

RTCC PARENT MEETING AGENDA

Location: Dwyer School
Date: September 12, 2023
Time: 6:30 PM

AGENDA DETAILS

I. BOARD MEMBER CONTACT DETAILS

Christina Marvel, Director: 973-222-6100
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II. COACH CONTACT DETAILS

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Lisa Harvey, Assistant Coach Starlites & Skills Coach: 732-742-2860

III. GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Megan Stouter, Head of Grievance Committee: 352-552-3395
Michelle Mayor, Supernovas Grievance Committee Member
TBD- Starlite Grievance Committee Member

IV. KEY DECISIONS MADE

Teams: Originally, we had 1 team, but after our first stunt clinic, it was clear that we needed to split to two. Reasons were:

1. We had more girls than anticipated join the program, which is very exciting!
2. We have a very wide range of skills and experience. After reviewing scoring and rules, we determined splitting the teams would allow us to be most competitive and safe.

Practice Schedule: Having 2 teams meant having 2 practice times. The practice times have been set to give us the maximum time possible to prepare for comps. Coaches may decide that practice times can be shortened in length should the teams make significant progress. Coaches may request to have an additional practice prior to a competition if needed. Parents are not permitted to stay at practice.

Competition Schedule: We will not be competing until January, due to readiness. First and foremost, we need to make sure the girls are able to perform safely.

Competitions Chosen: We will be competing with YCADA scoring because that is where we can be most competitive. Varsity and others have a more aggressive scoring rubric. We will be competing in 6 local comps and 2 long distance. We are doing our best to compete in only 1 competition a weekend based on availability and competition options.

Tumbling: Team Tumbling on Wednesdays will start on 09/20. People who signed up for tumbling at the last parent meeting were charged \$75. If you are no longer participating, we will credit the \$75 back to your account. October's tumbling cost of \$75 dollars will be prorated to \$37.50 to cover the difference for missed tumbling in September. Going forward, please contact Board or Coaches should you need support finding tumbling lessons. If you do not reach out, we will assume you have it handled individually. Please provide your coaches details to the tumbling lessons your child is participating in.

V. ESCALATIONS

Cheerleader Challenges: If we have any challenges with your cheerleader, we will first try to address it with them directly. Should the challenges persist, we will be reaching out to you, as the parent, for support.

Coach & Board Challenges: Should you have any concerns or challenges with coaching or the board, we ask that you please address it with us directly. We are always open to feedback and hope that you are comfortable sharing any challenges you are having so we can partner to improve.

Escalations: Should you feel you are not being supported in an acceptable way or you have not come to an agreement, after trying to address it directly, you can contact the Grievance Committee for support.

VI. GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

Time Management: All practices are mandatory unless a cheerleader is ill. Please be on time and give us as much advance notice as possible if your cheerleader is not able to make a practice or is running late. Any of us Coaches or Board members are happy to provide transportation support if needed, please just let us know.

Bring Water: Our cheerleaders will be working hard during practice. Please ensure your cheerleader has water.

Cell Phones: There will be no cell phone use permitted during practices. Phones should remain in their backpacks. Should you need to get in touch with your cheerleader, please contact the coaches at the numbers provided above.

Personal Hygiene:

- Cheerleaders should be well groomed, with their hair clean and away from face and shoulders.
- Appropriate undergarments should be worn.
- No chewing gum or eating candy during practice or competitions.
- Please use the bathroom before the start of practice.
- Nails should be trimmed for safety.
- Hair should be done before arrival or start of practice.
- Jewelry is not permitted at competitions or practices. Small studs are acceptable for practices only.
- Wear practice wear that was provided. Tuesday- RTCC TShirt and Thursday- RTCC Tank Top.

VII. DEDICATION AND WORK ETHIC

Positions: Every position on the team is important and an integral part of the team. It is important to note that positions are **not** permanent. The expectation is that all our cheerleaders will work hard and condition as per the direction of the coaches.

Current Behavior: We are lucky to have a large number of participants in the program, with 27 cheerleaders. The routines created are complex and challenging, to ensure that we have the ability to be competitive at competitions. This means that we require hard work and dedication from both our coaches and our cheerleaders. At this time, we are struggling to hold productive practices due to the behavior and participation from the cheerleaders. This is not only unfair to the cheerleaders who are fully engaged in practice, but more importantly it is not safe. Of course we want all of our cheerleaders to have fun and we love that they are making friends, but this does not allow for safe and effective practices.

Going forward, coaches will expect the following behavior:

- a. Listen to instructions and feedback from all coaches.
- b. No tumbling or running around during downtime or in between sets.
- c. No talking or yelling while engaged in the routine or in between sets. Should your cheerleader have an urgent question or need, they can raise their hand and the coaches will address them.

- d. **Respect, Compassion and Kindness** should be always show towards each other, always. This includes respect towards other cheerleaders and especially towards coaches.
- e. Help and encouragement towards each other.
- f. Please remember that cheer is a team effort, not an individual performance.

Going forward, coaches will be enforcing the following consequences:

- a. First offense- Verbal Warning will be given to the Cheerleader
- b. Second offense- Cheerleader will sit out of practice for 10 minutes.
- c. Third offense- Cheerleader will not be able to participate in practice that day and parents will be notified.
- d. Fourth offense- A discipline report will be submitted to the board for review and appropriate correction.

VIII. PREVIOUS AND UPCOMING PAYMENTS

Amount	Payment Reason	Due Date	
\$150.00	Commitment Registration Payment 1	05/01/2023	Required
\$150.00	Registration Payment 2	07/01/2023	Required
\$50.00	Uniform Fee	08/01/2023	Required
\$150.00	September Tuition Payment	09/01/2023	Required
\$75.00	September Tumbling Fee	09/01/2023	Optional
\$150.00	October Tuition Payment	10/01/2023	Required
\$37.50	October Tumbling Fee	10/01/2023	Optional
\$150.00	November Tuition Payment	11/01/2023	Required
\$150.00	December Tuition Payment	12/01/2023	Required
\$150.00	January Tuition Payment	01/01/2024	Required
Additional Costs			
\$75.00	RTCC Jacket		Optional
\$20.00	Competition Bow		Required
TBD	Spirit Wear		Optional
\$10-\$20	Competition Entry		Optional
TBD	Cheer Shoes		Required

IX. OTHER NEWS

Jackets: Should arrive early next week and we will distribute them as soon as possible at practice.

Uniforms: Uniforms should arrive early November and will be distributed immediately to ensure they fit as expected.

Team Photos: The plan is to schedule team and individual photos in November.

Waivers: Waivers are typically required for all competitions. Please keep an eye out for them and submit them as early as possible. You should have already received an 8-count waiver via email. Let us know if you have not received that yet.

Spirit Wear: RTCC Spirit Wear available at Stickerdad.com

Fundraising: Updates from Kerri