



## **TEAM PLACEMENT INFO 2019!**

**May 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> at Midnight Cheer Gym**

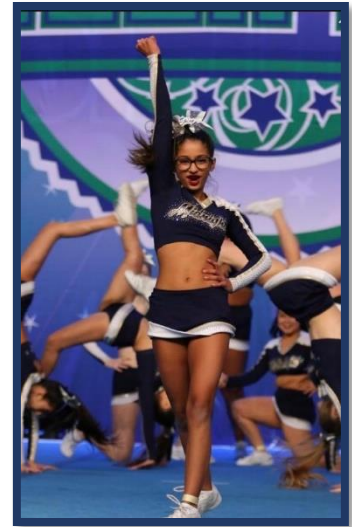
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<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Thursday from 4:30-6:30 pm</b>
<b>Level 2 Junior</b>	<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday from 4:30-6:30 pm</b>
<b>Level 2 Senior</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 pm</b>
<b>Level 5</b>	<b>Thursday 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm</b>

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Thank you for your interest in participating on an all-star competitive team at Midnight Cheer! We are so excited for next season and can't wait for you all to be a part of it – \*new\* teams, \*new\* uniform, \*new\* travel team!! It's important that everyone participating in our team placements understands the level of commitment expected and required of a competitive cheer athlete, so before we go any further please make sure you have discussed with your family the following details:

- Summer training – when in town during July/August, you should be at your once weekly team practice
- 10-month long season from September 2019 to June 2020
- 2 days per week of cheer practices plus a weekly tumble class
- Local and some travel competitions held on weekends
- Costs, including practice wear and \*\*\*brand-new design this season\*\*\* uniform
- Fun, fun, FUN!



If you are new to our program, please refer to our current year's registration package for an idea of both the time and financial commitments involved. We are unable to provide an exact training schedule for our teams until we have formed them and have an idea of how many teams we need to create a schedule for. We will do our best to schedule all of our weekly team practices between Monday-Thursday between 4:30-9:00 pm and will provide an expected schedule when team placement results are sent out later in May; this schedule will then be confirmed in July when our registration package is released with all of the details for the season!

### **How do team placements work?**

Each level will warm-up, stretch, and then be evaluated on their individual skills like tumbling and jumps. A general list of these skills is provided in the chart below. After these evaluations, athletes will be put into groups for stunting and the coaches will ask to see a few stunts that are common in that level. Athletes may be put in groups with other athletes they've never worked with before, as we will have many more athletes in attendance than at a normal team practice. If any athletes haven't done those stunts before, they can ask for assistance as this is an opportunity to learn a new skill!

After seeing a few stunts in these groups, the coaches may re-organize some of the groups to see some athletes in different groups or even in different stunting positions – don't hesitate to try a new position if you are asked to, as it is common in choreography for some athletes to switch between stunting positions. This makes you a more valuable team member if you can be flexible in your contribution to stunts!

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	<b>Tumbling</b>	<b>Jumps</b>
Level 1	Front and back walkovers, handstand roll, cartwheel, roundoff	Toe touch, pike, hurdler, whip combination
Level 2	Roundoff back handspring, standing back handspring, front handspring, back walkover back handspring	Same as above as well as t-jump back handspring
Level 5	Layout fulls, 2-springs to full,	Jump-tucks

**What if I want to be on a team but don't have all of my tumbling for that level?**

There are a lot of people in this position so for us to be able to accurately assess your individual skills but also your group skills, please attend 2 levels – your tumbling level as well as the level at which you would like to stunt. If you do not have all of your Level 1 tumbling but are hoping to be on a competitive team next season, please come and show us what you've got! We are looking for athletes with potential and the drive and motivation to learn; everyone will make a team.

**How do things work once the new teams are announced?**

You will receive an email with an invitation to join the team you've been placed on – it is up to you to accept your spot by returning the form attached to the email with your Membership & Insurance fee for the 2019-2020 season. The form will explain if you will need to adjust your team training schedule for June, as we will be trying to move to the new schedule as early as possible to allow new stunt groups to begin preparing for next season and, ultimately, new routine choreography!!

**What if I can't make team placements???**

It's definitely not ideal, as your participation in team placements is not entirely about your individual cheerleading skills – it's also about your ability to work with others in a group or team environment and who you might work well with in a stunt group. Please send us an email letting us know your reason for being absent and we'll schedule a private assessment.



**What teams will we have next season?**

It's hard to predict exactly what teams we'll have until we see how many athletes want to be on teams and what skills those athletes have – which is why we can't wait for team placement day!! We anticipate having at least one or more Senior, Junior, and Youth teams!

We are also very excited to announce that we will be holding a tryout day for a LEVEL 5 TEAM for Midnight athletes!!! Stay tuned for more info about this exciting new team.

