

# **Step 1 Allstars North 2025-2026 Open Team Information**

## **About Us**

Northeast Ohio's premier competitive cheerleading program! We are located in Chesterland, Ohio. Step 1 Allstars North was founded in May 2015 in collaboration with X-Cel Athletics. Together, our goal was to build a program where athletes could 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 an exceptional 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 competitive team options for male and female athletes of all ages. While our proven history is in highly competitive teams for ages 18 and under in Levels 1-6, we are thrilled to announce the start of our Open Team program. This open team has been desired by athletes in the State of Ohio and Western PA for several years. With our commitment to quality coming first, we waited until we felt we could deliver this program in the way you all deserve. As athletes still committed to the sport, we wanted to create an open team program that fit the Open age athlete cost and schedule, while maintaining the overall quality and experience you deserve.

## **Evaluation Process**

The open team will be evaluated in an open practice setting. Athletes will attend at least one, but both if possible, of the following practices. If an athlete can not attend at least one of the open practices, please email [Mallory@Step1Allstars.com](mailto:Mallory@Step1Allstars.com) to arrange a video or other in person option for evaluation. There is no cost to be evaluated for the open team. However, we expect athletes attending to review the schedule and costs attached. Please do not attend or plan to be evaluated if you do not feel you can commit to the schedule and cost of the team.

Evaluation Practice #1: Sunday June 1st 8-9:30PM

Evaluation Practice #2: Monday June 9th 8-9:30PM

Team Placement: If we have more athletes evaluated than we are able to accommodate on a team, we will send team placement emails on Tuesday June 10th to confirm who will be an active member of the team. Active members must be prepared to pay their \$100 June payment by June 15th.

## **Estimated Season Costs**

While the sport of allstar cheer can be costly, our customers typically feel we offer a great value for the cost by attending high caliber events, using top-tier choreographers, and more! We utilize a monthly billing that is nearly "all-inclusive." **Our all-inclusive monthly pricing includes tuition for all practices, all regular season competition fees, regular season coaches' fees, choreography, music, and team stunt camp.** This method allows athletes to efficiently plan for their season and financial commitment.

Other expenses not included in our all-inclusive monthly pricing are the annual registration/insurance fee, shoes, uniform, and any event held at ESPN. Families are responsible for their travel to and from events.

The following chart provides a range of estimates for our 2025-2026 season. We have estimated as accurately as possible without having the amount of athletes on the team finalized yet. We try to keep our costs as close to the lower end of the range as possible. We guarantee that our monthly tuition will NOT exceed the ranges. Exact costs will be released with team placement email.

**Step 1 Allstars North offers an exceptional fundraising program through our booster club to help offset a percentage of these fees for any families interested in participating. Our booster club also helps to lower costs and fees for all members when able to. Many families use our booster program to offset a large portion of their season! The below ranges do not factor in any booster club assistance.**

Description	Open Team - Costs
Annual Registration/Insurance	\$49
USASF Membership	\$49
June Tuition- Due June 15th, after the placement process is complete. This payment covers the June tryout process, practices and part of the amateurized fees for the season.	\$100
Monthly Tuition- Due the 1st of each Month From July-April. "All inclusive" monthly tuition inclusions listed above this table (comp fees, choreo, etc.)	\$185-220
Shoes- Shoe for the season is still being selected.	\$120-155
Uniform (use for 3 years) Athletes will have the option to sell their used uniform if choosing to only do the team for less than 3 years.	\$220-\$400
Bow or Hair Cuff	\$35
USASF Membership*	\$49
Summit Registration (Free if paid bid is earned)	Approx. \$570 - Includes Disney Park hopper Pass

\*The USASF membership fee will be paid directly to the USASF and not billed through the gym. This fee is subject to change as it is the sole discretion of the USASF.

Our booster organization offers events throughout the season to help offset costs. If you are interested in working fundraising events, please let us know and we will connect you with our booster president.

For athletes who are strong stunters and live locally, opportunities may be available to work stunt classes and stunt privates to offset fees as well.

### Practice Schedule

The Open Team will practice one day per week for 2 hours. Regular weekly practices will begin the Week of June 15th. Please note, during weeks leading into competitions, the Open Team will practice twice per week. Dates for the added practices will be sent with the competition schedule in August.

All practices are mandatory unless a prior absence approval is received. Our attendance policy allows great flexibility during the summer months to allow our athletes to enjoy their family vacations, however proper notice is still required. During the fall, there is some flexibility provided. During competition season, practice attendance is more strict and absences will be very limited.

- **Please note that the exact day of the weekly practice will be determined once our senior aged and below team schedules are set (May 27th). We anticipate the weekly practice to be on a weeknight from 8-10PM**

### **Tentative Choreography Dates**

Below are the dates we currently have reserved for Choreography. Each team will only utilize 1-3 days of each block, not every date within the block. Exact dates for each team are pending team placements, choreographers, and staffing and will be released in June.

**June 22-25th-** Stunt Camp (stunt choreography).

**JULY 2nd-6th-** NO PRACTICES. Enjoy the Holiday!

**July 23-29th-** Routine Choreography

**September 8-11-** Dance Choreography

### **Competition Schedule**

The Open team will attend 5 competitions, 4 during the regular season and their post season event (The D1 Summit). The D1 Summit is located in Orlando, FL. For the other 4 events, our goal is to take this team to events in sync with the rest of our elite teams, while keeping the travel limited to drivable events for this team. We know most athletes on the open team fund their own travel and will not be able to miss work or college classes regularly for events. The competition schedule will be released by August 18th, 2025.

### **Contact and Keeping Up with The Fabulous Family**

**If you are receiving this packet directly, you have already filled out our 2025-2026 Open Team season interest form! If you have a friend who is interested in our program, please have them reach out to us or fill out the interest form link found on our social media outlets!**

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:

Program Director, Mallory Ortiz: [Mallory@Step1allstars.com](mailto:Mallory@Step1allstars.com)

Owner, Melanie Vitale: [Mvitale@x-celathletics.com](mailto:Mvitale@x-celathletics.com)

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Make sure you are following us on all social media:



**Facebook: Step 1 Allstars North**



**Instagram: @Step1AllstarsNorth**

**Closing Notes**

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your interest and support of Step 1 Allstars North. It is with the trust of our families, the dedication of our athletes, and the relentless work 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

