



Print Athlete's Name

Athlete's Team

Stars/Heights Cheer Club Competitive Team Contract
2017 – 2018

Thank you for making the decision to join the Stars Family for the 2017-2018 season. Originally founded in 2003, Stars Vipars is recognized nationally as a leader in developing high level athletes, both in all-star and scholastic competitive cheer. The owners and staff pride themselves in maintaining a family environment and holding each athlete to the highest quality standards.

The mission of Stars Vipars is to provide safe, quality services focused on teaching young athletes solid fundamentals in tumbling, stunting, and cheer for school-aged athletes in South Central Texas. Our coaching philosophy is designed to help athletes self-discover their own ability through high quality instruction in a fun, disciplined environment with a structured purpose. The goal is to create athletes who apply their learning, competitive experiences and work ethic to lessons throughout their lives and future leadership roles.

The staff provides a structured training system geared to getting the most from each athlete. We take pride in our ability to focus specific attention to developing each individual's strengths and learning how each athlete can best serve the team. We teach our athletes to excel in all areas of competitive cheer emphasizing sound fundamentals. Stars strongly believe that our success originates from the dedication and commitment of our staff, athletes, and parents working TOGETHER. Our goal is to foster the growth of the best team possible and instill qualities/values that last a lifetime.



SCHOOL/CLUB COMPETITIVE PROGRAM

In the past few years Stars has begun to develop relationships with school programs in the San Antonio and surrounding areas. One of the biggest obstacles local school programs face is that their talent ranges from beginners to advanced. In order for them to be competitive at UCA High School Nationals, athletes need to enter high school with more advanced skills and experience stunting and tumbling. We have gotten feedback from local coaches in San Antonio and Austin who are supportive of a competitive program that will prepare athletes for high school cheer and, at the same time, make their programs stronger.

We will be taking these teams to local competitions starting in October 2017 and UCA High School Nationals at Walt Disney World in Florida in February of 2018 with many of the local high schools and they will compete in the Club Division. Here they will get a chance to experience the same competition and venue they will when they enter high school. There are two age divisions: 12 and under and 14 and under.

IMPORTANT DATES TO PUT ON CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 19th - 6pm-7pm Informational Meeting at San Antonio Country Club

Friday, May 19th - Tryouts 5:30 to 7:30 at Stars

Monday, June 5th – Wednesday, June 7th UCA Camp at STARS

Tuesday, August 1st - Mandatory Practices Begin; Choreography dates TBD

Sunday, October 7th - Viper Show-off (Tentatively set to be at Texas State)

Tuesday, October 31st - No Practice

Thursday, January 4th - Saturday, January 6th - Extra Practices for UCA State

Tentative Competition Dates

Saturday, October 14th - American Cheerpower Halloween, San Antonio

Saturday, November 18th - UCA Regionals, San Marcos

Sunday, January 7th - UCA State, San Marcos

Friday, February 9th - Sunday, February 11th - UCA Nationals, Orlando, Florida

CLOSURE DATES

June 30th – July 7th

August 4th – 11th

September 2nd – 4th

November 20th – 24th

December 22nd – December 26th

December 29th – January 1st



Stars Vipers/Heights Cheer Club Required Tryout Checklist

These must be done on or before the first day of practice.

- _____ Updated parent portal profile: Contact info; auto pay info
- _____ TUITION must be paid by registering for Heights Cheer Club online

STARS VIPERS HEIGHTS CHEER CLUB Program Cost

HEIGHTS CHEER CLUB is an 9 -month program. We will begin practices in June 2017 and continue through the UCA NHSCC Nationals in February of 2018. All financial obligations must be on schedule by automatic payment in our parent portal. We have a simple payment structure to make costs more affordable. ALL costs for shirts, gifts, misc. expenses are also included in these prices. We offer MANY fundraisers and sponsorship opportunities, including some that you may be participating in now, to help offset seasonal costs. 100% of what you raise can go to these costs.

Escrow Fees Include: UCA Camp, Choreography, Competition Fees (Minus NHSCC), Music, Uniform, Spanks, Poms, 2 Practice Wear Outfits w/bows, Backpack, and Warm-up Jacket

TOTAL Escrow Fees \$1504

Payment Plan Breakdown

Deposit	\$300 <i>Due 1st practice/Tuesday, June 6, 2017</i>
7 Escrow payments June - December	\$172/month (\$1504 minus \$300 divided by 7)
7 Tuition payments August - February	<u>\$170/month for instruction/coaching/gym rental</u>

Tuition payments will be due on the 1st of the month (Late fee of \$20 will be added after the 5th)

Escrow payments will be due on the 15th of the month (Late fee of \$20 will be added after the 20th)

Shoes: Infinity or Varsity brand most popular; the shoes must be white with no bling.



Method of payment: All payments will be automatically deducted from the account you designate in the parent portal on the 1st and the 15th of the month. Information must be up to date at all times. If using E-check as a form of payment, please be advised that if your check is returned, you will be charged a \$15 NSF fee and if not paid in a reasonable time, we will turn the check over to the District Attorney's Office for collection.

There will be a \$20 late payment fee if tuition or escrow is not paid within 5 days of due date.
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Attendance Policy

Stars is a structured program where success relies on athletes and parents adhering to our policies. We realize many athletes are involved in a variety of activities; however, we cannot make exceptions for schedule conflicts including homework, studying for exams/projects, and school athletics. We practice approximately 4 hours during the week. We expect top priority and 100% commitment to attending every practice. Due to our policies we are able to keep extra practices to a minimum because our practice times are productive and mandatory.

Summer Absence Policy

Heights Cheer Club will be allowed vacation dates in June and July. Please contact team representative to notify them of dates that you will be gone so that we can structure practices to be the most efficient. Beginning in AUGUST ALL scheduled practices will be mandatory _____
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STARS/HEIGHTS CHEER CLUB POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND RULES

Absence Policy

Once we enter the month of August the only excused absence is a school function that is mandatory for a grade. All other absences are unexcused. Part-time jobs, dances, concerts, banquets, long distance driving, family reunions, weddings, recitals, school/church socials, and any other non-related school activities are unexcused. Absences are not allowed the weekend prior to a competition. An unexcused absence may result in the athlete being moved to an alternate position or pulled from an upcoming performance at the discretion of the staff. It is the responsibility of the athlete to learn any changes prior to the next practice. Alternates must follow all requirements and guidelines. Since school activities are planned well in advance, please communicate to us any mandatory events well in advance since absences must be approved by staff to be excused. We will verify with school administration and the teaching staff if we think someone is being less than truthful. Be prepared to show documentation from a teacher or instructor. You will be removed immediately if the request is falsified.

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Sick Policy

Athletes must attend practice even if they are sick. Students unfortunately are removed from the program for failing to follow this rule. We will not make exceptions. You will not be required to participate; however, you must be present. An athlete will jeopardize his/her position if this rule is not followed. In addition, you must provide a doctor's note with detailed information regarding the illness, treatment and length of recovery. This includes dental, medical and any other health related issue that would prohibit a student from participating. Extended sickness such as Mono or Strep throat may result in an athlete being temporarily/permanently replaced.

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Team Reps and Communication

Most communication is set forth in monthly notes, calendars and emails. Each team will have a designated coaching staff and a team representative responsible for relaying information to the parents and the Stars staff. Any questions or team related concerns should be addressed with the team representative prior to contacting Rebecca or Danny. Team representatives will also be assisting the teams at competitions and working closely with the staff. Additional information will always be posted on our website (www.starsvipers.com) or on our social media sites (FB, Instagram, and Twitter).



Team Practice Rules

All practices and stunt practices are closed. There is to be no jewelry worn at practice, which includes all earrings, belly button rings, and necklaces. This is not simply for appearance sake, but for the safety of the one wearing the jewelry and for those either flying or basing who might be injured as a result. All cell phones should be turned off and collected during practice times. There is to be no gum at practices or competitions. Tattoos must be covered at all times. Stickers used during tanning sessions should be worn in an area not visible. There is to be no excessively long fingernails or sculptured nails. No videotaping of practices. Practice clothing must be worn as scheduled on the monthly calendars. Lost, misplaced or damaged clothing will be replaced at your expense. Anyone late or dressed incorrectly will jump/condition after practice.

All practices are closed to parents and siblings/friends to include routine changes and choreography. We will add additional conditioning for athletes whose parents do not adhere to this rule. This includes when practices run long (this will happen on occasion). If you have a child in a team practice and a sibling in tumbling you are not allowed to be in the practice area. In short, please do not find excuses to be in the practice area during team practice. It is counterproductive to running an effective practice.

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Injuries

In the event that an athlete is injured at home or during other extracurricular activities, we ask that you please notify us as soon as possible. Please do not leave messages of this nature on our message service. You should call the gym and the team representative to get the necessary information to the coaches. We will make changes with choreography prior to the practice. We will re-choreograph routines based on the athlete's injury and length of recovery. Once the individual has full recovered, he or she may or may not be placed back in the routine. The coaches have complete discretion in replacing such individuals for the rest of the season if they feel it is best for the team. All injured athletes must continue to pay their tuition. Please note, if your athlete is injured, you will still be required to pay monthly tuition and escrow.

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Code of Conduct

A member must at all times be a strong representative of Stars/Heights Cheer Club and a positive reflection of his/her teammates. Abusive behavior, lying, and/or any other form of negative behavior are grounds for removal from the program. We will not tolerate comments about other teams and their programs. Let's respect their teams, as we will get respect in return. Many of you communicate with other cheerleaders at various organizations through email, FB, GroupMe, Twitter, Instagram, and message boards. Please remember that anything you ever say is a direct reflection on this organization. NOTE: If you are caught sending rude or inappropriate messages on social media you will be subject to immediate dismissal. Teammates are expected to treat one another with mutual respect. They should treat and talk to one another in a manner in which they want to be spoken to. We do not tolerate pettiness, gossiping, or cliques, all of which attempt to exclude or alienate certain members. Back talk, rolling of eyes and any other disrespect for instructors or teammates is unacceptable. After a warning, the team member will sit out of practice until the problem is resolved. A problem between an athlete and a staff member will first be addressed between the owners. If not resolved, a parent will be notified of the problem and will be expected to assist the staff in solving the problem. A parent should never reprimand or discipline someone else's athlete. We will handle any disciplinary problems privately.

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Miscellaneous Information

All routine/choreography including music, cheers, dances, stunts, transitions, and tumbling should be highly protected and shall not be shown or discussed with others. Stars/Heights Cheer Club choreography should never be copied or taught to anyone without consent from Stars/Heights Cheer Club ownership. This also includes any and all portions of music selections and editing. No video of routines, choreography or tryout material should be uploaded to any online site such as YOUTUBE or any social media site. Ownership must approve all designs bearing the Stars/Heights Cheer Club name or logo. Anything created without our approval is unacceptable and cannot be sold or used for personal use independently. Our logos have full protection and are copyrighted. Any money awarded to teams at competitions will go directly to Star Athletes, LLC. Tuition does not pay for the right to perform. If your athlete does not perform, we will do everything in our power to get your athlete a jacket, shirt and/or medal but if we cannot then it will go to the athlete that took his/her spot. Individuals must meet the level skill requirements in order to compete. Mandatory tumbling and



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jump classes will be assigned as needed. Athletes can be moved to an alternate position if they do not maintain the skill requirements. We believe in perfection before progression. We will not allow athletes to learn advanced tumbling skills before perfecting their basics and team tumbling requirements. Proper technique is everything and only perfected skills will be choreographed in a Stars/Heights Cheer Club routine. Absolutely no unsupervised tumbling or stunting is to be done at any time. An instructor must be present at all times.

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Refund Policy

Under no circumstances will there be any form of refund regardless of the reason. We are under no obligation to buy any uniforms, practice wear, or shirts purchased by any member if they decide to leave the program. If you have prepaid any expenses they will not be refunded for any reason. If an athlete quits, any payments up until that point will not be refunded and the escrow balance will need to be paid in full. Tuition will need to be paid through the month the athlete is no longer active in the program.

_____ (initials)

Date: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Contact Information

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