# EMPIRE ATHLETICS

SHERWOOD - VANCOUVER

## 2026 - 2027 TRYOUT INFORMATION

# WELCOME

Empire Athletics' Season 9 is destined to be our best year yet and we are excited that you and your family may be considering joining our program. We want to commend you on your decision to participate in competitive cheer for the 2026-2027 season. There are a number of providers in the area that can help you achieve your cheer dreams and we encourage you to visit each one and make the right decision for you and your family. Competitive cheer is a tremendous commitment in both time and money, and you want to be somewhere that aligns with your values as an athlete, family, and indvidual. Empire may NOT be the right fit for everyone. If your athlete is looking for a place where they will grow as an individual both on and off the mat, work hard, respect others, and put the team above individual success, then Empire may be the right place for you.

Our commitment and focus is in developing strong, confident athletes and individuals using a proven foundation built upon principles of athletic integrity, character, skill development, and teamwork. We prioritize the holistic training of our athletes, ensuring proper skill progression, advancement, and ongoing education for both athletes and staff. At Empire Athletics we strive to create a supportive environment where athletes evolve into teammates, teammates into friends, and friends into a close-knit family.

As we embark on Season 9, Empire Athletics remains committed to providing a safe and empowering space for our athletes. We believe that the lessons learned through training extend far beyond the mat, equipping athletes with the resilience they need to tackle life's challenges. We believe the key to accomplishing this is by creating and preserving a culture that brings out the best in each athlete.

## SEASON 9

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# SHERWOOD
## Tryout Dates

### Tumbling Assessments

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### Team Placements

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| **May 26th** | Team Placements Announced | Via Email |

### Practices Start

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| **June 1st / 2nd** | Team Practices Begin | TBD |

Private evaluations available upon request. Please email request to: Dirk@empireathleticsgym.com

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**3** Attend your age/level assessment and be ready for a stress-free evaluation process. Following your tryout, you will receive information regarding call backs if needed.

**New Athlete $150**

**Returning Athlete $75**

## Informational Meetings

**April 27th at 6:00 pm**
**Click Here** To join with Google Meet

**May 6th at 6:00 pm**
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*14960 SW Tualatin-Sherwood Rd. Suite 103. Sherwood, OR 97140*

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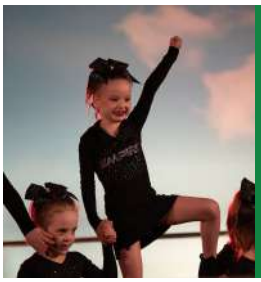
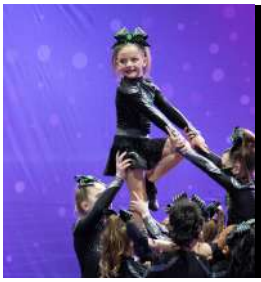
# PROGRAMS OFFERED

# TEAM EXPECTATIONS



## *Tiny Novice (Starts in September)*

- Practice 2 days a week
- 2 Hours of weekly training
- 3 Local Competitions
- No out of town travel
- Athletes 4-7 Years old
- Must be born between 2019 - 2023
- All Inclusive Pricing
- No experience required

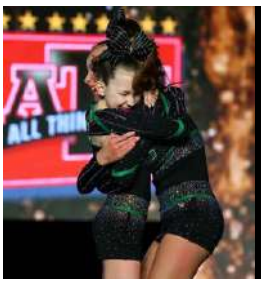


## *All Star Prep*

- Practice 2 days a week
- 3-4 Hours of weekly training
- 6 Competitions
- Compete only in the PNW
- Athletes 6 - 18 Years old
- Must be born between 6/1/07 - 2021
- All Inclusive Pricing
- No experience required

## *All Star Premier Prep*

- Practice 2-3 days a week
- 5-6 Hours of weekly training
- 7 Local Competitions
- 1 Travel Comp and EOS Event
- Athletes 6-18 Years old
- Must be born between 6/1/07 - 2021
- All Inclusive Pricing
- High Level of Commitment



## *All Star Elite*

- Practice 2-3 days a week
- 6-7 Hours of weekly training
- 8 Competitions
- Travel Competitions Required
- Athletes 6-18 Years old
- Must be born between 6/1/07 - 2021
- All Inclusive Pricing
- High Level of Commitment

## *On-Deck Elite Division*

- Practice 1 day a week
- 1-2 Hours of weekly training
- 3 Local Competitions
- Travel Competitions Required
- Athletes MUST be on an Empire Elite Team to Qualify
- Athletes will level up from their primary team for competitions

## *CheerABILITIES (Practices in Vancouver)*

- Practice 1 day a week
- 2-4 Hours of weekly training
- 3-5 Competitions
- Competes only in the PNW
- Athletes 6 and up
- Must be born 2021 and before
- Focus on inclusivity and teamwork
- No experience required

# FINANCIAL EXPECTATIONS

Competitive cheerleading, while not as costly as some activities, can still require a significant financial commitment. Before enrolling in a program like Empire Athletics, it's important to understand the expenses involved. The tuition and fee structure for the 2026-2027 season at Empire Athletics divides the costs into 12 equal monthly payments, starting from June 2026 to May 2027, paid via automatic payments using a debit/credit card. **It's essential to note that the monthly tuition and fees do not cover expenses related to travel or lodging for events.**

Monthly payments consists of two parts: tuition and athlete fees. Tuition covers your athlete's practice hours, while fees are for hard costs paid to vendors to deliver the competitive cheer experience. The fees include items such as uniforms, shoes, bows, practice apparel, jacket, backpack, camp apparel, professional/industry leading music and choreography, competition fees, and insurance.

| DIVISION | Monthly Athlete Fees | Monthly Athlete Tuition | Total Monthly Cost |
|---|---|---|---|
| ***Tiny Novice*** | $100 | $25 | $125 |
| ***All-Star Prep*** | $235 | $115 | $350 |
| ***All-Star Prep Premier*** | $320 | $125 | $445 |
| ***All Star Elite*** | $445 | $150 | $595 |
| ***On-Deck Elite*** | $25 | $50 | $75 |
| ***CheerABILITIES*** | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| ***Crossovers*** | $150 | NA | $150 |

## ADDITIONAL COSTS

| *While Empire pricing is all inclusive, there are some additional costs to consider* | |
|---|---|
| USASF Membership Fees | Estimated $49 per year |
| Zorts Membershp Fees | Estimated $12.99 per year |
| Travel Competition Expenses | Spectator Fees |
| ***End of Season Events: Not included in yearly fees*** | |

## TUITION DISCOUNTS

| *DIscounts only apply to All-Star Elite and Prep **TUITION ONLY** and cannot be stacked* | |
|---|---|
| 10% Returning Athlete/Sibling - Monthly | 10% Military - Monthly |
| 10% Medical Personnel - Monthly | 10% First Responder - Monthly |
| 15% Pay in Full Tuition | 20% Pay in Full Tuition and Fees |

**ELITE and Premier Prep End of Season Events**

Empire Athletics will accept all Full Paid, Partial Paid, and At-Large Bids to The Summit, All-Star Worlds, and/or Prep and Rec Grand Nationals in Orlando Florida. Should a team receive a bid to both, the team will only attend one end of season event.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

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|---|---|
| • May 11th - 15th | Tumbling Evaluations |
| • May 18th - 22nd | Skill Evaluations |
| • May 26th | Team Placements Announced |
| • June 1st / 2nd | Summer Practices Begin - June Payments |
| • June 8th / 9th | Contracts Due |
| • June 29th - July 12th | Summer Vacation - No Practice |
| • July 31st - August 2nd | Elite Teams Skills Camp |
| • August 14th - 20th | Elite Teams Choreography |
| • September 7th - 12th | End of Summer Break - No Practices |
| • September 13th | In Season Practice Begins |
| • November 25th - 28th | Thanksgiving Break - No Practice |
| • December 19th - January 3rd | Winter Break - No Practice |
| • March 28th | Easter Sunday - No Practice |

## TENTITIVE 2026 -27

### COMPETITION SCHEDULE

| EVENT | DATE | LOCATION | TEAMS |
|---|---|---|---|
| **The American Northwest** | **TBD** | **Portland, OR** | *Elite/Prep/Premier Prep/Tiny Novice/ On Deck/ CheerABILITIES* |
| **The Aloha Portland Showdown** | **TBD** | **Portland, OR** | *Elite/Prep/Premier Prep/Tiny Novice/ On Deck/ CheerABILITIES* |
| **Pacific Coast Cheer Race for the Rings** | **TBD** | **Portland, OR** | *Elite/Prep/Premier Prep/ On Deck/ CheerABILITIES* |
| **ATC Grand Nationals** | **TBD** | **Seattle, WA** | *Elite Teams Only* |
| **Royal Events Northwest Crown** | **TBD** | **Vancouver, WA** | *Elite/Prep/Premier Prep/ On Deck/ CheerABILITIES* |
| **Jamz All-Star Nationals** | **February 12th - 13th** | **Las Vegas, NV** | *Elite Teams Only* |
| **Pacific Coast Cheer Battle at the Beach** | **TBD** | **Seaside, OR** | *Premier Prep/ CheerABILITIES* |
| **PacWest Grand Nationals** | **TBD** | **Portland, OR** | *Elite/Prep/Premier Prep/Tiny Novice/ On Deck/ CheerABILITIES* |
| **Pacific Coast Cheer Money in the Bank** | **TBD** | **Auburn, WA** | *Elite/On Deck/ Premier Prep* |
| **Pacific Coast Cheer Red, White, And Howl** | **TBD** | **Centralia, WA** | *Prep / CheeABILITIES* |
| **End of Season Event** | **TBD** | **Orlando, FL** | *Elite / Premier Prep* |

***Competition Schedule Finalized by September 1st, 2026***

**2024 - 25 Ka-Mahalo Award Recipients**

**2025 - 26 Ka-Mahalo Award Recipients**

If you are looking for a cheer home for your athlete, and values like hard work, kindness, respect, and discipline are important to you, we encourage you to check us out.

Regardless of the program you choose, we look forward to cheering everyone on during the 2026-27 season!

~ Empire Athletics