



2023-24 All Star Evaluation Packet

Dear Prospective SE Athlete and Parent,

Thank you so much for your interest in joining the Scorpions Elite Family. As we enter our 15th season, we are looking forward to another exciting and successful year! It is our goal to train cheerleaders to compete at the highest possible competitive level according to the skill and ability of each team. We hold our teams to a high standard as it relates to respect and integrity, especially in the areas of our dress, choreography, and attitude. In short, we strive for excellence in all that we do. We have prepared the information in this packet to help each family understand the details of being on an Allstar Team as well as the level of commitment that it entails.

Elite Athletics Quad Cities was established in 1967, previously known as Sheila Rae's, currently owned by her daughter, Cari Winter. We believe children can experience their “specialness” and their uniqueness as the creation of God by learning athletic and artistic skills in a positive, encouraging environment. In this type of environment, we affirm their self-esteem as well as teaching life lessons such as teamwork, commitment, goal setting, and respect for authority and for others. In short, our goal is to cooperate with parents to develop their child’s ability to become their best self.

Elite Athletics QC's Allstar Program, Scorpions Elite, began in 2004 and has grown into one of the most successful Allstar Cheerleading programs in the state. Over the years we have trained thousands of cheer athletes winning numerous national championship titles. Scorpions Elite has an incredible staff with years of experience and tons of enthusiasm. In April of 2022, our program made it on the World's map; in April of 2023, our entire program earned their spots at World's! Our facility gives every athlete the opportunity to learn new skills in a safe and fun environment. We have teams and programs for athletes of every age and experience level – come check us out!

Once again, thank you for your interest in becoming part of our SE Family. We hope that you find this packet to be informative and helpful in answering any questions you might have about our program and Allstar Cheerleading in general. If you have any additional questions, please don’t hesitate to call us at 309-524-3327. Good luck to each of you and we will see you at the tryout camps!

Sincerely, SE Staff

Overview

What is Allstar Cheerleading?

Allstar Cheerleading is a very popular and growing competitive sport. Different from traditional cheerleading, athletes who participate in the sport of Allstar Cheerleading do not cheer for a team, they ARE the team. The coaches create a competition routine, which includes the elements of tumbling, stunts, jumps, dance, and other skills set to music. Scorpions Elite has three different types of competitive teams: Allstar Elite, Allstar Prep and Allstar Novice. Allstar cheerleading is a great way for athletes to learn new skills while building teamwork, goal-setting, sportsmanship, and numerous other social skills while making lifelong friendships.

Mastery Camps

We have Mastery Camps to help prepare athletes for our upcoming team placements. All of our camps are open to the public and are split accordingly. Camps are for Combo Tumbling and Stunting! Stunting will only happen if our clinics have enough athletes to stunt. Camps are not mandatory but highly recommended. Register online via Parent Portal! Camps are \$50.00 per camp. Remaining Camp Schedule as follows:

- April 14, 2023 - Stunting (ages 5+) - 6:00p-9:00p
- May 14, 2023 - Combo Tumbling (ages 3+) - 6:00p-9:00p
- May 21, 2023 - Stunting (ages 5+) - 1:00p-4:00p

Evaluation Registration & Fee

In order to attend our Evaluations, all athletes must complete & turn in their registration & the (NON-REFUNDABLE) evaluation fee. Please complete the registration via our Parent Portal. All payments MUST be paid through the portal, no exceptions. How To Register: www.iwantelite.com > All Star Programs > Step 1

Evaluations Fees as follows:

On-Time Registration until May 1

- Returning Athletes from 2022-23 Season - \$75.00
- New Athletes - \$95.00

Late Registration May 2-15

- Returning Athletes from 2022-23 Season - \$95.00
- New Athletes - \$115.00

Registration End Date May 16, 2023

Evaluation Details

This year's evaluation process will be the most comprehensive it's ever been and will involve a three-phase structure, this includes:

Individual Assessment: Athletes must select ONE day/time and attend this specific time. This is Step 1 under All Star Programs on our website. During this session, coaches will evaluate each athlete's proficiency in various areas such as motions, jumps, and tumbling. Athletes will only be asked to demonstrate skills they can SAFELY perform without assistance and with near perfect-perfect execution. Additionally, athletes may be evaluated on various fitness/skill-related componenets such as strength, power, endurance, flexibility, balance, coordination, reaction speed, etc.. At the conclusion of this session, athletes will receive an invitation to attend a 'level specific' assesment for their second evaluation.

Level Assessment: Athletes must attend the time slots that correspond with the level-specific invitation they received at the end of their Individual Assessment. During these sessions, athletes will be grouped according to specific age ranges and placed with other individuals of similar skill level. Coaches will then begin evaluating each athlete's stunting abilities within these age/level groups. Athletes may be asked to perform different stunting positions within their stunt group or other stunt groups within their age/level. Athletes may even be asked to switch age/level groups altogether, depending on what puzzle pieces the coaches feel are missing throughout the program. At the conclusion of this assessment, athletes will receive an invitation to attend a 'group specific' assessment for their third evaluation.

Group Assessment: Athletes must attend the time slots that correspond with the group-specific invitation they received at the end of ther Level Assessment. During these sessions, evaluations will continue with the specific combination of athletes the coaches feel have demonstrated the strongest capabilities up to that point within each level/age group. Coaches will continue to challenge each group in various areas and make adjustments if needed. Athletes may even be asked to switch age/level groups altogether, depending on what puzzle pieces the coaches feel may sill be missing throughout the program. While team placements may appear obvious by the end of this phase of the evaluation process, assumptions should not be made as coaches, directors and owners must still meet to review the data and prepare the team placement announcements.

May 19-20 : Individual Assessments

May 20 : Level Assessments

May 26-27 : Group Assessments

Evaluations Dates:

Part 1: May 19-20, 2023 (Individual Assessments)

Part 2 - May 20, 2023 (Level Assessments)

Part 3 - May 26-27, 2023 (Group Assessments)

Part 4 - May 28, 2023 (Team Reveal online)

Part 5 - May 30, 2023 (Parent Meeting @ 6:00p)

*****Please review the ENTIRE FAQ on our website for more information regarding Evaluations.***

Evaluation Checklist:

- All balances paid down to a ZERO _____
- Step 1 via website _____
- Step 2 via website _____
- Step 3 via website _____

What To Wear

Athletes should wear athletic shorts, shirt, and tennis shoes. For girls, hair should be pulled up and out of face. A sports bra must be worn under their shirt.

What to Bring

Bring your individual evaluation sheet from Step 3 via the website. Your athlete will not receive an evaluation number without this paper.

All Star Programs

ALL STAR ELITE (Full Year)

Our **ELITE** full year program is for athletes who are committed to performing at the highest level of competitive cheer within their specific performance level all season long. This program requires a demanding practice schedule, out of state competitions and a significant financial and schedule obligation. Athletes in our **ELITE** full year program will be held to high standards and expected to be fully committed to their competitive team(s). **ELITE** programs will have additional costs not included into yearly fees for Post Season events. **ELITE** full year program pricing is available below. Our Full year season goes continuously through out the year. Competitions are generally in Illinois, Missouri and Indiana, however some events can be anywhere in the US. Teams practice and compete from June to May.

ALL STAR ELITE (Half Year)

Our **ELITE** half year program is not a recreational cheer program; it is a serious competitive team sport and should be taken seriously. It is the same program as our full year cheer program with less time commitment and expenses involved. Our Half Year Program is designed to work around summer sports to keep your athlete trained in the off months. We will not only be training your child to become a better cheerleader but we will also be guiding them to find the meaning in teamwork and help them achieve their personal goals. Teams will have designed "Summer Training" to work around summer sports from June-August, and will start strictly practicing and competing from August-March/April.

ALL STAR PREP

Our **PREP** program is for athletes who are interested in All Star cheer but need to build their experience and better improve their skills to perform at an ELITE level, or those that may have other commitment that prevents them from committing to our ELITE travel cheer program. This program is designed for athletes who are looking to build their cheer experience while giving them an opportunity to grow and perfect skills. **PREP** programs will not have Post Season events. **PREP** program pricing is available below. Our Prep Program is not a recreational cheer program; it is a competitive team sport and should be taken seriously.

ALL STAR NOVICE

Our **NOVICE** program is designed for athletes aged 4 to 7 years old to build and improve each athletes' skills to perform at an ELITE level of All Star cheer. **NOVICE** divisions are evaluated by judges on a rating system (Outstanding, Excellent, Superior). **NOVICE** programs will not have Post Season events. **NOVICE** program pricing is available below. Our Novice Program is not a recreational cheer program; it is a competitive team sport and should be taken seriously. Our Novice Program is designed to introduce athletes the world of All Star cheerleading with a focus on strengthening technique and performance skills. They practice once a week to perfect their routine to showcase at local competitions.

Program Weekly Hours

Novice

- Training Hours Per Week : 1
- Regular Season Events : 1
- Post Season Events : No

Prep

- Training Hours Per Week : 3
- Regular Season Events : 3
- Post Season Events : No

Elite (Half Year)

- Training Hours Per Week : 5
- Regular Season Events : 4
- Post Season Events : No

Elite (Full Year)

- Training Hours Per Week : 5
- Regular Season Events : 6+
- Post Season Events : Yes

Practice Information

- Weekly practice hours are from June through March/April.
- Practice hours may be reduced in the Summer season and holiday weeks.
- Practices may be added and/or changed throughout the season if needed to further prepare for competitions.
- ELITE Teams with Post Season events will incur **additional** practices and fees nearing the end of Regular Season.
- Athletes *will not* have an additional hour of tumbling starting the 2023-24 Season. Athletes will work skills and tumble together during their normal practice time.
- You may add an *additional* tumbling practice that is level appropriate for your athlete for an additional \$25.00/month.
- Elite Half-Season will have a separate "Summer" fee for June-August, rather than monthly tuition for June 15 & July 15, as their Summer Training will be different than Full-Season and their Season training will not begin until August.

Program Tuition

Novice

\$75.00/mo

Prep

\$220.00/mo

Parents have the option of paying the full annual tuition by June 15 and will receive a full \$200.00 discount. Payments made between June 16-25 will receive a \$100.00 discount. ***No payments will be accepted for annual tuition (12 months) after June 25.***

Elite Half-Year

\$275.00/mo

Parents have the option of paying the full annual tuition by August 15 and will receive a full \$250.00 discount. Payments made between August 16-25 will receive a \$150.00 discount. ***No payments will be accepted for annual tuition (12 months) after June 25.***

Elite Full-Year

\$275.00/mo

Parents have the option of paying the full annual tuition by June 15 and will receive a full \$350.00 discount. Payments made between June 16-25 will receive a \$250.00 discount. ***No payments will be accepted for annual tuition (12 months) after June 25.***

Sibling Discounts

The highest level athlete is charged full price, while each additional sibling receives 10% off of their tuition.

All Star Fees (Competition Fees)

A separate fee is paid on the 10th of every month beginning in June. This fee is based on the *projected* expenses for competition registration fees, coaches' competition expenses, and coaches' travel expenses. These costs are added up and then divided by 6 months, which determines the monthly All Star Fees. Payments are made June-November. However, in the event the actual expenses are more than what was projected, any additional balance will be paid as a 7th payment. The last payment will be adjusted to the exact remaining amount due (typically less than the regular monthly payment).

Post Season Costs (ELITE Only)

Elite teams that have consistent scores and earned bids will be attending Post Season event(s). Families will incur additional costs for extra practices (tuition) needed nearing the end of Regular Season, coaches fees, apparel fees, and registration fees associated with accepting post season bids. ***POST-SEASON COMPETITIONS ARE TREATED THE SAME AS REGULAR-SEASON COMPETITIONS AND ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL ATHLETES ON THE TEAM TO ATTEND; NO EXCEPTIONS.***

Additional Fees

Elite Full Season

- Attire (forms will be sent out)
- Choreography (\$550.00/athlete - can be split into 2 payments)
- Season Commitment (\$200.00/athlete - applies to AS Fees)
- Music (\$270.00/athlete)

Elite Half Season

- Attire (forms will be sent out)
- Choreography (\$300.00/athlete)
- Season Commitment (\$200.00/athlete - applies to AS Fees)
- Music (\$270.00/athlete)

Prep

- Attire (forms will be sent out)
- Choreography (\$150.00/athlete)
- Season Commitment (\$200.00/athlete - applies to AS Fees)
- Music (\$100.00/athlete)

Novice

- Attire (forms will be sent out)
- Choreography (\$150.00/athlete)
- Season Commitment (\$200.00/athlete - applies to AS Fees)
- Music (\$100.00/athlete)

Choreography Camp

Elite Full Season

#1 - June 9-14, 2023

#2 - July 16-21, 2023

Choreography Revision - September 22-24, 2023

Elite Half Season

#1 - August 18-20, 2023

#2 - October 29-30, 2023

Choreography Revision - November 27, 2023

Prep

#1 - June 9-11, 2023

#2 - July 16-18, 2023

Choreography Revision - September 23, 2023

Novice

#1 - June 12-14, 2023

#2 - July 19-21, 2023

Choreography Revision - September 23, 2023

Important Dates

Elite Full & Half Season

- May 15 - Registration/Contract & Commitment Deposit Due (Note: Your athlete will NOT be placed on a team without this paperwork turned in via DocuSign.)
- May 30 - Parent Meeting / Choreography Due
- June 10 - First All Star payment
- June 15 - First Tuition payment (if not paying annually)
- June 15 - Annual Tuition payment Deadline (\$350.00 discount if paid by June 15)
- June 25 - Last Call for Annual Tuition payment (\$250.00 discount if paid between June 16-25)
- June 30 - Attire Fee Due

Prep

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- May 30 - Parent Meeting / Choreography Due
- June 10 - First All Star payment
- June 15 - First Tuition Payment (if not paying annually)
- June 15 - Annual Tuition payment Deadline (\$250.00 discount if paid by June 15)
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- June 30 - Attire Fee Due

Novice

- May 15 - Registration/Contract & Commitment Deposit Due (Note: Your athlete will NOT be placed on a team without this paperwork turned in via DocuSign.)
- May 30 - Parent Meeting / Choreography Due
- June 10 - First All Star payment
- June 15 - First Tuition payment
- June 30 - Attire Fee Due

2023-24 TENTATIVE Competition Schedule

Elite Full Season

Date	Name	Federation	Location	Type
September 2023	EAQC Sneak Peek	Elite Athletics QC	Rock Island, IL	Showcase
October 29, 2023	Haunted Bash Virtual	World Cheer Company	Rock Island, IL	Regular Season
November 10-11, 2023	Journey St. Louis	Midwest Cheer & Dance Association	Collinsville, IL	Regular Season
November 17-19, 2023	Rocky Mountain National	World Cheer Company	Denver, CO	Regular Season
December 10, 2023	Windy City Extravaganza	World Cheer Company	Chicago, IL	Regular Season
January 20-21, 2024	Xtreme Spirit National Championship	Xtreme Spirit	Davenport, IA	Regular Season
February 18, 2024	Winter Championship	Star Spirit	Indianapolis, IN	Regular Season
February 25, 2024	The Matchup Virtual	World Cheer Company	Rock Island, IL	Regular Season
TBA	The Open	The Open Championships Series	Branson, MO	Regular Season
April 10, 2024	The Showcase	Elite Athletics QC	Rock Island, IL	Showcase
TBA	**All Star World Championships	ASWC	Orlando, FL	Post Season
TBA	**World All Star Championships	WASF	Kissimmee, FL	Post Season

** Indicates a Post Season event which is not included in your total AS Fees and will require additional costs nearing the end of Regular Season.

Elite Half Season

Date	Name	Federation	Location
September 2023	EAQC Sneak Peek	Elite Athletics QC	Rock Island, IL
December 10, 2023	Windy City Extravaganza	World Cheer Company	Chicago, IL
January 20-21, 2024	Xtreme Spirit National Championship	Xtreme Spirit	Davenport, IA
February 18, 2024	Winter Championship	Star Spirit	Indianapolis, IN
TBA	The Open	The Open Championships Series	Branson, MO
April 10, 2024	The Showcase	Elite Athletics QC	Rock Island, IL

All Star Prep

Date	Name	Federation	Location
September 2023	EAQC Sneak Peek	Elite Athletics QC	Rock Island, IL
December 10, 2023	Windy City Extravaganza	World Cheer Company	Chicago, IL
January 20-21, 2024	Xtreme Spirit National Championship	Xtreme Spirit	Davenport, IA
February 18, 2024	Winter Championship	Star Spirit	Indianapolis, IN
April 10, 2024	The Showcase	Elite Athletics QC	Rock Island, IL

All Star Novice

Date	Name	Federation	Location
September 2023	EAQC Sneak Peek	Elite Athletics QC	Rock Island, IL
January 20-21, 2024	Xtreme Spirit National Championship	Xtreme Spirit	Davenport, IA
April 10, 2024	The Showcase	Elite Athletics QC	Rock Island, IL