

**Momentum Team Cheer**  
**2023-2024 Competitive Team Contract**  
*Competition requires a greater level of commitment to our team.*



***Congratulations*** on being selected to be a part of Momentum Team Cheer. Be proud of your accomplishments. Always stay committed to your classes, performing full out and working hard for your coaches. Those who listen to every correction and apply themselves in every practice will succeed. Remember to show respect to all coaches and staff, your parents, and all students at the studio. We are all in this together!

**Parents,** Our competitive program requires a positive atmosphere from all involved. Cooperation between all parents is expected at all times. Please show respect for staff members, other parents, and all athletes. A positive and enthusiastic outlook on this program extends to your child. Negative comments and feedback can be harmful to your child's progress.

***Your Time and Responsibilities for MTC***

Each member of the team will perform at 2-3 community events.

**Cheerleaders: Will practice 1.5 hours a week. (Day TBD)**

***Required: 2 Regional Competitions and a Possible Nationals***

Most events will take place in Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa, or surrounding areas. Team members will also be required to attend all community events/performances (Approx. 2-3).

***The Competitive Team season commitment will be August '23 - June '24.***

- Athletes will give all coaches respect during class, by not talking back, coming prepared, having hair secured away from their face and in the proper practice attire.
- All athletes will follow the MTC dress code and will have their hair up and secure, wearing only approved attire for Team Practices and Events.
- Athletes will respect their teammates by not talking and/or gossiping about each other. This will not be tolerated. We are a team. Any violations to the contract will be notated and after the third occurrence, you will be placed on probation and may lose your spot on the team.
- Specific athletes will be by invitation only and at the discretion of the choreographer depending on age, level, or ability.
- Athletes who do not dress out in team gear to practice or performances may be subject to sitting out.
- Last minute withdrawals from any competition will not be tolerated. Serious injuries or family tragedies are the only exceptions. All entry fees are non-refundable due to each competition's policies.
- All competition scheduling is set by the competition itself. Any requests to alter specific days and times of performances cannot be accommodated and will not be accepted.
- During the competition season, athletes are prohibited from altering their hair color involving any color that is not natural such as bold streaks, blue, red, green etc., permanent hair accessories such as feathers, colored extensions etc. are not allowed. No body piercings or tattoos are allowed while competing. Absolutely no nail polish allowed while competing. No jewelry allowed unless otherwise specified.

- Level placement, music selection, choreography, uniforms and spacing of all group routines are at the coach's discretion and are not up for discussion. These decisions are made from many years of coaching experience. All staff members are passionate about our competition team. We take pride in every cheerleader and every routine. All decisions are made in the best interests of the athlete. Inappropriate and demeaning parent and/or student comments will not be tolerated.
- All cheerleaders are required to attend their group photo sessions.
- Cheerleaders must train exclusively at Momentum Team Cheer while under contract. All outside supplemental training should be presented in writing to the Team Director, approved, and will be added to the team calendar to ensure there are no conflicts.

**Attendance Policy:** Proper attendance is an essential component of the cheerleader's education and progress. All classes are dedicated to training and/or choreography. An athlete who misses class and/or practice may hold back the progress of the entire team. When a cheerleader is absent from a choreography class, they are expected to learn the choreography prior to returning to the next class and may be required to take a private lesson. All cheerleaders are allowed no more than 3 absences from practice or Team class. Although athletes are allowed 3 absences, we encourage perfect attendance. Athletes should only be absent if it is absolutely necessary. Attendance will be monitored closely in all classes. There are no "make up" classes for any missed rehearsal or Team classes. Private lessons may be mandatory after 3 absences or if critical to the routine. Private lessons will be at the expense of the cheerleader. Athletes must be in attendance the week before any competition or appearance.

### **Financial Obligations**

All team members will have a separate competition account that will keep track of all competition expenses and credits. All competition entry fees, team attire, and uniforms will be billed as an installment payable Sept-May.. All accounts must be paid in full by May 15th and any balances will be collected at this time. (This may include any unforeseen expenses.)

#### **Admin/Staff Travel/Transport Fee:** \$50/Dancer/Competition

As part of the Team, you will be required to pay this fee for each Convention/Competition you are participating in. This fee pays for coaches/choreographer's travel expenses, administrative time coordinating events.

#### **Commitment Fee: \$250 Due July 15th**

We will try to reuse uniforms when possible. A uniform deposit will be required up front to purchase new uniforms. If your athlete will be using a prior year uniform your \$250 deposit will be credited to your other expenses.

#### **Photo Fee:**

Your athletes photo fee will be split amongst the team and could range from \$40-\$65. Photo fees will be due prior to the photo session.

#### **Hair Extension Fee:**

If your athlete does not have hair long enough for a "cheer" curled ponytail, you will be asked to purchase a hair piece \$40 + to ensure that our athletes look uniform.

### **Estimated Minimum Competitive Expense Forecast- New Members**

<b>Administration Fee/Coaches Travel</b>	\$150
<b>Team Gear (Practice Wear and Community Events Shirt)</b>	\$180
<b>Competition Entry Fee (2 Competitions)</b>	\$200
<b>Uniform</b>	\$355
<b>Bow</b>	\$20
<b>Cheer Bag</b>	\$100
<b>Team Jacket</b>	\$200
<b>Shoes &amp; Socks</b>	\$95
<b>Poms</b>	\$30
<b>Rehearsal/Class fee (10 Months)</b>	\$1,000
<b>Choreography Fee</b>	\$65

**Commitment Fee:** \$250 due July 15th

**9 Installments:** (\$250-\$2,395 = \$2,145): **\$238 Due the 15th of every month (Sept-May)**

### **Estimated Minimum Competitive Expense Forecast- Current Members**

<b>Administration Fee/Coaches Travel</b>	\$150
<b>Team Gear (Community Events Shirt)</b>	\$180
<b>Competition Entry Fee (2 competitions)</b>	\$200
<b>Bow</b>	\$20
<b>Cheer Bag</b>	\$100
<b>Shoes &amp; Socks (Shoes purchased if necessary)</b>	\$95
<b>Rehearsal/Class fee (10 Months)</b>	\$1,000
<b>Choreography Fee</b>	\$65

**Commitment Fee:** \$250 due July 15th

**9 Installments:** (\$250-\$1,810 = \$1,560): **\$173 Due the 15th of every month (Sept-May)**

**\*\*SIBLINGS receive a 10% discount.**

### **Extras:**

- Travel expenses, accessories, and makeup will be your responsibility.
- Athletes will be required to wear high ponies with curled hair for appearances including competitions. If your child's hair is not long enough then you will have to purchase a hair piece that is your natural hair color. Hair pieces are at the expense of the athlete.
- Competition/Convention entry fees are non-refundable.

**Uniform Buybacks:** Current athletes are able to re-sell uniforms and practice uniforms to other MTC Competitive athletes. Once uniform buyback has been approved, the coach will ensure that the athlete properly fits the uniform prior to purchase. Prices will be at the discretion of the seller.

**Competitor's Obligations:** All competitors will be required to practice during their scheduled time slot as well as practicing throughout the week on their own time. Cheerleaders should have a copy of all competition music. When becoming a member of MTC, it is with the understanding that being a member of the Team comes before ALL other activities in which they may be involved. We suggest that cheer be their only activity as competing can be time-consuming especially as competition dates get closer. Committing to outside activities has a strong effect on the athlete as well as the other team members, when a member is absent. Remember MTC is judged as a TEAM when competing, and one athlete with bad attendance hurts the entire TEAM. If any student or parent feels they cannot see this commitment through, we suggest they bow out of the competition team before we start choreography.

**Competition Score Reviews:** Each practice following competition athletes will go over score sheets and critiques from the judges.

**Fundraising:** All team members must be responsible for their own fundraising. Any funds raised for the Company must be given to the Director to apply the appropriate credits to each account. Sponsorship forms will be handed out if your athlete would like to solicit donations from local businesses. These sponsors will be given advertising options on our website and on our team sponsor shirt. The director must first approve all fundraising activities.

### **Uniform Essentials:**

- Always have a second pair of socks available.
- Place your uniform in a garment bag for travel.
- Hang and press uniforms before each performance.
- Put your name in all uniforms and shoes.

I commit fully to this 2023-2024 Competitive Season and place my commitment to practices, competitions and classes as a top priority. I am aware that my athlete may be removed from a routine due to 3 unexcused absences. If my athlete is ill, I will notify the studio immediately. **If my athlete goes on vacation, I need to notify the Director 2-weeks prior via email.** I am fully aware of the expectations for classes, cost, and events.

PARENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ATHLETE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF ATHLETE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_