

Step 1 Allstars North 2026-2027 Pre-Season Information **(Half-Year)**

About Us

Step 1 Allstars North is Northeast Ohio's premier competitive cheerleading program. We have options for male and female athletes of all ages. We are located in Chesterland, Ohio. Step 1 Allstars North was founded in May 2015 in collaboration with X-Cel Athletics. Together, our goal is to build a program where athletes can have an exceptional allstar experience at any age or level. Over the years, we have worked to create a culture in our program that promotes growth, determination, confidence and a strong work-ethic. Our program is led by a strong and experienced staff who are eager to help each athlete reach their potential. Together, with the hard work of our athletes and the support of our families, we have created an outstanding reputation in Allstar Cheerleading. We have a variety of teams and tiers in our program so our athletes always have a place to strive for and/or grow into. Our teams are consistently set up with the potential to succeed and provide an environment for the athlete to develop.

Half Year Cheer Team

The half year cheer program is our introductory competitive cheer program. Unlike our classes and club cheer programs (recreational and in-house), this is the entry level tier for those athletes wanting to take the competition floor. Athletes in the half year program will be placed on teams within their respective age division. Teams can range in size from as small as 5 athletes, to as large as 30 athletes. We have athletes from over 30 school districts that commute to be a part of the Step 1 Allstars North program. Your athlete will be able to make friends from several schools. Athletes will develop their tumbling, stunting, jumping, and/or motion skills as all aspects are included in routines. As athletes work with their team to develop these skills, they will likely see physical improvement in their strength, stamina, and flexibility. Athletes in the half year program tend to experience growth in non physical areas such as teamwork, discipline, and confidence.

Teams in our half year program compete for ratings at 4 competitions. Practices are typically once a week (2 hours). Note that some tiny aged teams may have shorter practice times. Athletes in the half-year program also receive 1-hour tumbling class included in their tuition. Parents are able to select from a variety of tumbling class options as long as they are appropriate for your athlete's current skill level.

The 4 competitions vary in location from year to year. Some cities that these may be held in include, but are not limited to: Cleveland, Columbus, Erie, Sandusky, Pittsburgh. Competitions for our half year teams are 1-day events. How you travel is optional in the half year program. Example: Some families like to travel the day before and stay in a hotel, while others choose to drive on the day of the competition.

We have a variety of half year teams, to allow us team options for athletes in the 4-18 age range. Note that athletes must be born after 6/1/06 to be age eligible. Athletes must be, at minimum, 4 years old. Athletes will be assigned teams based on their age and/or skill level.

Half Year Costs:

Half Year Team Monthly Tuition includes: all team practices, weekly tumbling class, routine choreography, custom music, 1 showcase and 4 competitions - \$220-\$245 per month. *Note that some tiny teams may have shorter practice times and their tuition may be less than the predicted range (\$185-\$210).

Annual Registration Fee - \$49 (one time). If you are a part of our class program, you have already paid this and it is not due until your yearly anniversary of the start of your enrollment.

Uniform and hair scrunchie - \$205-\$250

White Cheer shoes are required- We will provide a suggestion but any white cheer shoe is accepted (select your own cost).

USASF membership fee - \$49 (one time). The USASF is the overseeing organization of allstar cheer. We only attend sanctioned competitions, where all athletes must be a member. This membership is good for 1 year.

Evaluations:

Registration for our half year team evaluations will open on August 3rd, 2026. There is no cost to register for evaluations. Please register prior to September 12th to allow us to staff evaluations appropriately. Athletes may attend evaluations at any time during one of the following dates:

September 12th: 12-3PM

September 19th: 12-3PM

Upon arriving at evaluations. Parents should be prepared to fill out a waiver as well as a form with some brief information about your athlete's cheer experience. No experience is required. Expect their evaluation to last about 20 minutes.

Athletes should wear athletic clothing and tennis shoes or cheer shoes for their evaluation. Athletes may wear any combination of T-shirt, shorts, Sports bra, Tank top, etc. Athletes should have their hair secured away from their face. Please remove all jewelry for safety purposes.

Team placements will be emailed out no later than September 27th, 2026.

Practice Schedule:

The practice schedule for your athlete's team will be sent to you with their team placement. Along with that placement email, we will have any anticipated closures and/or make-ups due to holidays or competitions.

It is rare that any practice adjustments are made once the schedule is sent. If so, it is a single occasion adjustment, not a change to the entire schedule.

Tumbling classes are one hour per week and are based on your athlete's individual tumbling level. Your athlete gets one tumbling class per week included in their tuition. Unlike the team practices which are set, this class can be selected based on your schedule as long as it is appropriate for your athlete's skill level.

Contact and Keeping Up with The Fabulous Family

We want to make sure you and your friends know everything going on at Step 1 Allstars North! We encourage you to stay in touch with us! Feel Free to contact us in the following ways:

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Make sure you are following us on all social media:



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Closing Notes

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your interest and support of Step 1 Allstars North. It is with the faith of our parents, the dedication of our athletes, and the passion of each member of the Step 1 Allstars North staff that we continue to be a leader in the Allstar Cheerleading Industry! We look forward to taking on the upcoming season with you!

As always, I BELIEVE IN YOU! I BELIEVE IN ME! I BELIEVE IN US!

The Step 1 Allstars North Staff

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