

**2023-2024**  
**TRYOUT PACKET**

*Evaluations*

**MAY 6TH**

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**Gemstone Elite**

**AGES: 7+ | NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY | No Fee**

**Exciting details to come**

Shine bright like a diamond! Haydens All Star Cheer

# What to Expect at Evaluations

At evaluations we ask that athletes come with their completed packets and required documents (refer to check sheet). We ask that Athletes dress in all black that day. Female athletes should have hair pulled up.

Athletes will be evaluated in small groups by our all-star staff. They will be asked to demonstrate jumps, running tumbling, and standing tumbling.

All evaluations are CLOSED. No parents or spectators may be in the gym.

A mandatory parent meeting will be held after tryouts.

After your athlete's tryout, request to join Haydens 2023-2024 Families for updates about the parent meeting and team placement.

## Evaluation Checklist

Please bring the completed Evaluation form with you to tryouts.

Please bring the signed Financial Agreement with you to tryouts.

You will also need to bring a copy of your athlete's Birth Certificate and a current photograph.

## **Important Information Regarding Team Placements**

**Team Rosters are set by our All-Star Coaches & Director following All-Star evaluations and are non-negotiable.** We design each team, as best we can, to have the best chance of success within their division. Tumbling can play a large factor in team placement, but a variety of skills, abilities, and body types are necessary to make each team a strong contender. Keep in mind a successful program will have kids compete skills they have mastered... not skills they just got or are currently working on. Also, throwing a skill by itself at tryouts is VERY different from doing it in the middle of a routine.

The most common confusion or misconception from Parents and athletes relates to tumbling ability. **Proper technique is more crucial now than ever to achieve high scores and ensure athlete safety.** You must be able to perform a skill with perfect form on a consistent basis, on the spring floor, under pressure, in a variety of scenarios. Many athletes and parents overestimate the ability and form of the athlete against this standard. A parent's version of "my child has a tuck" can be dramatically different from the coaching staff (and judge's) view and can lead to confusion about placement.

The second most common confusion comes from overestimating the importance of tumbling compared to other factors. **There are many factors that go into determining the best spot for an athlete, not just how well an athlete can tumble.** No athlete has an absolute guarantee of a roster spot on a particular team. The coaching staff reserves the right, at any time throughout the season, without notice, to change the roster of a team by adding, rearranging, or removing an athlete for a performance or practice. However, we attempt to make roster changes infrequently and with as much warning as possible.

**Please also note that no athlete has a right to any particular role, location in a routine, or team that they are placed on. At Haydens, athletes are trying out for the all-star program. Athletes can be moved up or down levels at any point during the season at the discretion of the All Star Director and All Star Coaches.** Coaches change formations and stunt groups for a variety of reasons, many of which have nothing to do with the relative ability of the athletes in question.

# **Attendance**

Attendance is crucial to success in All-Star Cheer. While we fully support our athletes being well rounded in their outside commitments, we ask that they do not affect your athletes' attendance. Your obligation and commitment should come first! One athlete missing negatively affects the entire team.

## **Attendance Policy**

A master absence log is kept throughout the year and will document the nature of absences. Excused absences will be at the All Star Director's discretion and will include:

- Death of immediate family member
- School related functions that reflect a grade

### **Attendance Policy is as follows:**

Attendance will be recorded for two terms. Term one will record June-August & Term two will record September-April.

Athletes are allowed 4 unexcused absences for Term one & only 3 unexcused absences for Term two.

Tardiness is defined as being 1 minute late to practice. Any athlete that is more than 10 minutes late or leaves more than 10 minutes early will have an unexcused tardy. Three unexcused tardies will be counted as one unexcused absence. If your athlete is running late, you must call the coaches to let them know.

### **Vacations & Excused Absences**

Forms will be available to be filled out for a vacation or planned absence.

## General Rules & Regulations

- Only registered athletes are allowed in the practice areas.
- Parents/Family members/Spectators must keep conversations positive & refrain from criticizing others when at the gym.
- No food or gum will be allowed in the gym. Please eat in the cubby area. Drinks should be limited to water & should be stored in cubbies only.
- Cell phones are not permitted in the practice area. Please store in cubbies or bags.
- Haydens is not responsible for any lost/stolen/damaged items while at the gym. We highly recommend that all athletes put names inside all apparel and that everyone leaves valuables at home.
- Jewelry is never to be worn at competitions or practice. Coaches and/or team moms will not hold jewelry.
- Athletes are required to wear designated practice wear and uniforms.
- Parents are not permitted to interrupt coaches during or between classes. If you want to schedule a meeting to discuss an issue or concern, please schedule a meeting by sending an email to [emilyc@haydensgym.com](mailto:emilyc@haydensgym.com)
- Good sportsmanship starts with parents! Be positive in all communications regarding teammates, coaches, other gyms, etc. Bad mouthing, gossip, and negative attitudes will not be tolerated.
- All athletes are required to refrain from illegal use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or any other substances.
- Haydens must be immediately notified of any injuries sustained as a result of any sanctioned activity. We must also be notified if our athletes have sustained injuries or have medical conditions which may limit or prevent their ability to participate in All Star activities.
- All families are required to be signed up for all methods of team and gym communications. This includes but is not limited to email, Band, and Facebook.
- The name "Haydens" and the Haydens Logo, and its likeness are property of Haydens. Any and all items using these are to be sold thru the Haydens pro shop.
- Our choreography & music should not be shared, shown, traded, etc. No videos or music are to be shared on any social media sites without prior consent from the All Star Director.
- We reserve the right to change the teams' division or level at any time if we find it is in the best interest of the team.
- Items in this tryout packet are SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

# Calendar & Important Dates

## Gym Closings:

Father's Day: June 18, 2023

Vacation Week: July 2- 7, 2023

Labor Day: September 4, 2023

Thanksgiving Break: November 20-24, 2023

Christmas Break: December 20-29, 2023

Spring Break: April 7-12, 2024

## Choreography:

August 18-20, 2023

# **Tentative Competition Schedule**

Haydens Showcase  
December 2, 2023  
Evans, GA

US Finals- (Gold Bid Required)  
TBA

Battle under the Big Top  
December 9-10, 2023  
Atlanta, GA

Regional Summit- (Bid Required)  
TBA

Spirit of Hope  
January 13-14, 2024  
Charlotte, NC

D2 Summit (Bid Required)  
May 10-12, 2024  
Orlando, FL

Global League  
February 3, 2024  
Charlotte, NC

Cheersport Nationals  
February 17-18, 2024  
Atlanta, GA

Cheersport  
March 2, 2024  
Atlanta, GA

Haydens families are responsible for their own travel cost, to include but not limited to lodging cost. Some competitions will require athletes and families to book through them using Stay Smart.

While traveling to competitions we need families to understand they will be required to arrive by a certain day & time. For Cheersport, we will require an afternoon practice, so it is imperative to arrive on time. All athletes are also required to stay for awards.

## **Financial Obligations**

Competitive Cheer, like so many other sports, can be expensive. Families should discuss the financial obligations before committing. We do our best to provide families with all pricing up front.

Please remember that with All Star comes travel cost. Monthly you will be charged a tuition fee and for 10 months you will be charged All Star Fees. There will be a separate cost for the shoes and USASF fee. These will be explained at the parent meeting.

### **Tuition**

*\$170/Month* - Includes 4 hours of practice and a 1 hour tumbling block per week.

### **Competition Fees**

*\$180/Month (June-March)* – Includes competition fees, including registration fee for competitions, coach's fees for competitions, choreography, music, practice tanks, uniform, team t-shirt, bow, and goody bag for Cheersport.

### **Shoes/USASF Fees**

Approximately \$150- White shoes to be ordered on your own.

\$49 USASF Registration to be done through the USASF website by 10/31/23. Times will be set up to answer questions about this process.

## **D2 SUMMIT/US FINALS/REGIONAL SUMMIT**

If we receive a bid for any of these events, there will be a vote and note that it will be an additional expense.



# Financial Agreement

1. All parents/guardians must understand that they assume full responsibility for all costs incurred as a member of Haydens cheer, including, but not limited to- monthly tuition, all-star fees, uniforms, competition and travel expenses, or any other item(s), reservations or services purchased or rendered to Haydens, and the payment in full of those items, regardless of any circumstances that may arise such as dismissal from the team or switching to a new team.
2. All customers must have a debit/credit card on file.
3. Monthly payments will be automatically processed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.
4. It is the parents/guardians responsibility to know all the due dates and ensure payments are made by said dates.
5. Tuition pays for training. It does not pay for the right to perform.
6. Vacations or time off will not be prorated.
7. Any payments resulting in NSF, declined credit card, expired credit card, electronic debits etc may incur additional fees. **It is your responsibility to update your information with the Haydens front office if it changes** (card number, exp date, etc)
8. Haydens staff and coaches reserve the right to sit an athlete out of practice or remove an athlete from their team at any time for failure to keep up with financial obligation.
9. Any monies received on an overdue account will be applied to the athletes past due account items at the gym's discretion.
10. All tuition/fees must be current before an athlete may collect clothing or uniform or participate in any competition.
11. Students with an outstanding balance may not schedule or participate in private lessons or classes.
12. If an athlete chooses to leave or is asked to leave Haydens for any reason before the season is over, any and all funds are completely non-refundable.
13. Haydens reserves the right to turn over all delinquent accounts to collection agencies and the parent/guardian will be responsible for all additional costs incurred.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parents will have access to a more detailed handbook if offered a spot on a team.

## **23-24 Evaluation Form**

Please attach your headshot to this form. Headshot needs to be a 4x6 picture.  
Please attach your athlete's birth certificate to this form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Cheer Experience \_\_\_\_\_

Team/Gym Name \_\_\_\_\_

Division/Level \_\_\_\_\_

Stunt Position \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Experience you would like to have considered \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you on any school teams & if so where and what sport \_\_\_\_\_

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Any other commitments that you are involved in \_\_\_\_\_

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Staff Notes: