

ATHLETICS

SEASON 3 FAQ'S



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What does Tuition go towards?

- Monthly tuition payments help cover the cost of renting our practice space.

Is fundraising mandatory?

- Fundraising opportunities are offered to help offset your out of pocket expenses for competition fees. Your participation is completely up to you.

Why is there a Fundraising Fee?

- The flat fundraising fee paid at the beginning of the season goes into our General Fund which helps to pay for team dinners at travel competitions, the end of season banquet, and equipment upgrades as needed.

Are there mandatory purchases?

- In addition to your uniform, we do require that each athlete has a 717 Athletics Varsity Jacket to be worn to competitions. The organization covers half of the cost to help reduce your out of pocket expense.

What are the uniform requirements?

- Our uniforms consist of a top, skirt or pants, black cheer shoes and a bow/headband depending on hairstyle.

How often are the uniforms changed out?

- We intend to use our current uniforms through the first 3 Seasons, depending on how well they hold up.

What do we do with a uniform that no longer fits?

- We offer a uniform swap program that will give you credit towards the purchase of a newly sized uniform.

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Are practices mandatory?

- Yes, even at the Recreational level, this is a team sport and missing practice hurts the entire team by not allowing them to practice their routine with all teammates.

What if I'm sick, or have a school function?

- We recognize that illness happens, and that academics are a priority. We allow 3 excused absences throughout the season, but ask that parents notify the staff right away so we're able to prepare for a missing teammate and still have a productive practice.

How many competitions will we go to during the season?

- Competitions will start around November and run through April. We will not schedule more than two competitions per month and do our best not to schedule them on back to back weekends.

You mentioned travel competitions. How many and how far will they be?

- In Season Two, we attended three travel competitions (National Harbor and Wildwood) with our farthest being 4 hours away.

What are bids and why are they important?

- Earning a bid allows a team to attend certain National competitions at a reduced or fully paid registration rate. Select National events may not be initially listed on our competition schedule, so April and May weekends should be kept available should a bid be earned to one of those competitions.

Are there fees to view the competitions?

- Yes, all competitions will have spectator fees. The local ones tend to be around \$10 for adults, while the larger scale competitions average around \$25 for adults. All information on fees will be communicated prior to attending the competition.

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How are the teams determined?

- All athletes will be evaluated based on their skill, age and maturity level. Athletes who participated on one team last year may not be with that same team in Season Two based on who may have aged out of that specific age level (see below).

What is the age level breakdown?

- We will follow the age grid supplied by Varsity when creating teams, which is determined by birth year.
 - Tiny - 2017-2020
 - Mini - 2015-2016
 - PeeWee - 2013-2015
 - Youth - 2011-2013
 - Senior - 6/1/2005-2011
 - While this age group allows for 10-18 by Varsity's standards, our intention is to close the gap at this level to athletes 13 and older.

How do the payments for competition season work?

- Your registration and pre-season fees will be posted as soon as you register and due within the same month of registration.
- Based on feedback from the past two seasons, we'll be calculating the total season costs and splitting that amount into monthly payments for the duration of the season.
 - A full schedule of payment amounts will be provided at a later date.
- Monthly payments will be automatically deducted from the card or bank account you have on file on the 1st of each month.

There's a lot of information here, but I still have questions.

- We're here to answer all of your questions and make sure you're comfortable with every aspect of joining 717 Athletics, so never hesitate to reach out with your questions.
- You can reach us via email at 717athleticscheer@gmail.com, via text at 717-559-3110, through Facebook Messenger at [@717.athletics](https://www.facebook.com/717.athletics), or in-person at any Open Gym or upcoming event.