



QUARTER SEASON 2026

The sport of all star cheerleading requires a commitment from both parent and athlete. All families that seek participation in the GymTyme Illinois all star program should understand that **athletes are evaluated for the program, not a specific team**. GTIL places athletes on the team(s) wherein the athlete's abilities will best benefit the team and program as a whole.

Each athlete at GymTyme Illinois is entitled to the full support and encouragement from the entire GTIL family at large. We expect our members to represent the gym with class, good sportsmanship and responsibility. Any athlete or parent that does not abide by gym rules and regulations, is consistently negative, or acts in a manner that jeopardizes the name and/or reputation of the GymTyme brand, will be subject to disciplinary action as determined by management, and may include program dismissal without refund.

Our success through the years is due, in large part, to an unwavering dedication by everyone involved. In return, GymTyme Illinois is committed to providing:

- a safe and positive training environment for our athletes and coaches
- a family-friendly atmosphere for all who visit our facility
- accurate and timely communications from management
- fair business practices with regard to delivering full program value

IMPORTANT DATES

EVALUATIONS — SATURDAY, OCT. 25 @ 11AM - 2PM

Athletes should dress in all black practice/sports attire and appropriate cheer shoes. Girls should style hair in a high, slicked back ponytail secured with a bow. *Athletes may stay for open gym should evaluations end early.*

TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT — MONDAY, OCT 27 by 5 PM (must accept placement on or before NOV. 1)

PRACTICES BEGIN the week of Monday, Feb. 9 and run through Sunday, March 29 (Mondays, Thursdays, Sundays). General practice hours are weeknights 530-730 or 730-930, and Sundays 10 am - 8 pm. *If the team earns a Summit bid, the post season practice schedule will be the same as Feb/March practices.*

PARENT ORIENTATION: during the athlete's first practice

IMPORTANT DATES: GLCC	Sat/Sun March 7 & 8 — Schaumburg Convention Center
ASC	Sat/Sun March 14/15 — McCormick Place, Chicago
SPRING BREAK	Mon-Sat, March 30 - April 4 (NO PRACTICES)
EASTER SUNDAY	Sunday, April 5 (NO PRACTICES)
POST SEASON PRACTICES	Monday, April 6 - Wednesday, April 29
SUMMIT - ORLANDO	Thu-Sun, April 30 - May 3

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TEAM FORMATION

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Teams are developed based on the total talent pool that is present during the evaluation period. We consider the skills of each athlete and design teams so that everyone has the opportunity to participate and succeed.

When placing athletes, we consider:

- Tumbling that can be performed with “no drivers lost” ... near perfect execution
- Stunting ability
- Jump execution
- Dance/performance ability
- Leadership abilities, positive character traits, attendance/commitment level

Some placement scenarios:

- An athlete is well-rounded and makes the level where they have every tumbling skill. S/he brings strength in all the areas listed above.
- An athlete is missing a tumbling skill or two, but brings value to their assigned team in all other categories listed above.
- An athlete is placed below their mastered tumbling level. S/he's got the tumbling down, but still has improvements to be made in some or all of the other skill categories.
- An athlete has little to no tumbling for the level they make, but is a standout athlete in one or more of the other skill categories. These skills will make a notable contribution to the team's score sheet.

Crossover policies:

- Athletes are first and foremost a rostered member of their primary team.
- Athletes must attend all practices of both their primary and secondary team.
- Crossovers do not pay additional tuition, but are responsible for the competition/apparel/travel fees for each team.
- Level and division restrictions may apply.
- Crossover accounts must maintain good standing

Flyers:

- All team flyers are encouraged to enroll in a discounted stretch class.

Please remember that we consider each athlete's strengths (and weaknesses) when forming teams each season. Our coaches are expert at grouping athlete talent and setting your child up for a successful season. We ask that you trust in our ability to place everyone on a GreaT team.

ELITE CAMPS & EXTRA PRACTICES

Our elite team program includes mandatory specialty camps to complete routine choreography, as well as extra practice days to ensure proper training. These sessions may or may not coincide with your regular team practices and may occur in the morning or afternoon (weekends only).

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PROGRAM COSTS

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GymTyme Illinois strives to publish upfront pricing with no hidden fees. We understand that you are making a significant financial commitment and deserve transparency and the ability to manage the cost of participation. If we are required to temporarily close, events are unexpectedly canceled, or other situations arise that are beyond our control, we promise to fairly prorate costs and attempt to deliver expected program value.

Program Costs (itemized)		Monthly Payment Plan		Regular Season	Additional Fees
Evaluations	\$50				
<i>(converts to \$50 annual registration fee)</i>					
Annual Tuition: Feb-March (35 training hours)	\$350	OCT-25	Evaluations	\$50	
Fees: Competitions (registration, event fee, meet rooms)	\$450	NOV-1	Signup Deposit	\$350	
Fees: Coaches Travel (hotels, airfare, meals)	\$50	JAN-1	USASF Member Fee		\$49 ²
Fees: Music/Choreo	\$150	FEB-9	Tuition & Fees	\$500	
Fees: Apparel (Uniform/CompBow/Program T)	\$350	MAR-1	Tuition & Fees	\$500	
TOTAL REGULAR SEASON (May-March)	\$1,400	APR-1	Tuition & Fees		\$580 ¹
Additional Fees (USASF, Post Season)		APR-1	Summit At-Large Bid		\$485 ²
USASF Member Fee (Jan. 1)	\$49				
Summit - Orlando (April 1)	\$580 - 1,065				
		TOTAL COST OF PROGRAM		\$1,400	+ \$49 - \$1114

Not included above: spectator fees, personal travel expenses, optional pro shop purchases, optional class tuition. Pay-in-full and sibling discount available. Fundraising is also available. All team athletes receive discounted class tuition for supplemental training.

All payments are non-refundable. If you wish to leave the program, you must notify management via email. The last day to drop from the program without penalty is Feb. 15, 2026. Athletes who drop on or after Feb. 16 will be charged a \$150 drop fee. All apparel on order and not received at the time of drop is forfeited to the gym.

Athletes who experience a short-term injury but wish to return to their team must continue to make full installments to hold their "spot." Athletes who suffer a long-term (season- or career-ending) injury will be refunded any portion of the program not received. A doctor's note is required.

Two line items will be charged to your account in February and March: \$175 for tuition and \$325 for fees. Fees include competition registration, coaches travel, camps, choreo, and music.

¹ Only athletes attending a post season event will be charged in April. Listed price covers tuition, apparel package, routine choreography upgrades, and coaches travel fees to be paid to GTIL. ² USASF member fee is paid directly to that organization. Summit fee for At-Large Bid is paid directly to the event producer. You may NOT "opt out" of Post Season events. GTIL does not accept wildcard bids.

As of June 1, 2023, all electronic payments will incur a 3.5% processing fee.

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ATTENDANCE POLICY

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Attendance is crucial to the success of the team. **We are providing our general policy BEFORE you make a commitment to join the all star program at GymTyme.** Habitual absences may result in modification of athlete role/responsibilities on her/his team, designation as an alternate for a probationary period, or removal from the team roster and drop fee (\$150) charged.

**ONLY (2)
ABSENCES
ALLOWED**

Excused Absences

- Graded school event with teacher note
- Contagious illness or injury with physician note (athletes who are “not feeling well” or have minor injuries are still expected to attend and activity will be limited)
- Death of a family member (athlete’s sibling, parent, guardian, grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin)

Unexcused Absences

- Non-contagious illness, non-graded school events, too much homework, too tired, birthdays or family gatherings, couldn’t get a ride, participation in other sports, withholding practice as a form of parental discipline. College visits and college testing (ACT/SAT) are also considered unexcused. Please schedule these events on days when your athlete does not practice/compete.

All missed practices must be reported via email to the attendance mailbox. DO NOT report absences on social media, via team apps, or by text. Failure to report your athlete absent via the official attendance email is considered an unexcused no call/no show and is subject to disciplinary action.

February-March Attendance

Two (2) absences allowed, however any unexcused absences may affect routine spots. We advise saving these for sick days or significant life events (weddings, sacraments, etc.)

Mandatory Competition Practices

There are no unexcused absences allowed 7 practices prior to any event (approx. 17 days). No absences allowed 4 practices before an event (approx. 10 days) which includes any extra practices that are scheduled. A formal attendance calendar will be shared at parent orientation. Failure to follow this policy will result in one of the following:

- ineligibility to compete (without refund)
- allowed to compete, but removal from all group sections of the routine such as stunts (only considered if the absence follows the guidelines for excused absences and does not negatively impact the team)

Summit Post-Season Attendance - Orlando (April 6 — end of season)

Only excused absences with proper documentation are permitted. No absences 10 days before your designated travel date (exception, crossovers competing at both Worlds and Summit).

A note about vacations: Please take your trips during the designated Spring Break (March 30 - April 4). Vacation absences that fall on any other dates may result in modification of the athletes role/status on the team or dismissal without refund.

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FAQs

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Will there be an alternate evaluation day? You may request a private evaluation by emailing info@gymtimeil.com. We highly recommend attending on Oct. 25 so that the athlete can be fully evaluated in group stunting sections.

Will all evaluation candidates be placed on a team? Unfortunately, no. Due to staffing and floor space availability, we have the capability to form 2 teams. We will be highly selective in placing athletes whose talents will enable coaches to maximize the scoresheet and set the team up for success. Some athletes may be selected for a reserve list.

What level will 1/4 Season teams compete? We believe the greatest success will be achieved at **Level 3, 4 or 5**.

Do evaluation candidates need to have tumbling? Tumbling is preferred, however **we evaluate athletes on ALL skills**. (Please see placement scenarios on page 2.)

Does GTIL offer a sibling discount? **YES!** Sibling #1 pays 100% tuition, Sibling #2 pays 50% tuition, Sibling #3 pays 25% tuition. We do not discount the fees portion of your monthly dues as these are paid to our vendors.

Does GTIL have a booster club? **YES!** Upon team acceptance and signup deposit, you will be provided with a link to the club's GroupMe page and you can begin fundraising immediately.

Is there a discount on open gym or classes? **YES!** Should you be placed on a team, you will be eligible for free open gym after the signup deposit is paid. Athletes will still pay for open gym November - January. We will then tally all open gyms attended/paid during this period and apply that as a rebate toward the February installment. For example, if you attend 5 open gyms and pay \$20 for each visit, a \$100 rebate will be ready for you at your first practice. Athletes are also eligible for a 20% discount on any class February - April after the February installment is received.

What happens if I change my mind or experience an injury after the signup deposit is paid? At GTIL, all payments are non-refundable. Please do not accept placement if you are not 100% committed. We make every effort to fully inform potential athletes of our expectations, costs, etc. In the event that an athlete is injured between signup and the first practice, a doctor's note indicating a restriction from sports must be provided to receive a refund. You may email a photo of any documentation to accounts@gymtimeil.com.

Does GTIL arrange travel to Florida? Is Summit a Stay-to-Play event? Once your team's division is selected, we will share the required travel dates should that team earn a bid to Summit. Families will be responsible for booking travel (flights, car rentals, rideshare, parking) through your favorite providers. GTIL selects properties in the Lake Buena Vista area and will provide a link when the reservation system becomes available. We book these properties via Competition Travel Source, who in turn provides free practice space in Florida. All families are required to stay at our selected properties. We have a preferred condo-style property that is approximately a 10-minute drive from the venue, however you will need to arrange your own transportation. We also select a hotel adjacent to Disney Springs which does provide bus service to the competition venue.

Have another question? Please contact us at info@gymtimeil.com or 815-730-8400.