



Season 11
Parent Handbook
Tampa

Ultimate Thunder All Stars 2026-2027 Season Information

Dear Ultimate Thunder All Stars Parent(s),

Thank you so much for your interest in the Ultimate Thunder All Stars Cheer program!

We are so blessed and excited to kick off our 11th season. We anticipate an exciting and successful year. Our entire staff takes great pride in coaching our athletes to their highest potential. While building skills in dance, tumbling, and cheerleading is important, we are most proud of the character, personal achievement, teamwork, and self-esteem our athletes gain through our program.

We want you to know that we are dedicated to giving each athlete the ultimate cheerleading experience. The goal of our coaching staff is to provide the best technical training for our athletes while emphasizing teamwork and integrity.

Once again, thank you for joining our UTA family, and welcome!

Sincerely,

Felnicia Williams

Program Director, Ultimate Thunder All Stars

General Information

- Parents, we understand that competitive sports can be a costly and time-consuming sport. The sport of competitive Cheerleading requires total commitment from the entire family. We set these rules to ensure that each team can perform at its highest ability.
- Ultimate Thunder places your child on teams based on their age, skill, and maturity level. We currently offer competitive cheer levels 1 - 3, Exhibition, Prep, and Elite. It isn't uncommon to remain on the same level for multiple years. We do this for your child's safety and to put together the most competitive teams. Ultimate Thunder aims to have teams with full team skills.
- Competitive Cheer is a team sport. When you withhold a child from practice or a competition, you are not only punishing your child but also every other team member and parent on the squad.
- Disrespecting athletes, parents, coaches, or staff will not be tolerated. Parents are NEVER to address another athlete personally. If you or your child has an issue with another athlete, you must first go to the coach for assistance. If such actions occur, the athlete may be removed from the team.

Monthly Tuition

- Monthly Tuition: **\$125** (1st child), 10% discount for each additional sibling. Monthly tuition covers the expenses of maintaining the gym and the required insurance for all cheerleaders.
- An invoice will be sent to you at the email address you provided when registering your athlete.
- Tuition is due on the **1st** of each month (July - May). ****See the included payment schedule****.

- o Tuition is considered late; if not received by the **4th** of each month, there will be a **\$25.00** late fee (**per athlete**) applied to delinquent accounts.
- o Cheerleaders will be asked to sit out of practice if tuition is not received by the **11th** of each month, and will be unable to participate in upcoming competitions if tuition is more than **30 days** past due.
- o Outstanding fees may result in removal from the team.
- o Athletes will not be allowed to register for corresponding seasons if there is an outstanding balance due on their account.
- o Payments can be made in **Cash, online via Wix, or directly via invoice.**
- o All online tuition credit card payments will incur a **\$4.00** service fee.
- o Tuition account credits will be credited to the last month's tuition invoice.
- o Payment Plans are available upon request
- * All payments must be made on time to ensure timely payment of competition fees and other expenses. ***

Individual Class Scheduling

- o All individual classes will be booked and paid for online via the UTA website (www.ultimatethunderas.com)
- o Individual Session Fee: **\$55** per hour
- o Group Session Fee (min. 5 athletes): **\$105** per hour
- **Parents are NOT to book and/or pay for sessions directly with coaches****

Safety and Sportsmanship

- o Safety is a top priority at Ultimate Thunder. All athletes are expected to take all elements of practice seriously. Any lack of focus (e.g., excessive talking or disrespectful behavior) will not be tolerated.
- o If an injury does occur, alert the nearest staff member immediately. Parents will be notified immediately of any serious injury or issue.
- o All athletes are expected to treat their coaches, teammates, and all staff with respect. We teach our athletes to be disciplined in their behavior and to understand that mutual respect within our Ultimate Thunder Allstars family is key to our success. Any negative behaviors will not be tolerated.

- Our Ultimate Thunder family prides itself on our commitment to sportsmanship. Our goal is to motivate our athletes at every level and recognize and encourage positive behaviors.

Attendance and Practice

- Practice schedules will be determined after final team selections are made. Generally, practice will be twice a week, with additional practice days added if needed during the weeks prior to a competition. Each practice will be 1.5 - 2 hours, depending on the team. Parents will be notified in advance of any extended practice times.

ATTENDANCE AT ALL PRACTICES FROM JULY THROUGH MAY IS MANDATORY. General rule: If it's on the calendar, it's mandatory. If your athlete must miss a practice, please notify us via email (ultimatethundera@gmail.com) or Ultimate Thunder (Team) BAND as soon as possible.

- Please note — **COMPETITIVE CHEER is a sport that relies on full participation from all team members. Excessive absences are detrimental to the team and may result in removal from the team.**
- Athletes are allowed up to 2 UNEXCUSED absences during the season (July - May). After 2, they may be moved to an ALTERNATE position on the team for the remainder of the season. UNEXCUSED ABSENCES INCLUDE: failure to notify the coaching staff before practice. If this occurs, a meeting will be held with the parents and the cheerleader to discuss follow-up actions.
- **Missed practices are not permitted during the week prior to competition.**
- If an athlete is not feeling well, but not seriously ill, they should still **COME TO PRACTICE!** Even if they just watch, they will be up to speed on changes and related activities.

- o Practice attire (Practice Sets and bow) is **MANDATORY**.
- o If an athlete is not wearing proper practice attire, they will have to sit out of practice or be required to buy a UTA shirt from the Pro Shop.
- o No jewelry is to be worn in practice.
- o **No cell phones are allowed during practice.** All cell phones must be put away until practice ends.
- o Be on time. Come to practice prepared with water and proper attire, ready to work and have fun!

Competitions

- o Please note that competition days are long, and we ask that you block the entire day off for cheer. **This does not mean that every competition will last all day; however, *we do not know our performance schedule until a few days prior to the competition.***
- o **All scheduled competitions are mandatory.** Please review the competition schedule once it is released and plan accordingly. We will have the final competition scheduled for you no later than the month of September, and we will try our best not to deviate from that.
- o Ultimate Thunder makes every effort to attend local competitions. However, some competitions will require out-of-state travel and/or overnight stays.
- o Failure to attend a competition without the coaches' prior knowledge or approval will result in immediate removal from the team.

Fundraising/Sponsorship

- o Ultimate Thunder will offer individual and organizational fundraising opportunities to help offset the fees associated with All-Star sports throughout the season.
- o Funds raised may go toward season expenses, such as coaches and equipment, the end-of-season cheer banquet, and team-bonding

activities. All other funds will go directly to your athlete's account.

- o You may seek individual or team sponsorships for your cheerleader. Any sponsorships will be applied directly to your athlete's account.
- o New fundraising ideas are ALWAYS welcomed!

UTA Gym Rules

ATHLETES

1. NO FOOD IN GYM
2. NO GUM/CANDY/SUGARY DRINKS IN GYM
3. NO JEWELRY
4. USE THE RESTROOM BEFORE PRACTICE
5. BRING WATER OR PURCHASE FROM CONCESSION
6. BE ON TIME (10-15 MINUTES BEFORE PRACTICE TIME)
7. NO CELL PHONES DURING PRACTICE
8. RESPECT COACHES/TEAMMATES/STAFF
9. PRACTICE AT HOME
10. NO POSTING/NEGATIVE BEHAVIOR ON SOCIAL MEDIA

PARENTS

1. NO RECORDING/POSTING ON SOCIAL MEDIA DURING SEASON
2. NO PARENTS IN GYM DURING PRACTICE
3. ENCOURAGE ATHLETES AT HOME
4. SEE STAFF FOR SWAG PURCHASES
5. NO POSTING/NEGATIVE BEHAVIOR ON SOCIAL MEDIA
6. NO BASHING/BULLYING OTHER TEAMS/ORGANIZATIONS

Mini, Youth, Jr, Sr: Itemized Registration Packet Prices and Due Dates

Please note that these items are listed individually on your payment schedule. You have the option to pay the full amount for each item at once or to make payments. Payments have been divided to be spread out over the season.

Note: All online credit card and CashApp (\$ThunderCheer) transactions will incur a 2.9% + \$0.30 convenience fee.

Cheer Packet (with Uniform)

ITEM	AMOUNT	DUE DATE
Uniform	\$350	7/31/26 (10 wk shipping)
Choreography (Elite Teams)	\$125	8/5/26
Shoes	\$120*	8/23/26 (6wk shipping)
Comp Bow	\$30	9/1/26 (4wk shipping)
Music	\$75	9/19/26 (4wk production)
Warmup/Cheer Bag	\$150	10/3/26 (5wk shipping)

*Shoes w/o the customized UTA logo can also be purchased for a lower price at www.ominicheer.com/collections/all-star-cheer-shoes (GK Hi-Flyer Mid Shoe)

Competition Fees \$525 (All Level 1.1 Prep and up Teams). Please note that these are EARLY registration prices and will increase if not paid on time.

Note: Competition Fees are non-refundable

Payment Breakdown	Due Date
\$175.00	10/8/26
\$125.00	11/3/26
\$125.00	1/19/27
\$100.00	2/19/27

***Fees subject to change based on competition selections**

End-of-the-season BID Competitions - Please note that there are end-of-the-season BID competitions that the teams could win. If a team does win a BID, each athlete is required to attend and raise additional funds to participate.

Monthly Gym/Tuition Fee

(All online tuition credit card payments will incur a \$4.00 service fee.)

Month	Amount	Due Date
July	\$125.00	7/1/2026
August	\$125.00	8/1/2026
September	\$125.00	9/1/2025
October	\$125.00	10/1/2025
November	\$125.00	11/1/2025
December	\$125.00	12/1/2025
January	\$125.00	1/1/2026
February	\$125.00	2/1/2026
March	\$125.00	3/1/2026
April	\$125.00	4/1/2026
*May	\$125.00	5/1/2026

Tiny: Itemized Registration Packet Prices and Due Dates

Please note that these items are listed individually on your payment schedule. You have the option to pay the full amount for each item at once or make payments. Payments have been divided to be spread out over the season.

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Cheer Packet (with Uniform)

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Uniform	\$350.00	7/31/26 (10 wk shipping)
Shoes	\$120.00*	8/23/26 (6wk shipping)
Comp Bow	\$30.00	9/1/26 (4wk shipping)
Music	\$25.00	9/19/26 (4wk production)
Warm up/Cheer bag	\$150.00	10/3/26 (5wk shipping)

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Competition Fees \$300 (Tiny's)

Note: Competition Fees are non-refundable

Payment Breakdown	Due Date
\$75.00	10/8/26
\$75.00	11/3/26
\$75.00	1/19/27
\$75.00	2/19/27

Fees subject to change based on competition selection

Monthly Gym Fee for Tiny's**(All online tuition credit card payments will incur a \$4.00 service fee.)**

Month	Amount	Due Date
July	\$100.00	7/1/2026
August	\$100.00	8/1/2026
September	\$100.00	9/1/2026
October	\$100.00	10/1/2026
November	\$100.00	11/1/2026
December	\$100.00	12/1/2026
January	\$100.00	1/1/2027
February	\$100.00	2/1/2027
March	\$100.00	3/1/2027
April	\$100.00	4/1/2027

Social Media Contract

1. I am responsible for what I say and do online.
2. I understand that anything I post and/or share can go public, even if I send it to a closed group or specific person.
3. I will not engage in cyberbullying, trolling, or harassing people online.
4. I will report any situation of cyberbullying, trolling, or harassment of any teammate or myself.
5. I will not post any personal information.
6. I will not post any distasteful or otherwise inappropriate pictures or comments online.
7. I will not post any routine or choreography online.

We ALL REPRESENT Ultimate Thunder All Stars every time we enter a building or event while wearing any UTA logo. This carries the responsibility of representing all the families, athletes, and coaches who built the name (Ultimate Thunder All Stars) and all it encompasses.

Consequences

1. Verbal warning.
2. Parent/Coach Conference.
3. 25 minutes of conditioning AFTER practice.
4. Benched for a competition or dismissal from the team for the remainder of the season.

I, (Athlete Name), agree to the above guidelines set forth by Ultimate Thunder All Stars. I understand and agree with the consequences of not following the established rules.

I, (Parent Name), agree to the above guidelines set forth by Ultimate Thunder All Stars. I understand and agree with the consequences of not following the established rules.

Parent/Athlete Contract and Acknowledgments

I acknowledge that I have received, read, and agreed to the following documents for the Ultimate Thunder All-Star 2026-2027 season.

(Please initial and sign below)

- ____ UTA General Info
- ____ Monthly Tuition
- ____ Individual Class Scheduling
- ____ Safety and Sportsmanship
- ____ Attendance and Practice
- ____ Competitions
- ____ Fundraising and Sponsorships
- ____ UTA Gym Rules
- ____ Social Media Contract

Athlete Name: _____

Date: _____

Athlete Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____