



ANNUAL TRYOUTS & TEAM PLACEMENT

Our athletes are ages 3-18 and NO experience is necessary to try out. The team placement (tryout) process is very casual. The athletes demonstrate jumps, tumbling, and skills. They meet staff and new friends. Athletes are evaluated in groups and are encouraged to do their best. Everyone makes a team! The staff will decide teams and many key elements factor into the decision.

SCHEDULE

Ages 3-11 Tuesday, May 5th 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Ages 12-18 Tuesday, May 5th 6:00-8:00 p.m.

****Athletes will be assigned a time (4-6 or 6-8) for the second and third nights (Wednesday, May 6th and Thursday, May 7th) on the first day.***

AGES

Eligibility date for your “competition age” is August 31, 2015. Please bring a copy of your birth certificate. Age groups are as follows:

- Tiny: ages 6 and under
- Minis: ages 8 and under
- Youth: ages 11 and under
- Junior: ages 14 and under
- Senior 1-4: ages 10-18
- Senior 5: ages 12-18

PLACEMENT

There may be athletes on any given team that tumble at a different level than their teammates. We try to match up the athletes by level as best we can, but please remember that stunting, jumps, dance, motions, and age are huge factors as well. Some will be stronger in certain areas than others. We chose our team based on the positions that we need to fill (bases, flyers, tumblers, etc.) Every athlete is on the team for a reason – please trust the staff.

LEVELS

There are five levels for our full-year teams. The “level” refers to the type of stunts, pyramids, and tumbling that a team can safely perform. Levels are numbered 1 to 5, and increase in difficulty.

PLACEMENT

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PRIVATE TRYOUT

Available upon request and require a \$50 fee. For more information, email Head Coach Marco Galvez at mgmaverickhc@aol.com.

TRYOUT CHECKLIST

- * Copy of birth certificate if new to program
- * \$30 tryout & team placement fee
- * Tryout release form/application
- * Head shot/school picture if new to program

Desert Elite Mavericks Sign-up Form

(please fill in this form, then print it out. Be sure to sign it and turn it in to Desert Elite Mavericks.)



ATHLETE'S FIRST NAME _____

LAST NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, AND ZIP _____

BIRTH DATE _____

AGE AS OF AUGUST 31, 2015 _____

GRADE IN SCHOOL _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

SELECT YOUR SKILL LEVEL

	1	2	3	4	5
TUMBLING SKILLS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
STANDING	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
RUNNING	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
STUNTS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
BASE	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
BACKSPOT	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
FLYER	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do you want to be accepted to a: Full year team? Prep Team?

Would you accept ANY position on ANY Desert Elite Mavericks Yes No

Are you interested in 'double-teaming'? Yes No

If NO, which level are interested in being considered for? Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 Level 4 Level 5

Please understand that you must be **True To Your Level**, and meet the requirements for the level, in order to be considered.

DESCRIBE ANY MEDICAL PROBLEMS OR INJURIES

Please list to who the participant may be released in case of an emergency and the parents cannot be reached:

NAME _____ RELATION _____ CELL# _____

NAME _____ RELATION _____ CELL# _____

MEDICAL INSURANCE _____ POLICY# _____

TREATMENT / PUBLICITY / LIABILITY RELEASE

I authorize any licensed physician to render necessary emergency treatment for injury or serious illness when neither parent can be reached and will assume all financial responsibility for such treatment. I acknowledge that the above participant must have his/her own Medical Insurance. I understand that cheerleading camps, competitions, practices, clinics and gymnastics equipment have an inherent danger in participation and that in spite of all precautions and accident preventatives, injuries do occur. I further acknowledge that each participant has elected to participate in Desert Elite Mavericks All-Star Cheerleading at their own risk and will not hold Desert Elite Mavericks coaches, staff, and/or instructors liable for any and all injuries that may occur while participating in the cheerleading. The undersigned does hereby grant Desert Elite Mavericks and its successors, the unrestricted right to use the undersigned's name, likeness, or appearance on any cheerleading or dance camp posters, calendars, photographs, try-out flyers, video material, film material, computer software, computer hardware, electronic on-line services, or other similar promotional material in any form, content or medium to promote or market Desert Elite Mavericks program. The undersigned does hereby expressly release and waive any demand, action, claim, license, royalty, or other form of payment the undersigned, and his or her agents, representatives or assigns, may have based on claims of the undersigned as to rights of privacy, publicity, notoriety or any other rights arising out of or relating to any use by Desert Elite Mavericks All-Stars of the undersigned's name, likeness or appearance.

(Participant if 18 or older) Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY: TEAM _____ POS. _____ # _____



DESERT ELITE MAVERICKS
Competitive All-Star Cheerleading

Athlete's Name _____

Athlete's email: _____@_____.com

Athlete's cell # _____

Age as of **August 31, 2015** _____ Birthday ____ - ____ - ____
**New members must provide a copy of athlete's birth certificate.*

School _____ Grade in **Fall '15** _____

****Please fill out completely*** _____

Responsible Parent/Guardian # 1

Mother _____ Father _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Home # _____

Mother Cell# _____ Email _____

Father Cell# _____ Email _____

CLOTHING SIZES

**Please designate small, medium, large, x-large*

T-SHIRT(s) Youth _____ Adult _____

BRA TOP Youth _____ Adult _____

SPANKS Youth _____ Adult _____

JACKET Youth _____ Adult _____

PANTS Youth _____ Adult _____

HOODIE Youth _____ Adult _____



DESERT ELITE MAVERICKS
Competitive Cheerleading

**Please fill out completely.*

• **EMERGENCY CONTACT (other than parent):**

Name _____ Relation _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

**You must provide your own medical insurance to participate.*

• Member's medical insurance company _____

• Policy # _____ Family Physician _____

➤ Does your child have any allergies? _____

If so, what kind? _____

➤ Has your child suffered from an injury or medical condition of any kind? _____

If so, please explain _____

➤ Does your child have an ongoing, significant chronic illness or disease such as epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, chronic heart disease, or severe allergy? _____ If so, please explain _____

Treatment/Liability Release:

I authorize any licensed physician to render necessary emergency treatment for injury or serious illness when neither parent can be reached and will assume all financial responsibility for such treatment. I acknowledge that the above participant must have his/her own medical insurance. I understand that cheerleading camps, competitions, practices, clinics, and gymnastics equipment have an inherent danger in participation and that in spite of all precautions and accidents preventative, injuries do occur. I further acknowledge that each participant has elected to participate in Desert Elite Mavericks at their own risk and will not hold Desert Elite Mavericks, Marco Galvez, Amy Grey, or any of its coaches or instructors liable for any and all injuries that may occur while participating in the program or after as a result of participation.

Publicity Release:

The undersigned does hereby grant Desert Elite Mavericks and its successors, the unrestricted right to use the undersigned's name, likeness, or appearance on any cheerleading or dance camp posters, calendars. Photographs, tryout fliers, video material, film material, computer software, electronic on-line services, or other similar promotional material in any form, content, or medium to promote or market Desert Elite Mavericks. The undersigned does hereby expressly release and waive any demand, action, claim, license, royalty, or other form of payment the undersigned, and his/her agents, representatives or assigns, may have based on claims of the undersigned as to the rights of privacy, publicity, notoriety, or any other rights arising out of or relating to any use by the Desert Elite Mavericks of the undersigned's name, likeness, or appearance.

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ Date _____
(Participant if 18 or older)



PARENT / GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

**Parent/Guardian - please read completely, initial each statement below, and sign.*

I am signing my son/daughter _____ up to join the Desert Elite teams for the **2015-2016** cheer season. In doing so:

_____ I have read and understand ALL information stated in the **Parent / Athlete Program Policies Packet**.

_____ I have read the policies and understand that my role as parent/guardian is to assure that my athlete attend and arrive *on time* and prepared to all practices and events/competitions scheduled for my team. They should arrive in the required clothing and/or uniform.

_____ I understand that **withdrawal from the program, whether voluntary or involuntary, will result in a financial penalty (\$100 before choreography and \$500 after choreography)**. Voluntary withdrawal must be in writing. Any and all balances due must be paid within 14 days of leaving the program. Failure to pay balance will result in account being sent to collections and/or small claims.

_____ I understand that there is **NO REFUNDS and fundraised money cannot be refunded**. I understand that tuition cannot be pro-rated for absences and/or early removal.

_____ I will set a positive example by showing good sportsmanship and respect towards all Desert Elite staff and coaches, athletes, parents, and competitors. I understand that my choices and behavior at the gym, competitions, and at events, can negatively affect my child's team and the program – which could ultimate jeopardize my child's position within the program.

_____ I understand that it is not my place to question and/or dictate the decisions of the coaches. I will do my best to avoid unnecessary "side-line" coaching and let the coaches do what they do best – coach.

_____ I understand that practices are closed to parents, unless prior consent is given by the director and/or coach.

_____ I will avoid negative talk about the team, program, and its athletes and coaches while at the gym, events, or competition venues. **I understand that if I am found to be the source of negativity, trash-talking, or creating problems I risk the chance of being asked to leave the program and my athlete being dismissed.**

_____ I understand that if I have any problem or concern, the team coach should be consulted during non-practice and non-competition times.

_____ I understand that verbally aggressive confrontations will not be tolerated in any situation towards any athlete, parent, or coach and will result in my not being allowed in the gym and possibly my athlete being dismissed from the program.

_____ I agree to fully and forever discharge and release Desert Elite Mavericks, its owners, its director, and any of its instructors or coaches from any/all foreseeable and unforeseeable injuries to myself and my child arising from his/her participation and presence at Desert Elite events, practices, and related activities, wherever and whenever they may take place.

In conclusion, I acknowledge having read and initialed each and every one of the individual statements in this contract. I have read the entire Packet and agree to comply with all Desert Elite rules and expectations. I understand that failure to comply may result in our removal from the program.

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____
(Participant if age 18 or older)



ATHLETE AGREEMENT

**Athlete- please read completely, initial each statement below, and sign.*

I _____ am signing up to join the Desert Elite teams for the **2015-2016** cheer season. In doing so:

_____ I have read and understand ALL information stated in the **Parent / Athlete Program Policies Packet**.

_____ I have read the policies and understand that as a Maverick Athlete I am required to attend and arrive *on time* and prepared to all practices and events/competitions scheduled for my team. I should arrive in the required clothing and/or uniform.

_____ I understand that ALL planned absences must be submitted **at least two weeks** in advance of date on an "absence request" form and that generally, practices are mandatory. This includes school events and special events.

_____ I understand that not calling when I'm going to be absent is unacceptable and will result in a \$25 fee and may also result in my dismissal from the team if the problem becomes worse.

_____ I understand if I am going to be late, I must call my coach or the gym. *Please program the gyms, your coaches, Marco's, and Amy's number into your cell.

_____ I will set a positive example amongst all Mavericks by showing good sportsmanship and respect towards all Desert Elite staff and coaches, athletes, parents, and competitors.

_____ I understand that it is not my place to question and/or dictate the decisions of the coaches. I understand that my coaches are professional, trained, and experienced and I will do my best to adhere to the rules and expectations set by them and the program.

_____ I understand that practices are closed to parents, siblings, friends, boy/girlfriends, unless prior consent is given by the director and/or coach.

_____ I will avoid negative talk about the team, program, and its athletes and coaches while at the gym, events, or competition venues. I understand that if I am found to be the source of negativity, trash-talking, or creating problems I risk the chance of being asked to leave the program.

_____ I understand that if I have any problem or concern, the team coach should be consulted during non-practice and non-competition times.

_____ I understand that as a Maverick, I am expected to take good care of myself by eating well and staying healthy. I am expected to avoid drugs and alcohol at all times. I realize that my choices and behavior outside of the gym reflect negatively on my team and the overall program. I understand that failure to comply with these expectations will result in removal from the team.

_____ I understand that rude, disrespectful, or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. I will be counseled first, followed by a parent-member-coach meeting. If the behavior does not improve, I will be dismissed from the team.

_____ I agree to fully and forever discharge and release Desert Elite Mavericks, its owners, its director, and any of its instructors or coaches from any/all foreseeable and unforeseeable injuries to myself arising from my participation and presence at Desert Elite events, practices, and related activities, wherever and whenever they may take place.

In conclusion, I acknowledge having read and initialed each and every one of the individual statements in this contract.. I have read the entire Packet and agree to comply with all Desert Elite rules and expectations. I understand that failure to comply may result in our removal from the program.

Athlete Signature _____ **Date** _____



ALL-STAR COMPETITION TEAMS FINANCIAL POLICIES & OBLIGATIONS

Monthly Tuition:

- **Automatic withdraw payments** are processed on the first day of each month (from June '15 through April '16) through your Visa or MasterCard credit card or check card.
- **ALL credit card charges are subject to a 2.5% user fee.**
- **For those paying via check or cash,** payment is due on or before the first of the month.
- **Returned checks** will incur a \$25 service charge.
- A **Monthly LEVEL PAY** plan (of approximately \$250-300) can be arranged which will include all tuition, uniforms, choreography, and competition fees for the year. This payment will be due by the first of every month. A final settlement payment may be needed at the end of the year to cover additional costs. Please let us know if you are interested in this option.
- A 5% discount is offered to athletes/parents for paying the entire year of tuition in advance. Entire payment must be received by June 1st, 2015 (*to receive the full payment 5% discount, payment must be by check or cash – no credit cards accepted*). If you choose this option and leave the program before the end of the season, there will be NO REFUND.

Financial Agreement:

- By signing below, I understand that tuition is due on or before the first of the month and there is a late fee of \$25 if paid after the fifth of the month.
- I understand that the choreography fee, clothing, uniform/shoes, supplies, and competition fees are all additional costs that are due on their exact due dates and additional cost/fees may be involved if not paid on time.
- I understand and agree that as a parent signing the contract, I am solely responsible for the tuition, annual fees, uniform/clothing/supplies, choreography/music, and competition fees. **ALL fees are nonrefundable.**
- I further understand:
 - All clothing/uniforms require payment IN FULL upon order. This is **nontransferable & nonrefundable.** Additional fees may apply if the uniform has to be ordered separately.
 - Athletes on multiple teams will be responsible for additional entry fees and related costs, beyond their first team.
 - We reserve the right to suspend and/or remove an athlete for failure to keep up with financial obligations.
 - There are **NO REFUNDS.**
- If I choose to remove my athlete or allow them to quit the team before the end of the cheer season, **I am subject to a \$500 withdrawal fee plus the remainder of tuition for the season.** This is in addition to any outstanding balances that are payable upon termination of position.

I have read and understand the above financial policies and obligations of Desert Elite Mavericks. I agree to be responsible for all charges for the athlete and their participation.

Athlete Name _____ Parent/Guardian _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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I understand and agree to allow Desert Elite Mavericks to charge the card and/or bank check card that I have provided below in the case that I do not get my payments in on the designated due dates. Desert Elite Mavericks will allow a 15 day grace period after the due date before charging the card.

NAME on CARD: _____ Mastercard or Visa

ACCOUNT NUMBER: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Three-digit code: _____ Zip Code: _____

- Please charge my card listed above for all fees and tuition
- Please charge my card monthly, according to the payment schedule.

Signature of person on card _____ Athlete name _____

Print name of parent/guardian _____

Signature of parent/guardian _____



PARENT / ATHLETE PROGRAM POLICIES

- ★ If you need assistance or answers to anything, please contact us!
- ★ We are committed to you and we will provide the best customer service to our Desert Elite Mavericks families.
- ★ Do not make assumptions about anything. Always ask.
- ★ Attitude is everything. If an athlete has a foul attitude, we will place him/ her to a non-competitive program (such as a class) or a lower level team, until improvements are made. Until then, a replacement will be put in position.
- ★ Do not call or text the staff unless it is an emergency. The staff needs to have their personal time away from work. Thank you in advance for respecting this rule.
- ★ All cell phones and pagers must be turned off once practice starts.
- ★ All clothing and belongings must be stored in the gym cubbies, not thrown on the floor.
- ★ Do not bring items of value to the gym. (IPOD, Jewelry, IPHONES etc.) Desert Elite is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- ★ Siblings of athletes cannot come inside the gym and watch practice unattended. An adult in the viewing room must supervise them. *Please do not drop off any athlete or their sibling early or pick up late.* We are not a babysitting service.
- ★ No one is allowed to yell onto the floor or make contact through the viewing room window or roll-up door.
- ★ You cannot create or sell your own Desert Elite Mavericks clothing. Our name and LOGO is our property. All ideas for apparel must be emailed and approved by Management.
- ★ The only people allowed in the gym are staff members and athletes that are on the team rosters or are trying out for a position on the team. Parents, friends, relatives and siblings must remain in the viewing room or lobby unless given permission otherwise.
- ★ **Anyone threatening to quit will be asked to leave immediately. No refund will be given.**
- ★ Your opinion regarding practice and routine construction does not count and is not wanted. The staff makes all of the decisions.
- ★ Do NOT gossip about other teams, parents, other gyms or kids. **Again, if you have a questions. ASK, rather than listen to nonsense or engage in irresponsible conduct.**
- ★ It is the parent's responsibility to stay informed. Check your email and the Desert Elite private Facebook page regularly. If you aren't receiving emails, contact the Gym Director ASAP. Every weekend, you will receive a weekly memo and updated information is posted and emailed as necessary.
- ★ Athletes are expected to be in the designed practice attire. Shoes must be worn at practice.
- ★ Planned absences must be cleared by the director and/or head coach **two weeks IN ADVANCE.** *This includes any known school event or field trip.*
- ★ Coaches/Directors reserve the right to close practices at any time. This only occurs if the viewing room becomes negative or distracting.
- ★ Withholding your child from practice cannot be used as a form of discipline. This is unfair to the rest of the team. There will be a \$100 fine if this becomes an problem with any parent and/or guardian.
- ★ Do not post negative comments, routines, or music on message boards, You Tube or any website without approval from the Director and/or Head Coach. Negative comments (direct or subtle) will not be tolerated and may be reason for dismissal.
- ★ Always exhibit good sportsmanship, positive conduct, and professionalism at all competitions and practices.
- ★ No profanity or rude language.
- ★ Punctuality is a MUST. Arrive early to all practices, competitions and functions.
- ★ Practice schedules can change. We will add or cancel practices before a competition – depending on the event.
- ★ No food or drinks other than bottled drinks are allowed in the gym. Members are required to bring their own water bottles. NO gum allowed. Please pick up after yourself.
- ★ Remove all body piercings that can cause injury. This is non-negotiable. This is a safety issue!
- ★ Feel free to talk to your coach about anything. We want to make sure the line of communication is open. However, there is an appropriate time. Email or call the gym to make an appointment. Please do NOT approach a coach during any practice, event, or competition as their focus is on the team during that time.

COMMITMENT

All-Star cheerleading is a YEAR-ROUND, team sport. When signing your paperwork, you are stating that both you and your athlete are making both the time and financial commitment. Athletes are expected to be on time and present to all practices, events, and competitions. Your commitment may also include additional classes or privates to further or fine-tune individual skills. ALL forms and commitment paperwork must be returned completed and signed by the first day of team practices. NO excuses. No paperwork – no participation.

COMMUNICATION

As a parent, you will receive information in several ways, such as weekly emails from the gym director and other emails/texts from your Team Coach(es) or Team Rep. Check the private Desert Elite Facebook page, the viewing room bulletin board, or our www.desertelitemavericks.com website for new updates as well.

FEES

- ***Cost should never be a deterrent, as there are payment plans and opportunities for fundraising.***
- A schedule of payments is listed at the end of this document. **All monthly fees and/or payments are due on either the 1st or 15th of the month.** You will receive a monthly statement of your account with all payments listed. (We will email invoices as requested). Please keep all copies in the event of a question or a discrepancy. Please make all checks payable to Desert Elite Mavericks.
- **A late fee of \$25 will be assessed for all payments made after the 5th (or the 15th for competition installments).** All other fees are due on the exact due date. You may pay by cash, check, credit card or money order. All credit card transactions are subject to a 2.5% user fee. Parents and responsible adults will be asked to sign a financial contract. Each person signing the contract will be responsible for keeping his/her child's account current. Please make all checks payable to Desert Elite Mavericks. Returned checks will be charged a \$25 fee.
- Monthly Tuition cannot be pro-rated for any reason. There are **NO REFUNDS** on tuition, missed/cancelled practices/classes. We add practices throughout the year and do not charge extra, so it balances out in your favor.
- Tuition, Choreography, Uniform/Supplies, and Competition Fees are **NON-REFUNDABLE**.
- By the 15th of each month, your account must be up to date. Otherwise, athlete may be moved to an alternate position.
- Leaving the team before the end of the contract year will result in a withdrawal fee: **\$100 before choreography and \$500 after choreography is taught.**
- **There is NO financial benefit gained from leaving the program early.** Any and all balances must be paid upon termination. Failure to pay will result in account being sent to collections and/or small claims court action.

FUNDRAISING

Different fundraisers are done throughout the year. Your fundraising profits will be directly posted to your account. This involves extra work outside of cheer. However, we have seen people pay for their whole year through fundraising! Information will be sent home via emails and/or with the athlete. Everyone is strongly encouraged to participate. Any SURPLUS of credits from FUNDRAISERS will be applied towards Desert Elite Classes, Teams, and Merchandise. Fundraised money can never be refunded.

TEAM PLACEMENT

All athletes are placed on a team at the discretion of the coaches. Age, experience, and ability all factor into placement. Please understand that athletes may be repositioned, moved, or replaced at any time at the discretion of the coaches. Any changes are made to benefit the team as a whole. Your opinion about team placement is not needed or welcomed.

PRACTICES

There is a lobby area designated for all parents/friends. Parents/friends are asked to stay in that designated area and not come into training area. Parents are also encouraged and welcome to drop-off and pick-up athlete. We want your child to get the most out of every practice. In order for this to happen, we need their full attention. If there are distractions, the whole team is affected and may also become a safety issue. If a parent or anyone is observed speaking negatively about a team, coach, parent, or athlete he/she will be talked to and/or asked to leave. If this kind of behavior continues to be an issue, the child will have to be removed from the team. We will not tolerate this type of conduct. If a parent verbally assaults or threatens an athlete, coach, or parent, the family will be dismissed from the program.

TRANSPORTATION

All transportation/accommodations to practices, events, and competitions are the solely the responsibility of each family. We will make every effort to provide information in a timely manner. However, if a competition is cancelled or rescheduled, Desert Elite will not be responsible for reimbursement for any reason. Members will be expected to travel in the required attire and remain in uniform unless otherwise told at all competitions and/or events.

TRAVEL/COMPETITIONS

During the competition season, athletes will be asked to travel. Some athletes will travel to national events out of the state.

Transportation to competitions is the responsibility of each team member and his/her family. All Team members will wear the designated Desert Elite Mavericks clothing to each function. Uniforms articles should be packed neatly into your carry-on/team bag.

PARENTAL SUPPORT

Your dedication and support is just as important to us as it is to your child! We encourage all parents to sit together and support all Desert Elite teams. Parents are also encouraged to show support by wearing Desert Elite colors or clothing to competitions. Showing respect for the coaching staff, other teams, and hosting organizations is expected, as you are there representing Desert Elite Mavericks and your child. Please understand that it is never the place of the parent to question or approach judges or event staff regarding anything relating to our team registration or performances. Questions should be directed ONLY to the Gym Director and/or Head Coach. We will deal with your concerns in regards to the organizations. Also please do not make assumptions on anything. Always ASK rather than assume or accuse. Accusations will not be taken lightly and are subject to investigation. If the accusation is found to be false, that athlete and family will be asked to leave the program.

MORAL CONDUCT

Athletes are expected to take care of themselves through proper nutrition, exercise, and sleep. The Desert Elite prohibits the use of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs. While the Desert Elite cannot dictate your behavior and conduct "off-hours", negative conduct will not be allowed to taint the reputation of the program and its members. You are expected to use caution in your use of any social media and represent yourself in a positive manner.

UNIFORMS & ATTIRE

Athletes should be covered up to and from the gym. There are two expected practice attire outfits: the Maverick bra top with black Varsity spunks (purchased through Varsity) and a black Nike Pro top and spunks (purchased on your own). This year we will be asking everyone to purchase warmups, so that we can keep a unified look to/from and at events. This is also a NEW uniform year! In an effort to keep costs down, we do keep things from year to year and our last uniform was used for four years. Please keep all Desert Elite Mavericks clothing, warm-ups, and uniform in good condition. Please report any lost or damaged uniform items to your coach. The cost of replacement will be the responsibility of the athlete. Please wear ASSIGNED gear to practice. NO jewelry to practice. Desert Elite Mavericks assumes NO responsibility for lost jewelry, clothing items, bows, or any valuables. Please make sure that all items have your name written on the tag.

DISCIPLINE

If any of the above rules are compromised, the following actions will occur:

- 1st Violation: A meeting with the athlete defining the problem.
- 2nd Violation: A meeting with the athlete & the parent(s).
- 3rd Violation: The athlete may be sidelined or suspended and/or removed from the team or entire program.

INJURIES

If an injury should occur, it is the responsibility of the parent to seek professional help. Each athlete must have his/her own medical insurance. After seeing a physician, please provide Desert Elite with an evaluation of the athlete's injury/ status. A release from a doctor is required if a serious injury should occur. Please provide a doctor's note for any injury that prevents full participation. In the event of an injury which prohibits performance at a competition, an alternate will be asked to fill-in until the injured athlete is able to resume their position. Any related competition fees are still the responsibility of the original athlete for that position.

TARDIES DON'T BE LATE, please.

ABSENCES

Attendance is crucial to team success. An "absent request" form must be filled out prior to the planned missed practice. NO-SHOW, NO-CALL absence = \$25 fine. No practice can be missed two weeks prior to any competition. Excessive absences may result in team reassignment or removal from the program. If an athlete is absent for three or more practices, a doctor's note is required. Any athlete that is also a member of their school cheer or athletic team is required to turn in a schedule of games to the office.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

- Contagious illness
- School function that affects grade
- Family emergencies
- Vacation during summer – *provide dates by June 10th.*
- School cheer events - *but we ask for consideration in return prior to our events.*
- Special event when cleared in advance by gym staff – *at least six weeks in advance for planning purposes.*

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

- School dance, prom, and senior events
- Traffic
- Too much homework
- Feeling tired
- Don't have a ride
- Babysitting a sibling
- Non-contagious illness (*athlete may come and "sit out"*)
- Parental punishment
- Any appointment that can be made outside of practice times
- Jobs that should be scheduled outside of regular practice times

VACATIONS

Vacations are not permitted during competition season (mid-November to early May), unless the gym is closed and the athlete has already cleared it with their coaches AT LEAST two weeks in advance. Please provide dates by **JUNE 10th**.

GYM CLOSURES

Independence Day Break: June 29 – July 5

Labor Day Week: August 29 – September 1

Thanksgiving Break: November 25 – November 30

Christmas Break: December 21 – January 3, 2016

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

Choreography week(s): TBA: one week in June, mid-week in July (first half of choreography), and late August (second half of choreography).

Team pictures: February 1-2

WHAT IS A TEAM REP?

A Team Rep is a parent who is the liaison between the coach and the parents. There will be one to two reps per team depending on the size of the team and age. The rep(s) are in charge of meeting the team at competitions, handing out wristbands/shoe tags, and assisting with team functions and communication. Team Reps are not involved in gym decisions, coaching, or accounting issues. Please remember that the Team Rep is only doing what is being asked of them by staff, so please respect them. Problems should be taken up with the Head Coach and/or Director.

RETURNING MEMBER INCENTIVE:

A \$50 referral fee will be credited to your account for each NEW athlete that you bring to Desert Elite who joins the team program. The new member/family must reference you for you to receive credit and they must join the program for the entire year. Credit will be applied after their second month of membership.

FEEES FOR THE 2015-2016 SEASON:

Annual Tryout "Team Placement" fee.....	\$ 30	* <i>due at evaluations</i>
Annual gym registration (per family).....	\$ 50	
Annual USASF fee.....	\$ 30	
Annual Gym supplies and/or equipment fee.....	\$ 25	
Returning member monthly tuition (full team).....	\$ 135	
New member monthly tuition (full team).....	\$ 160	
Prep team monthly tuition.....	\$ 85	
Additional tumbling class monthly tuition (Maverick).....	\$ 40	(or \$10 drop-in)
Private lessons (arranged through independent coaches).....	\$50	an hour

***Annual fees and first month tuition are due the first week of participation.**

***Should you choose to decline your spot, there is NO REFUND.*

***Uniform & Supplies (varies according to returning or not).....\$500-800**

- Due upon ordering: practice attire in June (approx. \$65), formal uniform in early September (approximately \$500), warm-ups, t-shirts, makeup, and bows in early October (approximately \$230)

Choreography & Music (includes upgrades throughout season).....\$350

- Due August 15th

***Competition fees (varies with level and age).....\$500-900**

- Specific amount will be announced by June 15th once schedule is set.

- Installments will begin in September. You may pre-pay.

**Costs are tentative and may be adjusted as needed.*

OTHER FEES:

Late fee (tuition or scheduled payment).....\$25

Returned check fee.....\$25

No-Show, No-Call absence..... \$25

Withholding your child from practice as punishment.....\$100