

# Attendance Policy

*The following policy applies to Cheerleading Competition Team Athletes ONLY. If you are a Recreational (non-competing) Athlete there is no need to agree to this policy. Please ensure you read all pages carefully (with your child if you are a parent) prior to declaring your agreement.*

## Attendance matters

Good attendance is crucial to our sport. Our athletes work together closely, depending on each other, and with one person missing this can lead to unproductive sessions. It is also highly important for athlete safety and injury prevention that our athletes train regular hours every week, completing a required level of physical preparation in sessions.

If you are committing to being part of a Steel City Allstars Cheer Competition Team you are expected to attend **all competitions and required training sessions**.

Athletes will be allowed 2 'unexcused/no questions' absences throughout the season (except for within a Red Zone – see below) any further unexcused absences will result in a strike. 3 strikes will result in the athlete being removed from their Competition Team and being placed in a Recreational Class. Persistent lateness will be treated as repeated absence due to training time missed.

### EXCUSED

Compulsory school event/exam  
Fever/vomiting/diarrhoea/serious and or contagious illness e.g. coronavirus or symptoms  
Family death/funeral

### UNEXCUSED

Homework/revision  
Parties, birthdays, family meals etc  
Cold, headaches, tiredness  
Recreational sport event/non-compulsory school event

It is **not considered acceptable** for parents to punish their child by preventing them from attending team training.

If an athlete is mildly unwell (providing there is no fever, diarrhoea, vomiting or contagious illness) or injured we still require them to attend team training. However; they may sit out of training and watch for changes to skills and choreography.

## Red Zones

We mark off Red Zones three weeks prior to competitions on our training dates below. Team training sessions during Red Zones cannot be missed under any circumstances with the exception of illness with any of the following:

- high temperature
- vomiting
- diarrhoea
- contagious illness
- coronavirus or symptoms

If any absences occur in a Red Zone, for any reason, an athlete may be taken out of roles within parts of the routine to ensure the safety of skills to be performed.

We also ask that, although artificial nails and new piercings should be avoided at all training sessions, no artificial nails or new piercings that cannot be removed are to be worn during a Red Zone. This is to ensure all athletes can take part fully in every session: reducing risk of injury to themselves and others.

By completing this form you agree to all of the above terms and understand that failure to comply may result in the loss of your place on your team.

We thank you for your support in keeping our athletes safe and prepared for competition.

## Training dates 2021-22

Steel City remains open during all school holidays and bank holidays with the exception of dates below.

Any other unplanned closures or changes to dates provided below will be communicated with as much advance warning as possible by email.

<b>Season begins</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
<b>Christmas break begins</b>	No classes from Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Christmas break ends</b>	Classes resume on Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Red Zone 1 begins</b>	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Showcase – All athletes</b> <b>Red Zone 1 ends</b>	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February – Sheffield, Octagon Centre
<b>Red Zone 2 begins</b>	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>FC Circus – Embers, Blaze, Smoke, Revolution</b> <b>Red Zone 2 ends</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> March – Sheffield
<b>Red Zone 3 begins – Little Sparks and Firecrackers only</b>	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Cheer City – Little Sparks and Firecrackers athletes only</b> <b>Red Zone 3 ends</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> April - Nottingham
<b>Easter break begins</b>	No classes from Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Easter break ends</b>	Classes resume on Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Red Zone 4 begins</b>	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>ICE – All athletes</b> <b>Red Zone 4 ends</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> May - Doncaster
<b>Red Zone 5 begins – not applicable to Little Sparks and Firecrackers athletes</b>	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Jamfest Europe – Smoke and Revolution only</b>	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> June (day TBC) - Liverpool
<b>Legacy Nationals – Embers, Blaze, Smoke and Revolution only</b>	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> (Embers and Blaze) and Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> June (Smoke and Revolution) – Birmingham
<b>2022-23 Season Team Placements</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> June – 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
<b>Summer gym closure</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> July – 31 <sup>st</sup> July
<b>Summer timetable begins</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> August

If you have reported an absence on the same day as your session, please text the coach of your session to let them know, in case the absence log cannot be updated in time. Coaches contact details are as follows:

Megan - 07415805930 (Monday FUNdamentals, Firecrackers, Blaze, Friday FUNdamentals, Smoke)

Melissa - 07809120386 (Power Tumbling, Wednesday Little Flippers, Level 1/2 Tumbling, Gymnastics, Level 3/4 Tumbling, Smoke, Stunt Groups, Revolution)

Sadie - 07955704719 (Saturday Tumbling, Saturday FUNdamentals, Little Sparks, Saturday Little Flippers)

Katie - 07792982969 (Tuesday Rec, Embers, Level 1/2 Tumbling, Gymnastics, Level 3/4 Tumbling)



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