



TRYOUT PACK 2020-2021



WELCOME TO THE 2020-2021 SEASON WITH MOMENTUM CHEER!

Here at Momentum, we aim to use the fast paced, competitive world of cheerleading to develop life skills such as teamwork, trust, respect, and self worth. As well as teaching athletes high-intensity stunt, dance, and tumble skills, we believe that cheerleading instills its participants with values and friendships that will reach far beyond their time as an athlete!

This pack contains all of the information for our Mainstream, Mini, and ParaCheer teams.

Elite Team - previously called Travel Team

Under current SportCheer England and government guidance, 'crossovers' will not be allowed for the beginning portion of the season. Alongside continued uncertainty about travel, this unfortunately means that our elite travel team pathway, traditionally formed mainly by 'crossover' athletes, is temporarily on hold until SCE guidance and circumstances surrounding the C-19 pandemic begin to change. We may be able to offer some elite team opportunities later this season, and will release an update as soon as things start to change. Please email us if you have any questions!

Your '20-'21 season starts here!

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This pack contains all of the information that you will need to make an informed decision about the upcoming season. In order to field competitive teams, all athletes will try out and coaches will place athletes on the appropriate team.

It's vital that, if you choose to try out, you read it in its entirety, check that financial commitments are possible for you, and confirm that all dates work with your schedule/your athlete's schedule.





TRYOUTS: 29-30 Aug



The Old Church, Uttoxeter Road, ST3 6AA

Tryouts cost £10 per athlete.

- All prospective athletes not currently in our registers must fill out the online member request form found at momentumcheeruk.com/tryouts-2020
- **All athletes must download, fill out digitally, and email the Disclaimer Form, Tryout Registration, and signed Athlete Agreement back to momentumcheeruk@hotmail.com BEFORE entering the gym OR print and bring to tryouts.** These will be available at momentumcheeruk.com/tryouts-2020 to download.

All athlete ages are to be calculated as of 31st August 2020.

SIGN UP FOR A TRYOUT 'BUBBLE'

Due to the ongoing restrictions and social distancing/track & trace guidelines, all tryouts will take place in the gym in an assigned bubble.

You **must** sign up for a tryout bubble slot if you haven't already had one assigned by heading to momentumcheeruk.com/tryouts-2020 and filing out the online form.

Once you've submitted your info online, we'll get back to you with an assigned slot based on age/level etc.

Tryouts are mandatory for any athlete who wishes to be placed on a team. Staff will place each athlete on a team where they will have the best experience of competitive cheerleading. Placements will depend on commitment, attitude, performance, and stunt/tumble/jump ability. Athletes will be notified of their placement via email at the end of the tryout process with all placements being sent by **11:59pm on 4th September 2020**

Attending tryout weekend is the best way for coaches to see your skills. If you are out of the city or cannot attend for another reason, e.g. quarantine, there are two options for your tryout process:

-Video Tryouts

If athletes choose to submit tryout videos instead of attending one of the slots above, a video of their stunt, tumble, and jump skills, along with a scan of the appropriate forms (completed and signed), must be submitted to momentumcheeruk@hotmail.com **by 11:59pm on 31st August 2020**, with the subject line 'ATHLETE'S NAME – TRYOUT'. A link to pay the tryout fee will be sent once video and forms are received.

-Private Tryouts

Email momentumcheeruk@hotmail.com to arrange a tryout either within a 121 slot or during a class or team session. You must bring along the appropriate forms (completed and signed), and the tryout fee must be paid before your session.

Welcome to the family!

REGISTRATION INFO

FEE: Due on acceptance via online link

Mini-aged team: £50 | One Team: £70 | Two Teams*: £90

MEETING: Drop in on 5th-6th September 2020

Your registration fee is your acceptance and **must** be paid before your drop-in slot on the 5th-6th Sept.

This is to be paid via online link that will be sent out with your placement email. Payment will be taken as acceptance of your placement and covers start-of-season costs such as team t-shirt, insurance, competition items, etc.

All athletes and parents are required to drop-in during 5th or 6th of September at their designated time slot.

All athletes will be registered for their teams and their team coaches will share necessary season information. The drop-in session will not take long and **training will commence from 8th September.**

It's vital for the registration of all teams that every athlete and parent attends this session so please inform a coach at tryouts if you anticipate a problem with attending.

*Two-team option on hold until bubble crossover is allowed.



TRAINING DAYS, TIMES, FEES



Monthly training fees and membership

One Mainstream Team: £40 per month

ParaCheer and Mini Team: £30 per month

Two Teams: £50 per month - on hold until crossovers allowed

Sibling Discount: 10% off monthly training fee total bill

How to pay: A subscription for this monthly fee will be set up via debit or credit card at registration. The athlete's first monthly payment will be charged on 3rd October, and then on the third day of every month onwards.

Membership: All competitive athletes get discount on classes not included in their membership as well as camps and open gyms.

TUESDAY

Evening

Mini Team

Age 5 - 9

Youth/Junior Team

(Level 1)*

Age 8 - 15

WEDNESDAY

Evening

Elite Team* - on hold

Senior Team

(Level 2.1)*

Age 10+

THURSDAY

Evening

Junior Team

(Level 2.1)*

Age 8 - 15

Senior Team

(Level 3/4.2)*

Age 10+

SUNDAY

Evening

ParaCheer

All ages

All team training times will be confirmed in post-tryout placement emails.

FRIDAY = TUMBLE DAY

Times depending on social distancing guidelines in Sept

5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Mini Tumble (age 5-7)

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Handstands, rolls, & backbends

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Walkovers

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Handsprings

8:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Tucks & more

All athletes on teams marked with an asterisk* must attend a weekly tumble class included in monthly fees.

For athletes placed on our **Mini** & **ParaCheer** teams these classes, along with Monday skills classes, will be available to you at the reduced price of £4 with your members card (please check age brackets online).

Choreography Camps

All teams will have additional choreography camps throughout the season. **Each team will be given a specific time slot, and each camp will cost £20 per athlete per team.** Attendance at the camps is **mandatory** and any athlete missing will not be choreographed into the routine. All athletes will need to keep the **whole of the following weekends (Friday evening through to Sunday Evening)** free for choreography until times are confirmed at registration.

Camp 1 - FULL CHOREO

Friday 6th - Sunday 8th November 2020

Friday 13th - Sunday 15th November 2020

Camp 2 - BOOTCAMP

Friday 8th - Sunday 10th January 2021

Friday 15th - Sunday 17th January 2021



Your time to shine!

Competition Dates & Fees

Competition fees - £40 (or £60 for two mainstream teams*) per payment date.

Competition fees will be paid by card (cash and bank transfers cannot be processed) at the front desk in the following weeks:

Payment 1: 1st session in November 2020

Payment 2: 1st session in February 2021

Payment 3: 1st session in March 2021

RED ZONE:

Our athlete agreement and absence policy state that **no absences** will be excused during the **three weeks before any event** (showcase or competition). Please keep this in mind to avoid being replaced. We're happy to mention that the Easter Holidays is clear of Red Zones!

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Athletes will be expected to keep the following dates free for competitions. If an athlete cannot confirm that they are available for the entirety of any competition weekend at least 3 months before the event, they will be replaced for that showcase or competition.

COMPETITION DATES:

6th - 7th March 2021

Legacy - Dream Extreme

Resorts World Arena, Birmingham

15th May 2021

Legacy - Inspire Greatness

Motorpoint Arena, Cardiff

12th - 13th June 2021

Legacy - Live Your Legacy

NEC Birmingham, Birmingham

SHOWCASES:

We will also hold our annual **BLAST OFF showcase in February 2021** and our first end of season showcase, **TOUCH DOWN, in June 2021** where all teams will perform their routines for friends and family at a local venue. These dates will be confirmed within the first three months of the season.



What else do I need? - Additional Costs



Cheerleading Shoes - *MANDATORY*

All athletes will be required to independently purchase **all-white cheerleading shoes** from cheerleading apparel companies such as excelcheer.co.uk and livingcheer.co.uk. There are shoes suitable for all budgets. If your athlete is a flyer or tumbler they may want specific ones - feel free to ask for more info! Athletes must have these shoes **in time for their first choreography camps** in November.

Training Kit

We have a range of Momentum training kit available to pre-order and purchase from our Pro Shop at reception throughout the season. **We require all athletes on teams to wear Momentum-branded or plain black training kit at all sessions.**

Competition Uniform

Youth, Junior, and ParaCheer athletes:

Black Varsity sequinned uniform top (£65), which will be worn with **plain black Varsity Motionflex shorts (£20)** to wear at competitions and official events.

Returning athletes may already have these items. Any new athletes, or athletes who need a different uniform size, will place their order at registration and will then pay for their uniform during the first week of October (exact dates for this payment will be given in athlete packs after team placements).

Level 2+ athletes:

NEW design PowerNation rhinestoned uniform (£100 (+VAT on adult sizes)) to wear at competitions and official events.

Mini athletes:

NEW design beginner uniform. We're still working on this design but have set a **maximum price of £40.**

All athletes on L2+ and **Mini** teams, including returning athletes, will be required to purchase a new uniform. They will place their order at registration and will then pay for their uniform during the first week of October (exact dates for this payment will be given in athlete packs after team placements).

PAYMENT PLANS

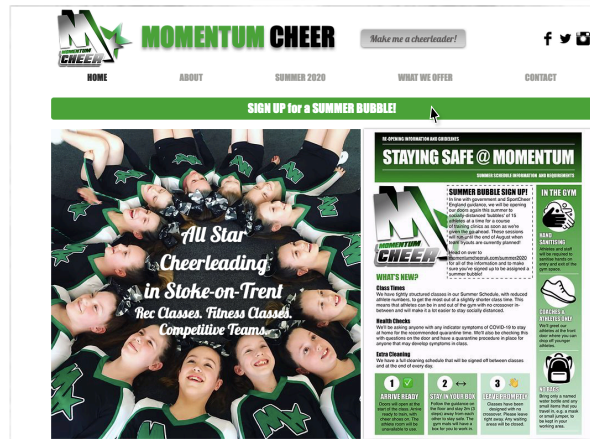
As a small business we are extremely aware of the current financial climate. If you/your athlete needs a new uniform this season but may struggle to pay fully in October, please get in touch to work out a payment plan!

Incidental Costs – Transport and Spectator Tickets

Please remember that incidental costs will occur throughout the season, particularly around competitions. In particular, spectators will need to purchase their own tickets to competitions, and all athletes and spectators will be expected to make their own way to all events for the correct times scheduled for each team. For insurance reasons, staff will not be able to assist in getting athletes or spectators to any events, nor will they be able to take responsibility for athletes aged under 18 years who attend competitions without an adult present. **All athletes under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian with them at all events** that happen outside of the Momentum gym. For these reasons, **please ensure that you budget for transport and spectator tickets to all competitions well in advance.**



One last thing...



Tryout Registration Forms

In trying out for Momentum Cheer, you will be agreeing to uphold all standards expected of our competitive athletes. These expectations are outlined in the 2020-2021 Waiver Form, Tryout Registration, and Athlete Agreement that are available at momentumcheeruk.com/tryouts-2020.

Please make sure you spend a while going over this agreement, then print and sign ahead of tryouts. All athletes will need to bring a fully filled out and signed copy of these forms in order to try out. Any under 18s must also make sure that a parent or guardian has signed where applicable.

Thank you for your interest in Momentum Cheer! We especially thank you for taking the time to carefully read through the commitments required for a competitive cheerleading experience with us. We know that this can be a lot of information so if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us via momentumcheeruk@hotmail.com

Our staff are so excited to share the world of competitive cheerleading with everyone so will do what we can do to support your journey into, what we think, is the best sport in the world!

See you at tryouts!

