your child's team. Competition entry fees, uniform payments etc will all be paid through LoveAdmin as well, however for these one off fees the system also allows you to pay via Paypal or Credit Card.

All teams training fees work out to between £3.50 and £4 per hour. We recognise that cheerleading can be an expensive sport for families, which is why we do our best to keep training fees as low as possible. Our club is a Community Interest Company (not for profit), meaning that any profits after our costs are met are reinvested back into the club. Fees MUST be paid on time – if monthly payments fail or any fees have been forgotten, you will get a reminder in the first instance. However we reserve the right to remove your child from their team if any fees remain unpaid (please see 'Code of Conduct').

Credit from the 2019-2020 Season

As you know, most of our competitions in 2020 were cancelled due to COVID-19. If you had paid full fees up to March and did not ask for refunds, you will have a fair bit of 'credit' which can be used to cover one off payments such as competition entry fees, uniforms, bows, or spectator tickets.

Crossover Discounts

Where an athlete is on more than one cheer or dance team, crossover discounts will apply. Training fees for your second team will be approximately half their usual amount. For example, if an athlete was part of both Phoenix (£25) and Inferno (£28), the total fees would be £39 per month due to the 50% discount on the second team. You will also get some discounts on competition entry fees. Note – this does not apply to group stunt teams, these are small teams of 4 or 5 so full fees must be paid.

Sibling Discounts

We also offer sibling discounts for families with more than one child in competitive cheerleading. Fees for the second sibling will be discounted by 25% and fees for the third or more siblings will be discounted by 50%. So for example a family with one child in Blaze (£22) and one on Glimmer (£22) would pay £38.50 in total per month, due to the 75% discount on the younger child's fees. Note – there are no sibling discounts for competition entry fees, the competitions do not offer this.

Competition Uniform, Bows, Shoes & Training Kit

Which competition uniform your child will need will depend on which team(s) they join. After our original Wildfire uniform serving us well for 4 seasons now, we will be phasing these out and getting a brand new design for most of our older teams. We had planned to get new uniforms for all teams, however due to both the club and parents buying a fair few brand new uniforms last season (that were never worn) we will be keeping our current uniforms for our younger and prep level teams for at least one more season.

Current Long Sleeved Wildfire Uniform

Our original Wildfire uniforms consist of a long sleeved top (similar to a leotard) with mesh/diamante sleeves and shorts. Costs are as follows:

- Hire for 1 season - £20. Please note I cannot guarantee this will be available for all, it will be first come first served.
- To buy 2nd hand – between £30 and £60.
- To buy brand new - £95.

Payments will be due by around February 2021 and in most cases you will receive the uniform immediately. If you bought a Wildfire uniform last season that you never got to wear, but it no longer fits or you no longer need it, the club will buy these back from you. The club may also be able to buy back some other uniforms that have been worn (but not a guarantee for all).

New Wildfire Uniforms

All Level 2+ teams and possibly Flare (Youth/Junior Level 1) will be getting brand new uniforms this season, we will be opting for a new design with a skirt. These will be brand new uniforms likely to cost around £100, however we will not be taking payments until around February 2021, hopefully by then we will know for sure whether our competitions are going ahead or not.

Most returning members will be able to reduce the cost of their uniform significantly using credit from last season.



Dance Uniforms & Poms

Pom dance uniforms are different to cheer uniforms (more like dance costumes). Both teams last season consisted of a leotard and skirt, and the cost was between £24 and £40 new. We will be keeping the same Pom uniforms this season and buying/selling 2nd hand will be possible if available. All members of Pom will also need a pair of black jazz shoes (you can buy these yourself, they can be as cheap as £10 online).

The club keeps hold of poms, however all members of Pom will need to pay £10 for pom hire each season. Poms cost the club £20 a pair so this is just to cover the costs of buying/replacing poms each season.

If we do form a Hip-Hop team this season, uniform costs are likely to be similar to Pom (£25 to £40).

Competition Bows

Each team (all cheer, group stunt and pom) will have a specific team hair bow for competitions, these are different for each team and have the team name on. Competition bows are £10 each and this will need to be paid for by around February 2021. If your child is on the same team as they were last year, they will not need to buy a new bow. If you paid for a new bow last season that was never received/worn, I can take this payment off any new bows you need this season. You may also be able to buy/sell worn ones 2nd hand (£5).

Trainers

All cheer athletes will need white trainers for competition. For most younger cheerleaders, appropriate trainers can be bought for as little as £10 and I am happy to give recommendations. They need to have a solid sole but preferably not be too chunky to tumble in!

For older cheerleaders, flyers and anyone tumbling at Level 2+, I would strongly recommend getting cheer trainers. It's up to you what you would like to spend on these but they can be anything from £25 up to £80 for the top of the range trainers. Again just ask if you would like recommendations!

Optional Training Kit & T-shirts

Training kit is not compulsory but we will be offering this for those who wish to buy it. We will be looking at getting a new training kit design this season including crop tops and leggings, plus a few new items! We will also get new 'Season 5' T-shirts, payment deadline TBC, but there will be at least some items available to buy for Christmas 2020. We also have a buy/sell/swap Facebook group for 2nd hand items: <https://bit.ly/37f1dh8>