



## **WELCOME TO THE EVO FAMILY!**

### **Half Year Recreational Competitive Cheer Teams**

Thank you for your interest in joining the EVO Athletics All Star Cheerleading Program. We are truly excited for this upcoming season as we welcome the Funtastics Force athletes, staff and parents to our family. We believe in providing the best resources and overall experience for our athletes and feel strongly that our combined programs will stay true to up holding the high standards of excellence shared by both companies.

EVO's mission is to create a winning program focused on adding value to each individual athlete by teaching skills that will build confidence, self-control and sportsmanship. We recognize competitive cheerleading as a sport and train all our athletes accordingly. It is our expectation that all athletes, parents or responsible guardians understand the commitment that comes with this incredible experience.

~ Jimmy Lassiter & Dustin Edwards, Cheer Program Directors

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### **GENERAL TRYOUT INFORMATION:**

Cheerleading Tryouts are open to boys & girls of ALL LEVELS Ages 3 to 18. \$60 EVO Online Annual Registration fee due prior to attending any practices. This registration fee is transferable to any EVO program and is nonrefundable.

#### **MANDATORY PAPERWORK:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Online Registration (acknowledge liability and policies)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Certificate COPY (If not already on file) (needed for USASF)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Card COPY (If not already on file)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Athlete signed contracts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signed contracts

#### **MANDATORY PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS (Please choose one):**

- September 26, 2017 at 6pm on the 2nd floor mezzanine.

#### **PRACTICE SCHEDULE:**

- Mid Season: Tuesdays (5:30pm-7:30pm) and Thursdays (5pm-7pm)
- Tiny's: Monday/Wednesdays (5:30pm-6:30pm)

# PRICING

## MONTHLY TUITION

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Monthly tuition includes: choreography, team practices, & music

Payments to EVO October 3rd – April 1st (7 months total)

- Tiny teams: \$90 / month
- Mid Season teams: \$125 / month

## ASSESSMENT FEES

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Assessment fees include: competition fees, uniform, t-shirt, bow, shoes & makeup.

Assessment payments will be divided into 3 installments and are the same for both tiny teams and mid season teams.

### **PAYMENT 1:**

- \$250 due November 15th

### **PAYMENTS 2:**

- \$200 due January 15th

### **PAYMENTS 3:**

- \$200 due March 15th

\*Competition Bag & other optional apparel will be available thru preorders.

\*Assessment fees can be paid through booster club fundraising.

\*Failure to remit payment by due date will result in your athlete being pulled from program.

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## EVO ANNUAL REGISTRATION

\$50 annual fee must be paid to EVO online account by October 3, 2017.

# COMPETITION INFORMATION

## POLICY

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The two practices prior to a competition are MANDATORY in order to compete. Athletes that miss a competition event, for ANY reason (including missing a mandatory practice), will be charged a \$150 Fee. This fee will be immediately charged to your EVO account. We are implementing this fee to ensure that all members are committed to all competitions. It is extremely stressful for all coaches and athletes when someone has to miss. If an athlete is missing a competition, we will plan to schedule additional practice time.

## SCHEDULE

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PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE PLANNING YOUR VACATION TRAVEL DATES AROUND THESE COMPETITIONS.

### **ALL OUT NATIONALS**

This competition is held at Gaylord Palm Resorts February 3rd-4th.

### **JAM BASH**

This competition is held Kissimmee, Florida on February 25th.

### **SEASON SHOWDOWN**

This competition is held at Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida on April 21st.

*\*The 2017 – 2018 Competition Schedule is subject to change.*

# ATTENDANCE POLICIES

You are expected to attend all practices, exhibitions, and competitions as a team. Our routines incorporate every team member. One member's absence has a negative impact on the entire team.

## IN-SEASON POLICY

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(October 3rd – April 30th)

Athletes may miss UP TO FIVE practices between before April 30th. After 5 absences, Jimmy and/or Dustin will have a parent meeting to discuss the athletes' placement for the remainder of the season. See ABSENCE NOTIFICATION below.

## ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

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Please call EVO at 941-222-0888 for all absences. Follow the instructions to leave a voicemail for Jimmy Lassiter in the cheerleading program. Please include a detailed explanation for why your athlete is missing. Please do not email, text or call any staff to report an absence – every absence needs to be reported thru the voicemail system. If you are unable to commit to our full year attendance policy, your family may need to consider joining our Mid-Season REC team instead – information for this program will be released in the Fall.

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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During the dates below, no practices are mandatory and will NOT count towards your 7 allowed absences during the In-Season Schedule. Depending on the staff schedules, we may still have practices; however, they will not count against you.

- Memorial Day Holiday: May 29th
- 4th of July Break: July 3th – 7th
- Labor Day: September 4th
- Thanksgiving: November 21st - November 26th
- Winter Break: December 21th - January 1st
- MLK Day: January 15th
- President's Day: February 19th
- Spring Break SRQ/BRA: March 26th – 30th

## MANDATORY HOLIDAY PRACTICES

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### NOVEMBER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26th – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

There will be MANDATORY practices for all teams since we may compete the weekend of December 2nd-3rd.



## IMPORTANT PAYMENT NOTIFICATIONS

- Tuition payments cover a season of training. Tuition does not change based on more or less practices in any given month.
- Paying tuition does not pay for the right to perform at competition.
- In the event your child is injured and unable to participate for an extended period of time, program payments must still be paid. Your child should continue to attend practice with limited participation based on Doctor Recommendation.
- Fundraising is available through the parent run Booster Club to raise all or a portion of your costs for this program.
- If you join the program after the start of the season you will owe any missed fees.
- If your child should leave the program for any reason prior to the end of the season, you will incur a \$250 cancellation fee.
- All families must sign all digital waivers located in their iclass Parent Portal.
- Autopayment is required for monthly tuition. A valid credit card must be on file. Monthly tuition will be autodrafted on the first Monday of the month. A \$15 late fee will be added to accounts on the second Monday of the month.
- If you choose to not have a card on file you will be charged an additional \$10 per month service fee.
- All Competition Fees are Non-Refundable for any reason.
- All payments made are non-refundable for any reason including leaving the program prior to the end of the season for any reason including injury.

**Athlete Signature and Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature and Date** \_\_\_\_\_



## **RULES & POLICIES GENERAL**

- Only team athletes are permitted into the gym. Family, siblings and friends must watch from the viewing area.
- No food is permitted inside the gym.
- Every child must come to the gym with their own water bottle.
- Everyone must clean up after themselves & throw trash away.
- Be on time!
- Cell phones must be left in team cubbies, turned OFF and may not be checked at any time during practice.
- EVO is not liable for any personal items left in the gym at any time.
- You must check your email frequently to stay informed on any upcoming important information. As well as our Facebook Group: Private EVO Cheer Group Page
- EVO will not approve any privately monogrammed clothing or accessories bearing the gym name or logo. All clothing bearing the gym or team names or logos must be purchased through the gym.
- Parental support plays an extremely important role in the success of your athlete and the team. We hope that you will be involved in the program and spend as much time as possible supporting your child.
- Parents agree NOT to use restriction from practices as a form of punishment for their child.
- Parents are responsible for travel arrangements for their child including transportation and hotel accommodations. All cheerleaders must be in a hotel room with a parent.
- All families are expected to stay at the host hotel and to book rooms by the appropriate deadline.

**Athlete Signature and Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature and Date** \_\_\_\_\_



## DRESS CODE POLICY

- Hair must be worn off the shoulders with bow in and out of the face at practice.
- Nails must be trimmed shorter than fingertips.
- No jewelry. All piercings must be removed for practice & competition. This is Non-negotiable, this is a safety issue! All lost or damaged practice or competition uniform pieces must be replaced.
- If you are late or dressed incorrectly you will jump/condition after practice.
- Low cut black socks are to be worn with the competition uniform.
- Only certain items may be worn at competition – the detail sheet will always specify.
- A gym bag and water bottle should be brought to each practice.
- **Conduct & Behavior**
- All program members should set a positive example for others to follow.
- Be respectful and courteous to everyone including coaches & teammates at all times.
- Schedule an appointment to speak with a coach or staff member to discuss any issues that arise.
- You are to not make negative facial expressions, talk under your breath, roll your eyes, or make rude gestures of any kind.
- You are to refrain from gossip and negative talk about the staff, cheerleaders, parents, or other programs on any social media website such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, Vine, Etc.
- Accept all team placements with true dignity and class.
- Do not post any photos of yourself or others in EVO attire acting in a negative manner that would discredit the gym's reputation.
- Leave your problems at the door. Come to practice with a smile ready to work hard.
- Any prize money earned at competition will be used in the program at the discretion of EVO management & staff.
- Support and congratulate other teams at competition.

**Athlete Signature and Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature and Date** \_\_\_\_\_



## **EVO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO:**

- Place athletes on the team it feels will best suit them and the program.
- Close the viewing of practices.
- Decide the role and position an athlete will play on their team.
- Request an athlete take additional classes or clinics to improve their skill level.
- Require additional or longer practices if necessary for the team.
- Move, replace, add, suspend or dismiss an athlete from a team or the program at any time during the year based on criteria including: Attendance, Injury, Attitude, Skills, and Finances & Parent Negativity.
- Reevaluate an athlete's position on the team due to the loss of skills that were previously performed at tryouts.

## **ALL ATHLETES MUST:**

- Make EVO a priority over other extracurricular activities.
- Hand in School Cheerleading Calendars if you are participating on a school squad.
- Attend all practices during the summer when they are in town.
- Athletes will Jump/Condition AFTER practice if tardy or in incorrect attire.
- Do all that is necessary to ensure on time arrivals to practices and other events and not leave practice early.
- Attend and be prepared to participate in all EVO activities including additional practices that may be scheduled to ensure success of our teams.
- Arrive 15 minutes early to all activities including practices and competitions.
- Schedule vacations so they do not conflict with important dates (including all practices the week before competition)

**Athlete Signature and Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature and Date** \_\_\_\_\_





## F.A.Q's

- **I already have cheer shoes. Can I remove them from the payment due to save money?** No items can be omitted. New shoes are required for all athletes.
- **What Tumbling Skills does my child need to make a specific team?** There is no exact answer to this considering tumble is just one section of the score sheet. We are strict on progression and our progression chart lists the skills that will make your athlete successful based on their tumble skills at the appropriate level.
- **What type of payment is accepted at EVO?** EVO will be on Auto Debit ONLY for your monthly tuition for the season. Those not wishing to do auto debit will need to make one annual payment when registering.
- **Can you guarantee I will be a Flyer?** No. You will be placed on a team based upon your overall "fit" for that specific team. Sometimes we train more flyers than we actually need. We will put our best flyers in the air at competition. This is no reflection on your effort. If you will only accept a position on a specific team or you only want to cheer if you can be a flyer, then this is not the right program for you. We want cheerleaders that want to be a part of our TEAMS and program.
- **Can I be a Cheerleader for EVO and still cheer for my high school team?** Absolutely!!! We encourage the athletes to do both and it proves to make a better cheerleader.
- **When is my monthly tuition payment due?** If you are not paying in full, your payment will be automatically debited on the 1st of the month for the following month, unless you have come in PRIOR to the 1st and made a payment. Additionally, if your credit card is declined you will be notified. A late fee of \$15 will be charged to the account on the 5th. We have financial responsibilities and depend on your timely payments. We appreciate your planning accordingly.
- **Are Tumbling/Flyers Classes included in my tuition?** There will be classes offered each week for each level tumbling available only to our team cheerleaders. One class per week is included in their tuition. The coaches will let the athletes know which one of these classes to attend.. If the classes start to have very high attendance, then we may require a signup sheet prior to the class. Classes can be cancelled at any time and no prorating will occur.
- **Could my actions as a parent affect my athlete's involvement with EVO?** Absolutely. We welcome your comments and concerns. We also believe negativity is extremely contagious and ask that you not share negative comments with other families. A positive atmosphere is the best way to achieve our goals. We don't want stage moms, or people that thrive on drama!! If you can't be positive and helpful, please don't sign your child up for cheerleading here at EVO. We want to surround ourselves with happy families!

**We are so excited to have you in our program and look forward to a GREAT season! Please let us know if you have any additional questions!**