

# WYLIE ELITE

*Elite Team Tryout Information 2020-2021*



## Introduction

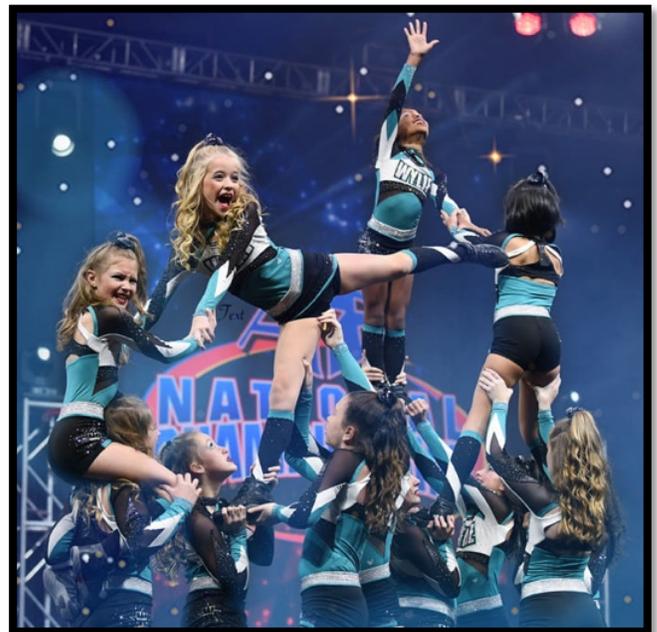
As we all know, we are in unique and unfamiliar times for our nation, which includes the cheer industry as well. Because of this uncharted territory, our sport may look a bit different this season but WE are ready to do whatever it takes to move forward. We are confident about the best ways to proceed and are excited about the innovative plans we have for our 13th season!!

Wylie Elite is an organized All-Star or “select” level sports program, which requires the commitment of the athlete and family. In order to build the best teams possible, we are looking for athletes that are willing to commit a full year to our program, work hard to improve individual skills, and be loyal to their team.

Because the industry standards are constantly changing and becoming more competitive, we will be very selective in our placement process. Our goal is to have teams that are as level appropriate and mature as possible. If an athlete does not make an All-Star Elite team, they will be offered a place on one our Prep teams for the season!

## Elite Level Expectations

We often have a lot of questions concerning the skills your child needs to be considered for a certain level team. We have put together a list on the following page of what judges are looking for during team performances. This will be a good list to go over with your cheerleader as they work to progress their skills before tryouts, and to set reasonable expectations for their placement. Although we may not require every single one of these skills at the time of tryouts, we do expect the skills to be mastered within each level and to be performed with strong and proper technique. Not all athletes are ready for the structure and commitment that is required for our Elite program.





## Skill Level Expectations

	<b>Tumbling</b>	<b>Jumps/Motions</b>
<b>Level 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Back Roll</li> <li>- Back Walkover</li> <li>- Front Walkover</li> <li>- Round off back-walkover</li> <li>- Elite pass: Front walkover cartwheel back walkover and Switch kick back-walkover</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Triple whip jump combination</li> <li>- Pointed toes and landing w/feet together</li> <li>- Average understanding of motion technique</li> <li>- Sharpness/Arm placement</li> </ul>
<b>Level 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Straight Leg Back Handspring (BHS), pause BHS</li> <li>- Back Walkover BHS</li> <li>- Round-off BHS Series (2-3 BHS)</li> <li>- Bounder, Bounder Step Out Round-off BHS/Series</li> <li>- Elite Pass: Front walkover Round-off BHS/Series</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Triple whip jump combination</li> <li>- Pointed toes and landing w/feet together</li> <li>- Average understanding of motion technique</li> <li>- Sharpness/Arm placement</li> </ul>
<b>Level 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Straight Leg Standing 3 BHS</li> <li>- Jump BHS jump BHS Series</li> <li>- Round-off BHS Back Tuck</li> <li>- Round-off Back Tuck</li> <li>- Punch Front Tuck</li> <li>- Aerial</li> <li>- Elite Pass: Punch Front Tuck through to Back Tuck</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Triple whip jump combination with at least a level toe touch</li> <li>- 3 level jumps</li> <li>- Pointed toes and landing w/feet together</li> <li>- Above average understanding of motion technique and counts</li> </ul>
<b>Level 4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Standing Back Tuck Pause Standing Back Tuck</li> <li>- Standing Two BHS Layout</li> <li>- Jump BHS Back Tuck</li> <li>- Jump BHS to Layout</li> <li>- Cartwheel Back Tuck</li> <li>- Round-off BHS Layout</li> <li>- Elite Pass: Punch Front Tuck step out through to Layout OR Round-off BHS whip through to Layout</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Triple whip jump combination with at least above level toe touch</li> <li>- Pointed toes and landing w/feet together</li> <li>- Excellent understanding of motion technique and counts</li> </ul>
<b>Level 5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Series to full (2-3 BHS)</li> <li>- 3 jumps Back Tuck</li> <li>- Jump series two BHS Full</li> <li>- Round-off BHS Full</li> <li>- Arabian</li> <li>- Front Handspring Front Half or Full</li> <li>- Elite Pass: Front walk-over through to full or Front step out through to Full OR Round-off whip through to Full</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Triple whip jump combination with an above level toe touch connected to a back tuck</li> <li>- Pointed toes and landing w/feet together</li> <li>- Excellent understanding of motion technique</li> </ul>
<b>Level 6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 jumps to a Back Tuck</li> <li>- Toe one BHS to Full</li> <li>- Standing Full</li> <li>- Cartwheel Full</li> <li>- Standing BHS Series to Double</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Triple whip jump combination with an above level toe touch connected to a back tuck</li> <li>- Pointed toes and landing w/feet together</li> <li>- Excellent understanding of motion technique</li> </ul>



## Flyer Skill Expectations

For those interested in trying out for a flyer position, we put together a list of what we are looking for. At a minimum, potential flyers need to be flexible and have the following body positions on a stunt stand: Both right and left leg heel stretch, left leg bow and arrow, scorpion, scale, and arabesque.

<b>Level 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All body positions at waist level</li> <li>Inversion to two leg prep level</li> <li>Tic toc at waist level (body position to body position)</li> <li>Quarter up one leg stunt at prep level</li> <li>Prone dismount</li> <li>Prep cradle</li> </ul>
<b>Level 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All body positions at prep level</li> <li>Half inversion to one leg prep level</li> <li>Tic toc at prep level (body position to body position)</li> <li>Half up to extension</li> <li>Cradle</li> <li>Barrel roll</li> <li>Straight ride basket</li> </ul>
<b>Level 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All body positions at extended level</li> <li>Full up to prep level body position</li> <li>Tic toc from waist level to prep level (body position to body position)</li> <li>Waist level inversion to extended one leg</li> <li>Prep full down</li> <li>Full basket</li> </ul>
<b>Level 4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All body positions at extended level</li> <li>Full up to extended one leg</li> <li>Tic toc from extended level to prep level (body position to body position)</li> <li>Below prep level inversion to extended one leg</li> <li>Prep double down</li> <li>Kick full basket</li> </ul>
<b>Level 5+</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All body positions at extended level</li> <li>Full up to extended body position</li> <li>Tic toc high to high (body position to body position)</li> <li>Prep level inversion to extended one leg</li> <li>One leg double down</li> <li>Kick double</li> </ul>



## Financial Expectations

Due to the effects of COVID-19 and the uncertainty of what our competition season will look like, we have changed our pricing structure for this season. Instead of rolling in competition fees into the monthly payment, we will be billing for them separately. We hope in doing this, it will help make the monthly payment more affordable for our families. The cost of individual competitions will range from \$65-\$175 per competition and we plan to attend 6-7.

Tuition payments start in June 2020 and run thru May 2021. All families must sign up for automatic payment with a debit/credit card.

### Tuition

Tiny	\$195
Mini	\$225
Youth	\$245
Junior/Senior	\$265

### Additional Costs

Practice Wear	\$155
Uniform	\$500-550
Warm-ups	\$150
Make-up	\$35-\$40
USASF Fee	\$30
Competition Fees	TBD
Team Gifts	\$50-\$75

### Extra Classes and Sibling Discounts

1-hr class	\$55/mo
30-min class	\$30/mo
Elite team sibling	\$30/mo
Prep team sibling	\$20/mo



\*If you purchased Summit practice wear at the end of this past season, the cost for practice wear will be \$55 instead of \$155. Guys practice wear tops will be \$90. There may be an additional team set of practice wear added later in the season that would be \$65 plus tax.

\*\*If teams go to Summit, Worlds, US Finals, or any other Bid type event there will be additional costs involved.

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## Tryout Information – May 24-27 (2-7 pm)

We will be following social distancing guidelines in order to run our tryouts safely. We will be doing them over the course of a 4-day period to allow for only a few athletes to be in the gym at one time. A link to sign up will be sent and times will be first come, first served.

We have put together a mini routine of skills that the athlete will need to learn prior to their try-out time. Once you are registered, you will receive an email with the link to sign up for their tryout time as well as the material that they will need to learn.

- Athletes are only allowed to attend one tryout.
- Try-out registration is online only and the fee will include a tank-top.

## Online Registration

**Step 1:** Go to [wylieelite.com](http://wylieelite.com), Click on Parent Portal, then Elite Teams

**Step 2:** Once we have received your registration you will receive an email with:

- Link to sign up for a tryout time
- Tryout material
- Important instructions for that day

### Try-Out Fees

\$75 New Athlete or Private Try-out

\$55 (Athletes that paid through 2019-2020 will receive a \$20 credit towards their reg fee)

### Flyer Tryouts – Thu, May 28 (1-4 pm)

For athletes interested in being considered as a flyer, we will have a flyer tryout on Thu, 05/28. You will need to pre-register in our parent portal and then you will receive an email link to sign up for a time slot between 1-4.

\$25 Flyer Tryout Fee

### What to Bring on Try-out Day

- \$194(\$155 deposit and \$39 registration fee)
- Athlete Skill Form (will be attached to registration email)

**\*If your athlete makes a team, the deposit amount will be applied toward practice wear or other team expenses. If they do not make a team, the amount will be refunded or credited to your account.**

**\*\*If your athlete makes a team and decides NOT to join our program, the deposit will not be refunded and practice wear will not be ordered for the athlete.**

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## Team Placement

After tryouts are complete, coaches will start the team placement process.

NEW: Athletes will be placed into color groups to work skills for the first 2-3 weeks, or possibly longer, before making final team announcements. We are adding this new layer to our process to be able to see athletes in a group setting to ensure that we have properly placed them for the season. Decisions are made based on a multitude of criteria, such as tumbling, jumps, performance, as well as age and maturity. Just because an athlete can perform a majority of a particular level of tumbling skills does not mean that he/she will make that same level team. In order to put together strong teams, we are looking for MASTERED skills that can be performed consistently with excellent technique throughout a 2:30 min routine. We will take into consideration athletes working on new skills necessary for a specific level and they may be placed on a team on a contingency. In order to stay on that team, the athlete must maintain the minimum skill requirements or they can be moved to another team at any point during the season.

## Practices

Team members are expected to attend all scheduled practices. Teams will practice 2-3 times a week, with each practice ranging from 1.5-2 hours starting the week of June 1, 2020 thru May 2021. Once competition season arrives, there will be additional practices scheduled!

All teams will have one of their practices on a Sunday afternoon and our summer schedule will often be different than our fall schedule. We do occasionally make modifications to team schedules throughout the year.

### **Practice Wear**

Each athlete will receive 2 coordinating practice wear sets for team practices. Those that would like a fitted tank instead of a sports bra can specify that at fittings. It will be an additional \$5 for the tank version. We are tentatively planning to fit athletes during their tryout time. We may add an additional 3<sup>rd</sup> set of team practice wear within the season. The cost would be \$65 plus tax.

### **To be purchased on own:**

Cheer Shoes (Color will be determined by coach. Wait to purchase)  
Black sports bra if planning to wear another bra under practice wear

Coaches will designate which practice wear is to be worn on a specific day. Each team member is expected to wear the correct outfit to practice ALL season. If a piece of practice wear is lost or damaged during the season, you will be responsible for purchasing a replacement.

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## Choreography

Tiny –Ongoing during practices

Level 1 and 2 – July 14-22

Level 3 and up – July 25 thru Aug 2

Your athlete will have at least 3-4 days dedicated to their team choreography during those dates.

We will set the actual days/times once we can confirm we are able to do so. These dates will be mandatory! *There will be no regular practices during their week of choreography.*

## Competitions

Our Mini-Senior teams will compete at 6-7 competitions and Tiny Teams will compete at 5 competitions. We will finalize our 2020-2021 competition schedule as soon as possible. Most competitions will be in the DFW metroplex. We do plan on attending 1 out of town competition this season. Travel expenses are not included in our pricing.

### **Important--**

- There is a chance that teams may compete on a Friday or have to miss school for travel during the competition season.
- Event producers can change dates/times unexpectedly and we also reserve the right to change our competition schedule as needed throughout the season.
- Any team that receives a Paid, At-Large, or Wildcard bid to The Summit and/or Worlds, will be going. This is not an optional trip. If you are not interested in going to The Summit or Worlds, then we recommend not trying out for an All-Star Elite team. Summit and Worlds is an additional cost that is not included in our pricing.

### **Uniforms**

We will have a new uniform this season. The cost will be \$500-\$550 plus tax. We will use this uniform for 2-3 years to help with cost and split up payments.

Note that this does not include additional accessories that a coach may designate such as hair accessories or uniform socks. Also, those needing to wear a bra underneath must purchase a **clear strap bra**, no exceptions.

Fittings times will be sent out at a later date.

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## Athlete Attendance

All-Star cheerleading is similar to a select sport. It takes full commitment from both the athlete and the family. Before trying out, we ask that parents and athletes consider the time and the attendance requirements to avoid conflicts. We realize many children and young adults like to be involved in a variety of activities; however, with the high commitment level that this sport demands, we ask that they choose one. The team and individual can only be successful with everyone at practice. We will do our best to accommodate school cheer schedules but we will not work around additional activities. We reserve the right to remove anyone from a team if they habitually have absences.

In the summer, each athlete is allowed 6 excused absences during the months of June-mid Aug, **if** a 7-day notice is submitted. Since our sport is a year-long activity, we realize vacations and other events are a much-needed break from our rigorous schedules. However, summer is a great time for growth for most athletes, so we recommend that an athlete does not miss more than 2 consecutive weeks of practice during the summer to maintain their current skills.

During the school year, the only excused absences are school functions that result in a grade, a contagious illness, or a funeral. All other absences such as, but not limited to: part-time jobs, vacations, homework/studying, not having a ride, personal issues, and birthdays will be unexcused.

All athletes are expected to attend Teal Reveal and all competitions, including those out of town. If an athlete misses a competition and we have to pull the team from competing due to the absence, that member will be responsible for the amount to refund each team member's competition fees.

## Initial Calendar

May 24-27	Tryouts
May 28	Flyer Tryouts
Week of June 1	Practices Begin
July 2 -July 5	No Team Practices
July 14-22	Level 1 & 2 Choreo
July 25-Aug 2	Level 3 and up Choreo
Aug 3	Fall Schedule starts
Sept 5-7	Closed for Labor Day
Nov 22-28	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 23-Jan 1	Christmas Break
March 6-12	Spring Break



**We give out a calendar in advance in order for families to plan accordingly. An athlete missing the day after any of our scheduled holiday breaks is considered unexcused.**