

Competitive Cheerleading Policy

This includes all Cheersport and All-Star Teams. This document includes details regarding term billing, members fees, cancellations, holidays, and competition entries.

1. Team Acceptance

- a. To accept your place into the team, all must sign the relevant jotform.

2. Registration Fee

- a. Upon being offered your place in your team you must pay a registration fee. This to secure your place in the team and confirm your interest. This registration fee is non-refundable once paid.
- b. This registration fee will go towards payment for the cheerleading package (see 2.b for more information).
- c. Once paid, this payment will be recorded on your *iclasspro* account.

3. Cheerleading Package

- a. Cheerleading packages are compulsory for all cheerleaders doing cheerleading.
- b. They include:

Cheersport	All-Star
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration fee • Insurance for competition and training • Choreography • Competition Bow • Team Shirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration fee • Insurance for competition and training • Choreography • Competition Bow • Team Shirt • Team Music • Team Training Gear • AG Jumper
\$250 total	\$495 total

- c. Package **does not include** uniform costs, competition entries, extra trainings or training fees.

4. Training & Fees

- a. All trainings are based on an hourly rate and billed as so. For Cheersport teams the hourly rate is \$25.53 per hour, and for all star's teams is \$23.69 per hour. All rates are inclusive of GST, but exclusive of any card surcharge fees or online fees that may occur.
- b. Cheerleaders will be billed by term, with terms usually 10 weeks in total, and dates based of NSW school calendar.
- c. You will not be billed for any public holidays, and no training will take place on these days.
- d. If the cheerleader joins a second team, a fee of \$175 will be charged for the training fees. This will apply for third teams and so on.

- e. If the cheerleader joins later in the term they will be billed pro-rata based on the weeks left of the term. This will also apply for second and third teams and so on.
- f. Extra trainings may be added in the lead up to competition, these are typically scheduled 1-2 weeks prior. These will be 100% compulsory, and will be billed per the hourly rate, additional to term fees.

5. **Billing and Payment**

- a. All bills will be issued via the customer portal *iclasspro*. All current members of Aussie Gems will have an account. If you have not logged, please follow the [instructions here](#), on how to log in. A second parent/guardian can be added to complete payments. Please [click here](#) to learn how.
- b. Billing will be initiated before the start of term and due by the end of week 2 of the respective term.
- c. An email will be sent out from our info@aussiegems.com.au email once bills are issued. A reminder email will be sent out a week before from *iclasspro* to remind you the due date is coming up. If any accounts are overdue, an overdue email is sent out at the end of every month as a reminder.
- d. Payments that are overdue by more than 7 days will be recovered via Direct Debit unless alternative arrangements agreed upon.
- e. **Direct Debit** is available as an alternative to paying term fees. If you would like to set this up, please fill out this form - <https://form.jotform.com/Aussiegemscheer/direct-debit-form>
By choosing to pay via direct debit, you agree to the following:
 - Direct Debit is set up via third party, iclasspro
 - Training fees will be charged to your chosen credit/debit card as per selected time frame (processed Mondays).
 - Costs associated with a declined payment will be added to your next payment.
- f. Direct debit will only include **term fees** and does not include cheerleading package, uniform costs, competition entries, or any extra fees such as extra training.
- g. Alternative arrangements are at the discretion of Aussie Gems and will be considered only if raised well in advance of due dates. Requests must be submitted via accounts@aussiegems.com.au
- h. Invoices overdue greater than 21 days, where our attempts to discuss the matter with you are unsuccessful, will:
 - Incur a 10% late fee; and
 - The athlete will be unable to train or compete until resolved.
 - The matter may be forwarded to our collection agency.

6. **Sibling Discount**

- a. If more than one sibling, then the following sibling discounts will apply:

For Competition athletes in gymnastics, cheer & dance

First child	0%
Second sibling	15%
Third Sibling	20%

For recreational programs

First child	0%
Second sibling	10%
Third Sibling	10%

- b. If both siblings are doing competitive then the first sibling discount table will apply. If one child does competitive and the other recreational, then the second table will apply.
- c. The first child is considered as the highest tuition.

7. Family Holidays, Sick Days and Credit Policy

- a. Cheerleaders must be away for a consecutive period of minimum 2 weeks onward to be eligible for a fee adjustment.
- b. A 50% holding fee will then be applied once holiday time is approved. This is to ensure your spot is still secured and coaches can continue to factor them into the routine while away.
- c. There will be **NO** make-ups available for any missed days for any reasons such as illness/sick days, school events etc.
- d. In case of serious illness and injury a credit will only be given if there is a doctor's certificate issued providing a prolonged period off training, (e.g. 2 weeks) or at the discretion of the Coaching Staff.
- e. To receive any credits as noted with the policies above you must fill out the [Time Off Request Form](#).

8. Competition Entries

- a. Competition entries are paid in advance by Aussie Gems and refunds are at the discretion of the event holder.
- b. All billing for competitions must be paid in full by the due date or the cheerleader will not be registered to compete. An email will be sent from info@aussiegems.com.au when competitions are billed and will include due date of the competition fees. A cutoff date cheerleaders can notify if they cannot attend the competition will also be noted, and if were notified after this date we likely not be able to remove the fee. This will be billed to your iclasspro account, same as term fees.
- c. Competition entries will vary in cost dependent on event organisers. They can vary for \$115 - \$145 for initial entry, with second teams (including dance teams) fee ranging from \$50 - \$70 per team.
- d. If a cheerleader is unable to compete once registered for a competition due to injury or illness, a medical certificate must be provided within 48 hours of the event date. Reimbursement of competition fees is at the discretion of the host event organisers.

- e. A competition will be released by coaches towards the beginning of the year; however, this can be subject to change.
- f. If you cannot attend a competition, you must notify tolisi@aussiegems.com.au
- g. There will be no make-ups or credits classes if competitions fall on training days.

9. **Uniform**

- a. For 2026 uniforms will remain the same as the 2025 uniforms, this applies for cheersport and all-star teams.
- b. If you are new to a team or need a new uniform then this will be billed separately once the cheerleader has been fitted, and must be paid to receive full uniform.
- c. All-Star teams are required to have black cheer shoes. Cheersport teams do not need cheer shoes, but must wear all black shoes, such as canvas shoes.
- d. Uniform is compulsory for all cheerleaders and teams and must be worn correctly to all competition, even when not competing cheerleaders are representing Aussie Gems.
- e. Cheerleaders must not wear jewellery for training or competition, this includes earrings.

10. **Attendance Policy**

- a. All team members are **required to attend every scheduled practice during the three (3) weeks leading up to any competition**. Absences during this critical period are not permitted unless due to one of the valid reasons listed below.
- b. Only the following reasons will be accepted for missing practice, whether before or between competitions:
 - **School Responsibilities:** such as official school camps, performances, or recitals that cannot be rescheduled (a letter from school may be required).
 - **Serious Illness:** if the athlete is too unwell to attend and has seen a doctor (a medical note may be requested).
 - **Family Bereavement:** in the event of the loss of an immediate family member.All absences must be communicated **in advance** (where possible) to head coaches:
Tolisi: tolisi@aussiegems.com.au
Milton: tumbling@aussiegems.com.au
Unexplained or unapproved absences will be considered unexcused.
- c. Why Full Attendance Matters
 - **Routine Precision:** Cheerleading routines depend on exact timing and consistent partner/group work.
 - **Safety:** Incomplete groups or last-minute changes increase the risk of injuries during stunts and tumbling.
 - **Team Cohesion:** Regular attendance shows commitment, helps build trust, and improves overall team unity.
 - **Peak Performance:** Especially in the final weeks before competition, every practice counts toward refining and perfecting the routine.
- d. Failure to comply with this policy may result in:
 - Modification of your place in the routine.
 - Loss of performance privileges, without competition fees refund.

11. Cancellations & Refunds

- a. Families must provide a minimum term notice (via [this jotform](#)) of their intention to withdraw an athlete from training. There is no penalty for cancelling however outstanding fees owing must be paid prior to the athletes last day.
- b. There will be no refunds for the cheerleading package if a cheerleader withdraws from a team. They will still receive a t-shirt, training gear etc.
- c. Refunds will only be given due to extenuating circumstances - at the discretion of Aussie Gems Management.

12. Gym Rules

- a. Athletes cannot go on equipment until instructed and supervised by their coach. This mean, athletes cannot go onto the floor area or on equipment outside of training times
- b. No running through the gym
- c. Wear shoes to and from entering and exiting the gym
- d. Dress appropriately, e.g. shorts, T-shirts, crop tops.
- e. Tie long hair back

Other Policy Links

- [General Code of Behaviour](#)
- [Parent Code of Behaviour](#)
- [Child Safety Policy](#)
- [Aussie Gems General Members Handbook](#)

