

# WC EAST COMPETITION TEAM TRYOUT/EVALUATION INFORMATION

The WC East Competition Team has been nationally ranked since 2015. It's a testament to the dedication & talent of its athletes. Being part of this team requires an unwavering commitment to excellence, discipline, & hard work. The Delaware Valley area is highly competitive. So competitive that it's been deemed "The North Beast" & in order for WC East to maintain its edge, every team member must be proactive in working on their individual success, by attending stunt clinics, camps, & even, tumbling classes. It is essential that each athlete dedicates personal time to strengthening their core & improving their overall conditioning. The team's success is directly tied to the effort & investment every athlete contributes.

The competition team runs as a club. It is led by the head coach & governed with the booster board. Being on the competition team is a personal & financial commitment from the athlete/parent/guardian. **It is a financial commitment, but fully attainable. ALL practices are mandatory to ensure success as a team.** Practices &/or competitions will not be compromised by absences. **THIS INCLUDES VACATIONS, WEEKEND TRAVEL, PARTIES, BIRTHDAYS, ETC. ALL MENTIONED ARE PERMITTED AS LONG AS DISCUSSED & APPROVED BY COACH PRIOR TO.** Missing anything penalizes the ENTIRE team & if deemed unexcused, player risks being moved to an alternate position or dismissed from the comp team.

The competition team is managed by the head coach. Fundraising is a requirement for all team members. If an athlete chooses not to participate in fundraising efforts, they will be responsible for covering all season-related expenses out of pocket. All decisions related to the team, including those concerning its operations, structure, & direction, are made at the discretion of the head coach & booster club. **All decisions are final.** Each player is expected to adhere to the School Code of Conduct & meet academic eligibility standards, in addition to following the Rules & Guidelines of East Cheerleading. Sideline cheerleading is the primary commitment & requirement for being on the competition team. Participation on the competition team is at the discretion of the coaches, who may add athletes to the roster if deemed necessary for the success of the team. Evaluations for the competition team begin during open gyms. If a player does not make the team, they may be considered at a later date. Should this occur, all fundraising goals and/or sponsor requirements are still required of the athlete, making it critical to participate in all fundraising efforts from day one. There are individual fundraisers available to help offset out-of-pocket costs, however, these fundraisers are only available after all fundraising requirements have been met. **THE \$1600 COMP REQUIREMENT IS DUE 1/31.**

✓ East competition team has competed at the Local, District, State, Regional and/or National level.

- ~ Local comps – November - February
- ~ Regionals – PA, NJ - November/December
- ~ Ches-Monts – January/February
- ~ Districts – December /January
- ~ States – Mid-late January
- ~ Nationals – Late January/ Early-February in Orlando, Florida

✓ Nationals trip total cost is approx \$1600pp+ (All girl - 4 girls per room cost). \$2100 (Co-Ed if only 1 boy in room cost) + Spending \$\$ (see national break down sheet). Disney UCA Nationals (increases approx. 15% per year)

**FUNDRAISING COVERS: (all approx. & subject to change)**

\$1000 ~ Rooms + 1 extra night fee approx. \$250 (\$100 Deposit due when registered for nationals)

\$200 - \$700 ~ TEAM DINNER at nationals.

\$400-\$500 ~ Breakfast items for team rooms

\$4000 ~ 2 Coaches nationals

\$500 ~ Choreography clean-up

\$300 ~ Music

**FUNDRAISING DOES NOT COVER: (\$\$ subject to change) Once fundraising goal is met, families can obtain sponsors to fund below costs**

\$250-500pp ~ Flight (\$50 deposit due when flights booked). Paid by families (NON-REFUNDABLE)

\$168 Meal Tickets ~ \$21 per ticket (8 purchased) – Paid by families

\$75pp -120 Round Trip (if we fly into Tampa) ~ Charter Bus - Paid by families

\$40pp Round Trip (if we fly into Orlando) ~ Mears Connect - Bus Paid by families

\$40+/- each way per bag ~ Bag Check (unless a specific airline does not charge) credit/debit card needed - Paid by families

\$100 - \$200 ~ Spending Money & Travel Day Food Expenses

**Each player must commit to the total approximate financial obligation up front before joining the comp team. Final amounts will be posted when Varsity Brands sends out the costs in early fall. SEE BELOW for estimates. Ask questions up front!\*\*\***

✓ **Will the Comp Team fundraise to help defer cost?** YES. If you do not participate in fundraising, you will not qualify to benefit for the funds raised. Every athlete on the comp team must raise a min of \$1600 to cover the cost to fund their competition season & also still include the \$500 for their sideline season costs (hotel package, party/banquet gifts, food bought for party, operating costs). If that amount isn't met, the individual must cover the remainder of their own costs to compete & travel, or the team risks not attending UCA Nationals and/or other competitions. Families may opt to do a buyout of \$1600, however the home invitational we host is still mandatory. NOTE: 75% of those funds raised splits between the teams & are to be split based on hours worked. They are applied to their fundraising goal. The remainder 25% of the funds are applied to the operating budget. \*\*Once the athlete's fundraising goal is met, each athlete may fundraise to help defer their flight, meal & bus out of pocket costs.

✓ All comp practices are mandatory. Missed practices & ineligibility in school are grounds to be dismissed from the team. It is at the coach's discretion whether to remove a player from the team or transfer a player to an alternate position. **Parents, please schedule all appointments, college visits, SAT, etc. around the practice schedule.** Every teammate should be working on improving their weakest skills & solidify themselves on their total package. Lifting/conditioning in the off season is necessary as well as attending stunt/cheer clinics. **VACATIONS should NOT be scheduled in season OR the athlete risks being removed, replaced, or shifted to an alternate on the competition squad. Always discuss appointments, missed practices ahead of time with coach to make sure it isn't an issue at that time.**

## NATIONALS PAYMENTS DUE (Flights, Bus, Meal Tickets)

SEPT 15th	\$150
OCT 15th	\$150
NOV 15th	\$150
DEC 15th	\$150
JAN 1st	Remainder of balances due if anything owed

# COMPETITION TEAM CONTRACT

*(Read EVERYTHING carefully, ask questions and sign ONLY if being considered for the competition team)*

\*\*\*\*By signing the below, you are acknowledging AND agreeing that:

1. I/We have read in full the WC East Competition Team Tryout/Evaluation Information & understand that there are additional costs associated with being a member of the Competition Team. Approximate costs have been explained; I/We do understand that there may be additional costs that are currently unforeseen & agree to ALL financial obligations.
2. I/We understand that the same Cheerleading Rules & Guidelines Handbook that apply to Sideline Cheerleading also apply to the Competition Team. I/We understand that my first commitment is to all games & practices to compete, & I must attend all games/practices. I/We understand that I/We are required to fundraise over and above the stated amount in the Tryout/Evaluation Information to be on the competition team (that amount is not total sales, but what each cheerleader nets from each fundraiser). If I/We do not meet the total dollar amount needed for the season, then I/We are responsible for our balance due or I/We risk the team not participating in the remainder of the competitions including UCA nationals. Total amount to be fundraised for the season on the competition team is **\$2100**. That includes **\$500** for the sideline season **plus** the competition team **\$1600**. I/We understand that dollar amount can be met and/or exceeded by fundraising, sponsorships or a buyout. I/We understand that ALL fundraising is for the team AND any funds raised over the required dollar amount is applied to the program operating budget. There are NO REFUNDS & all money is applied to West Chester East Cheerleading. **ALL FUNDRAISING AMOUNTS (\$2100) IS DUE IN FULL BY JAN 31<sup>ST</sup>**.
3. I/We understand that the same Demerit Policy & Booster Policy that applies to Sideline Cheerleading also applies to the Competition Squad.
4. I/We understand that if our cheerleader is not chosen for the competition team initially, there is a possibility that he/she could be pulled up at any time to be an alternate or competitor. If that happens, I/we agree and understand that we are responsible for meeting the fundraising requirements on the competition team of \$2100.
5. I/We understand that vacations and/or planned extended absences should be scheduled during student time off or the off season (a player should in no way affect or hinder the team from practicing or competing as a full team).
6. I/We understand that parents & cheerleaders are to behave in a respectful manner towards, the coaches, administration and each other at all times. Any questions or concerns regarding the team should be directed to the head coach first.
7. I/We understand that any parents and/or cheerleaders who negatively impact the team, coaches, boosters or events to which they attend, risk the cheerleader being dismissed immediately from the team. This applies to in person AND any and all social media platforms such as Band, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Threads, Snapchat, TikTok, etc.
8. I/We understand that if the cheerleader does not attend practices, he/she is subject to being dismissed from the competition team. All decisions are made by the coaches & are final. Family, friend & work events are NOT excused absences from practice, games or competitions unless discussed with coach well in advance.
9. I/We understand that all monies fundraised are non-refundable. Funds paid towards competitions, fees, and other costs associated with the competition season may be non-refundable. See comp form for Varsity refund policy.
10. I/We understand & agree that it is mandatory to attend all fundraisers including the home invitational.
11. I/we understand & agree to pay all balances IN FULL on or before the due date of 1/31. Payments made after due dates are subject to late fees. PAID IN FULL DUE DATE OF JAN. 31<sup>ST</sup> APPLYS TO THE CURRENT SEASON THE ATHLETE IS COMPETING. (\$1600 FOR COMPETING & \$500 FOR SIDELINE). Any checks returned for non-sufficient funds are subject to late fees.

Below is to be signed by the Cheerleader and Parent/Guardian & returned ASAP.

## CHEERLEADING COMPETITION TEAM TRYOUTS/EVALUATIONS

I have read all the information provided in the WC East Competition Team Tryout/Evaluation Information. I understand and agree to abide by all expectations from try-outs through the entire duration of the season.

Print Cheerleader Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheerleader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_