



2026 - 2027

Blaze Cheer & Tumble

Season 18 Handbook



CROWNED -IN- **LEGACY**

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1. The Blaze Experience

Welcome to Season 18 at Blaze Cheer & Tumble

For 18 years, this program has been built through dedication, discipline, sacrifice, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Every athlete, every parent, and every coach who has come before you has played a role in shaping what Blaze is today.

This season, we step forward, Crowned in Legacy.

This is not about being given anything.

This is about what has been earned.

We do not chase recognition; we uphold a standard. We do not wait for opportunity; we prepare for it. When Blaze steps onto the floor, we do so with purpose, pride, and the understanding that we represent something bigger than ourselves.

Legacy is not a moment. It is built daily through consistency, accountability, and commitment.

Season 18 is about continuing that legacy, together.

Respect the Crown. Represent the Standard.

Program Expectations

Being a part of Blaze Cheer & Tumble means committing to excellence in all areas. Every athlete and family is expected to uphold the values of the program at all times.

Commitment

Athletes are expected to attend all practices, performances, and competitions. Consistency is critical to team success. Missed practices impact the entire team.

Punctuality

Athletes must arrive on time and fully prepared for all practices and events. “On time” means ready to begin, not walking in.

Effort & Attitude

Athletes are expected to give full effort at every practice. Positive attitudes, coachability, and respect are non-negotiable.

Team First Mentality

Blaze athletes understand that the team comes before the individual. Every role matters, and every athlete is expected to support their teammates.

Parent Expectations

Our program is strongest when coaches and families work together. Parents play a vital role in maintaining the culture and success of Blaze.

Positive Support

Parents are expected to support all athletes, coaches, and decisions with positivity and respect. Sideline coaching or negative commentary will not be tolerated.

Reliability

Families must stay informed, meet deadlines, and ensure athletes are present and prepared. Communication will be shared regularly, please stay engaged.

Communication

All concerns must be addressed respectfully and through proper channels. We value open communication, but it must remain professional at all times.

Trust the Process

Our training methods, placements, and decisions are designed with the best interest of the team and athlete development in mind. Trust is essential.

2. The Blaze Standard



Blaze Cheer & Tumble is more than a cheer program. It is where athletes are built.

Through the sport of cheerleading, we develop discipline, confidence, and resilience while strengthening teamwork, sportsmanship, and a true sense of belonging. Every practice is intentional. Every athlete is challenged. Every moment is an opportunity for growth.

At Blaze, we do not lower expectations; we rise to meet them.

We are disciplined.

We are committed.

We are accountable.

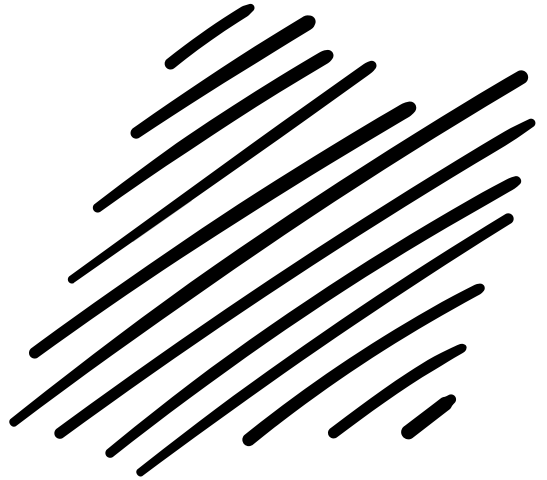
And in Season 18...

We are Crowned in Legacy!



3. Financial Expectations

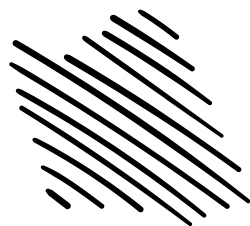
Crowned in Responsibility



Blaze Cheer & Tumble is a full-season program for Season 18, running from June 2026 through April 2027. Monthly Tuition Rates:

- Elite & Prep Teams: \$140 per month
- Novice Teams: \$120 per month
- Exhibition Teams: \$90 per month

Tuition is due on the 1st of each month, beginning **June 1, 2026 through April 1, 2027**. Families may choose to pay monthly or pay the full season balance upfront. If the season is extended for any reason, additional tuition may be applicable. This does not include the **REQUIRED Mandatory Items Fees** that will be provided on a separate fee schedule.



4. Payment Information

A valid debit or credit card must be kept on file at all times. While auto-draft is not required, the card on file must remain current for billing purposes.

Accepted forms of payment include:

- Zelle
- Cash
- Check
- Credit card via a Payment Link (5% processing fee applies)

5. Late Payment Policy

Tuition must be paid by the 1st of each month. The following late fees will apply:

- \$10 late fee on the 4th
- Additional \$10 late fee on the 7th
- Additional \$10 late fee on the 10th

If tuition remains unpaid after the 10th, the athlete will be suspended from all practices and team activities until the full balance, including all late fees, is paid. Late fees will continue to accrue every 7 days after the 10th until the account is current.

Failure to pay tuition by the 15th of the month may result in removal from practices and performances until the account is brought current.

6. Payment Arrangements

Payment arrangements may be available at the discretion of Blaze Cheer & Tumble. All requests must:

- Be submitted in writing prior to the 1st of the month
- Include a reasonable payment plan
- Be approved before the due date

If an approved arrangement is not followed:

- All late fees will apply
- The full remaining balance will become immediately due

No arrangements will be accepted after the 1st of the month.

To request an arrangement, email:

✉ blazecheerandtumble@yahoo.com



7. Tuition & Participation Policy

Blaze Cheer & Tumble operates under a pay-to-train model. Tuition covers instruction, training, and access to practices. It does not guarantee placement, performance time, or competition participation.

Athletes must meet skill requirements and team expectations to perform. Team placement is determined by multiple factors, including skill level, execution, consistency, attitude, and team needs.

8. Team Roster & Participation



On the **12th of each month**, coaches receive a certified roster. Athletes not listed due to unpaid balances may be:

- Removed from routines
- Withheld from performances
- Restricted from team activities

Adjustments will be made as needed to ensure team readiness and success.

9. Fundraising & Booster Club

The Blaze Booster Club is a non-profit organization that supports athletes by helping offset the cost of participation. Fundraising opportunities will be offered throughout the season, including both required and optional events.

All funds raised:

- Cannot be refunded
- Will be applied as a credit to the athlete's account only
- Will be forfeited if an athlete leaves the program early

Additional Financial Opportunities

- **Referral Credit:** \$10 account credit for each new athlete referred after two full months of active membership
- **Sibling Discount:** \$25 Off Monthly Tuition after your first athlete

10. Early Departure & Refund Policy

Blaze Cheer & Tumble **maintains a strict No Refund policy.** If an athlete leaves the program at any time, voluntarily, involuntarily, or due to disciplinary action:

- A **\$250 early departure fee** will be applied
- All tuition, competition fees, and ordered items are non-refundable and forfeited
- All Booster Club funds are forfeited

This policy is in place due to the significant cost and time required to rework team routines and maintain competitive readiness.



Team Placement & Athlete Expectations

Crowned in Purpose

Team placement at Blaze Cheer & Tumble is intentional, strategic, and rooted in what is best for the athlete and the program.

Placement is determined by multiple factors, including:

- Skill level
- Execution and consistency
- Attitude and coachability
- Work ethic and commitment
- Overall team needs

Blaze reserves the right to place each athlete where they will best contribute to a competitive and successful team.

Evaluation & Movement

Final placements are not always immediate.

Athletes may be required to attend multiple team practices while coaches evaluate the best fit. Placement decisions are made with care, and in some cases, adjustments may occur throughout the season to maintain team strength and competitive success.

Competitive Standard

Blaze is a competitive program. Advancement is not based on potential alone; it is based on proven, competition-ready performance.

Athletes must demonstrate:

- Clean execution
- Consistency under pressure
- Mastery of required skills

In some cases, athletes may be placed with a contingency, meaning specific skills must be developed and maintained to keep their position.

Growth can create opportunity, but only when it meets the standard.



Team Placement & Expectations

Athlete Expectations

Crowned in Discipline

All Blaze athletes are expected to represent the program with excellence both on and off the floor.

Commitment & Accountability

Athletes must demonstrate consistency in attendance, effort, and preparation. Showing up is expected, showing up ready matters more.

Attitude & Respect

Positive sportsmanship, respect for coaches, and support for teammates are non-negotiable. Culture is protected at all times.

Physical Readiness

Athletes are expected to maintain the conditioning and physical health necessary to safely and successfully perform.

Academic Responsibility

School comes first. Athletes must remain in good academic standing and represent Blaze with pride in the classroom.

Representation

Blaze athletes represent the program everywhere they go: at school, in the community, and on social media. Integrity matters.

Respect the Crown. Represent the Standard.

Practice & Training Expectations

All athletes are committing to a full-season program that includes:

- Weekly team practices
- Tumbling classes
- Competitions and performances
- Fundraisers
- Team events
- End-of-season events

Participation in all scheduled activities is mandatory.



Practice Schedule

- **Elite & Prep Teams:** 2+ practices per week (1.5–3 hours)
- **Novice & Exhibition Teams:** 1–2 practices per week (1–1.5 hours)

Schedules may vary by season. Additional practices will be added during competition season and are mandatory. Practice schedules are subject to change as needed.

Practice Expectations

- All practices are mandatory
- Arrive on time and prepared
- Missing 30 minutes or more counts as a full absence
- Athletes must wear designated practice attire (all black or season practice wear)
- Incorrect attire or tardiness may result in conditioning or dismissal from the team

Consistency and full participation are critical to team success. All-Star cheerleading is a team-dependent sport. Every athlete plays a critical role in routine execution. Absences impact the entire team and may result in routine changes or loss of position.

Practice & Training Expectations

Tumbling & Private Lessons

- Athletes are required to **attend two (2) Saturday tumbling classes per month**
- Additional classes may be required at the coach's discretion
- Private lessons must be scheduled and paid in advance
- Private lessons may be required to support skill progression

Athletes must maintain required tumbling skills for their team placement.

Practice & Competition Policies

The following expectations are in place to ensure safety, focus, and team accountability:

The following are strictly prohibited:

Jewelry of any kind

Long or unsafe nails or inappropriate appearance

Any hairstyle, including long hair, that prohibits performance or causes a distractions

Cell phone use during practice

Videotaping of practice

Non-Blaze members sitting in or observing practice

Practices are closed to parents and outside athletes to maintain focus and safety.

Athletes are expected to arrive on time and prepared for all practices and competitions. **A \$20 late fee will be applied to any athlete arriving more than 15 minutes after the designated report time for competitions.** Consistent tardiness to practice or competitions will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the team.

Attendance & Accountability

Attendance is critical to the success of every team.

General Attendance Expectations

- All practices, events, and competitions are mandatory
- All absences must be communicated via email to blazecheerandtumble@yahoo.com and your team coaches
- A minimum of 72-hour notice is required for excused absences



Participation Commitments

Mandatory Events

All athletes are required to participate in:

- BCT Showcase
- All competitions (including travel events)
- Team events and appearances
- Choreography, stunt, and skills camps

All choreography and camp dates are mandatory and will be communicated after team placements.

Gym Closures (Tentative – 2026–2027)

- Memorial Day Weekend
- Juneteenth
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Break
- Winter Break
- Spring Break (dates TBD)

Additional closures may be added at the discretion of Blaze Cheer & Tumble.

School Activity Conflicts

Blaze Cheer & Tumble is a competitive program requiring full commitment. Schedule accommodations for outside activities are not guaranteed. Families should carefully consider all commitments before joining. School schedules should be submitted as early as possible.



Code of Conduct

At Blaze Cheer & Tumble, we are committed to maintaining a culture rooted in integrity, respect, and excellence. Above all, we will keep God first, uphold our values, and develop athletes who represent Blaze with character both on and off the mat.

All athletes, parents, and supporters are expected to model positive, respectful, and uplifting behavior at all times. Every individual associated with Blaze is a direct reflection of our program.

Our Core Values

- **Respect** – for coaches, athletes, families, and the sport
- **Unity** – supporting one another and resolving conflict appropriately
- **Positivity** – encouraging growth and celebrating progress
- **Accountability** – taking responsibility for actions and words
- **Excellence** – striving to be our best in all areas

Behavior Expectations

All members of the Blaze community are expected to:

- Represent Blaze Cheer & Tumble in a positive and respectful manner
- Treat teammates, coaches, and families with dignity and respect
- Communicate appropriately and professionally at all times
- Support a team-first environment free of drama, negativity, and division

We do not tolerate gossip, cliques, exclusion, disrespectful behavior, or negative attitudes within our program. Disrespect toward coaches or teammates—including backtalk, an inappropriate tone, or nonverbal disrespect (such as eye rolling or dismissive behavior) is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.

Social Media & Communication Policy

All communication—whether in person, online, or through messaging platforms must reflect the values of Blaze.

The following are strictly prohibited:

- Negative or harmful comments about Blaze, its staff, athletes, or families
- Negative remarks about other gyms, teams, or programs
- Engaging in online arguments, drama, or inappropriate messaging

Any inappropriate or disrespectful communication may result in immediate dismissal from the program without refund. The Blaze Cheer & Tumble name, branding, or any variation may not be used in personal email addresses, usernames, or accounts without permission.

Parent & Supporter Expectations

Parents and supporters play a critical role in maintaining the culture of our program.

By joining Blaze, you agree to:

- Be a positive role model at all times
- Use encouraging and respectful language
- Trust the coaching staff and their professional decisions
- Address concerns privately through appropriate communication channels
- Refrain from coaching athletes from the sidelines
- Refrain from any negative or inappropriate conversations
- Promote unity and support all members of the program

Prohibited Conduct

The following behaviors will not be tolerated and may result in immediate removal from the program without refund:

- Negative or disrespectful communication toward coaches, athletes, or families
- Social media posts or messages that are harmful to the program
- Verbal or physical altercations involving parents or athletes
- Gossip, harassment, or behavior that creates division within the program
- Lying, abusive behavior, or any conduct that reflects poorly on Blaze

Parents are not permitted to discipline or address other athletes. All concerns will be handled by Blaze staff in a private and professional manner.

Conflict Resolution

If an issue arises involving an athlete and a coach:

1. The concern will first be addressed by Blaze leadership
2. If needed, parents will be contacted to assist in resolution

All matters will be handled with professionalism and respect.

Commitment to the Blaze Standard

At Blaze Cheer & Tumble, we are building more than athletes. We are developing confident, disciplined, and respectful individuals. This requires a shared commitment from athletes, parents, and staff.

By participating in our program, all members agree to uphold this Code of Conduct in full. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action, including **removal from the program without refund.**

We are Blaze. We rise together.



Safety Policies

Athlete safety is a top priority at Blaze Cheer & Tumble. All safety guidelines must be followed at all times to ensure a safe training environment.

- No unsupervised tumbling is permitted at any time
- An instructor must always be present for all skill work
- Parents and non-staff members are not permitted to spot athletes

Injury Policy

In the event of an injury, the health and well-being of the athlete will always come first.

- Athletes and families have the autonomy to determine whether the athlete will continue participation for the remainder of the season
- Injured athletes are still welcome to attend practices and participate in team activities to the extent that they are safely able
- If an athlete is injured during practice, all remaining financial obligations for the remainder of the season will be waived; however, no refunds will be issued for any payments already made, including tuition, fees, mandatory items, event fees, or any other payment made to or on behalf of Blaze Cheer & Tumble

All return-to-play decisions must be made with consideration of athlete safety and, when necessary, medical guidance.



Additional Information

Choreography & Intellectual Property

All Blaze Cheer & Tumble routines and materials, including choreography, cheers, dances, stunts, transitions, tumbling, music, and editing, are proprietary and must be protected.

- Routines and choreography may not be shared, taught, discussed, or distributed without written consent from Blaze Cheer & Tumble
- No videos of routines, choreography, or evaluation material may be posted online (including YouTube or social media) without approval
- All designs, apparel, or materials using the Blaze name or logo must be approved prior to production or distribution
- Unauthorized use of Blaze branding is strictly prohibited

Program & Skill Expectations

Blaze Cheer & Tumble operates as a competitive program focused on proper technique, progression, and performance readiness.

- Tuition covers training and does not guarantee performance or competition placement
- Athletes must meet and maintain skill requirements to perform
- Athletes may be moved within routines or teams based on skill progression and team needs
- Blaze reserves the right to adjust team placements, divisions, or levels at any time

We prioritize perfection before progression. Athletes will not advance to higher-level skills until foundational skills are mastered with proper technique.



Additional Information

Competition & Program Funds

Any monetary awards earned at competitions are reinvested into the Blaze Cheer & Tumble program as a whole to support team and organizational growth.

Communication Expectations

Clear and consistent communication is essential to a successful season.

- Team communication will be distributed through your Coach, Team Parent, and/or team messaging platform
- Families are expected to check their email and messages daily for updates
- It is the responsibility of each family to ensure accurate contact information is on file
- If communication is not being received, families must notify their Coach or Team Parent immediately

Additional updates and information will be shared through official Blaze communication channels.



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Blaze Cheer & Tumble is committed to maintaining a structured, safe, and high-performing environment. These policies ensure consistency, accountability, and excellence across our program.