



Half-Year Teams

Information

We are very excited to be starting up our half-year program again for the 2011/12 season. Spirit All-stars has been running successful half-year teams for the past 5 years, the program has grown each year and along the way our half year teams have competed successfully, winning numerous awards and titles.

To address some of the most common questions about the program, we have compiled this fact sheet for your convenience.

Ages—The program is open to ages 6-18 years. We build teams based on the ages and ability levels of the athletes who attend evaluations.

Ability Levels— There are no skills requirements for evaluations, we will place all athletes on a team that as closely suits their ability as possible. We want to provide a learning opportunity for novice athletes as well as development for more experienced/advanced athletes.

Evaluations— Evaluations will be held Saturday November 12th. Those age 11 and under should attend at 2pm, and those age 12+ should attend at 3pm. There will be parent meetings to go over program details at 2pm and 3pm. If you are unable to attend evaluations, don't worry, you can call and arrange an individual evaluation, preferably for the week of Nov 7th.

Costs— The guideline cost for the season is \$1500. This includes all expenses with the exception of any travel costs associated with competitions. Bills are issued monthly and this cost is broken down over the 5 months of the season.

Competitions/Travel—We have four competitions scheduled, two in February, one in March and one in April. The first 3 are local (Hartford, Springfield) and our final competition of the season is a 2 day event in Baltimore.MD.

Practices—Teams will practice twice per week, one weeknight and one weekend daytime. Exact days and times will be confirmed after evaluations once teams and coaches are assigned.

Commitment—Our program requires a high level of commitment, as a team sport, cheerleading relies on all team members being fully committed to the team goals. Practices and competitions are mandatory for all athletes. We have clearly defined rules for our program and all athletes and parents must sign a code of conduct on joining the program. Standards and procedures in All-star cheerleading are different than in Rec cheer.