

Magic City Ignite

All Stars

2021-2022 Team Packet

Team Selections

Welcome to the 2021-2022 MC Ignite All Star family. We are thrilled to bring a competitive cheerleading gym to the Montgomery area. Our goal is to IGNITE confidence, IGNITE determination and IGNITE success in our athletes by teaching technically sound skills in a positive environment.

Team selections will be held on Thursday, May 20. You may now register on our website. It is going to be a successful and rewarding season and we look forward to seeing you all at our first choreography camp in June!

Please take the time to sit down with your athlete and thoroughly go through all of Magic City Ignite All Stars procedures and policies listed in this team packet. This will ensure that the athlete fully understands the expectations that will be put into place regarding individual and team commitments. **Also, please initial every yellow box throughout the document agreeing to each procedure and policy.**

Conduct and Sportsmanship

During your competition season with Magic City Ignite All Stars, you the student will be the public face for our program. We expect our students to conduct themselves at competitions and community functions with high moral character when they represent our gym. To be a good competitor, you have to be a good sportsman. In saying that, we want every team member to support one another during practices and competitions. We also want you to cheer for other squads in our area at all

events. We want everyone to be present for award ceremonies and demonstrate good sportsmanship throughout every competition.

We expect you to treat your coaches with respect as they will treat you the same. If your attitude or actions interfere with a practice or performance, then you will be disciplined, and, if necessary, removed from the team. **We believe in the value of every athlete and we will do everything we can to have a positive influence on our athletes.** Our program is intended to teach teamwork, goal-setting, personal commitment and leadership qualities that will last a lifetime.



Grades

We feel it is vital that all of our students also perform well in the classroom. We do not ask that all of our students make straight A's, but we do want you to perform up to your potential. We will make every effort possible to help students with subjects that they are having a hard time in.

School comes first. With that said, students will not be excused from practices or competitions because of a test or project. Magic City Ignite All Stars is a commitment just like family, school, and church. It is the students job to plan ahead. Practice and competition dates are set upfront so that students can be proactive and prioritize.



Teamwork Expectations

We expect all Magic City Ignite All Star members to put the team ahead of the individual athlete. All decisions made by the coaches and staff are made for the benefit of the team's performance, scoring and success. Each member of the team will have a strategic and equally important role throughout the routine. If at first, the athlete or parents doesn't agree with their placement in the routine, try looking at it from the teams perspective. There is no position on the team that is too big or too small. Every member will serve as an important entity in the full routine. When everyone works together for the betterment of the team, then and only then, will we be successful.



Each athlete will set individual and team goals for the season. Through instruction, the athlete will work hard to obtain and even exceed those goals, building a strong work ethic for the future. **We are dedicated to developing the lifelong success of the athlete, not on merely winning trophies.**



Communication

Throughout the season we will predominately communicate through email to inform parents and athletes with team information. Please check your email daily for updates and announcements. *Group Me*, and/or other messaging services may be used as an additional outlet for quick communication for parents and team members on competition days. Magic City Ignite will set up these group messages well in advance and inform each family through email as to how you should join.

Coaches will be available following classes and team practices to answer any questions regarding your athlete, their needs and their individual progress. We want to keep an open door policy with communication to help each parent and athlete understand every decision in which they are involved, but do ask that it is communicated in an appropriate and respectful manor. We strongly encourage that parents have their athlete speak with coaches directly in order to remove any feelings of a communication barrier. All communications via email and/or text message from athletes to staff members must also include the parent as a recipient.

During classes and practices, coaches are needed to instruct the athletes. We ask that parents do not approach a coach during a class or practice. Any issues may be discussed at the end of the session. Also, please keep in mind that while coaches are there to speak openly with you about any questions or concerns regarding your athlete, we will never speak about a decision made regarding another athlete unless they're present.

At competition, coaches are there to coach. Any issues that arise during a competition will be addressed promptly during the week following the competition. Please do not approach a coach with an issue at competitions.



Coaches Commitment

The Magic City Ignite All Star Coaches are thoroughly trained, motivated, and committed to the success of your athlete. Parents and athletes can expect MCI Coaches to provide a fun, safe and overall positive atmosphere and training experience. We are committed to always being approachable and friendly while maintaining a professional relationship with each athlete and parent. MCI Coaches are also committed to teaching skills in a technically precise and safe format. We will continue to challenge each athlete to reach their full potential throughout the entire season.

Routine Choreography

Magic City is partnering with Next Level Choreography to bring our athletes the most competitive and innovative routine. They are out of San Diego, California and highly decorated with winning routines at NCA, Summit and Worlds! They specialize in creative choreography and maximizing the scoresheet. This company is the real deal and we are thrilled to welcome their choreographers into our gym. We can't wait for our athletes to compete with a Next Level routine. Check them out on Instagram to see what they're all about @nextlevelchoreography.

Competitions

All teams will attend 4 to 5 competitions throughout the season. 3 to 4 of the competitions will be local or within driving distance where a hotel stay will not be required. The final competition of the season will be out of town and will require a hotel room for at least one night. The competition schedule has not been released for the 2021-2022 season by the event producers. The final competition schedule will be released in June 2021 and we will set our teams final schedule by July 2021.

While we will start learning our routine in June, our first competition will not be until November or December. We will likely attend one competition a month over a 4 to 5 month period.

All cheerleaders must have a parent chaperone with them at competitions. If you can't attend a competition, it is your responsibility to make travel and supervisory plans for your child. Please understand, we are responsible for students only while in the competition area. Coaches will provide each squad member times for check-in prior to the competition. If you are late to the check-in time you will be punished with extra

conditioning and the parent will be fined \$50. It is VERY important that you are not late to a competition.



Team Levels + Divisions

We plan to offer 3 competitive teams for the 2021-2022 season. Levels and divisions will be set after team evaluations. Tumbling, stunting and jump skills along with age will determine what level and division is best for each team. Competitive cheerleading is so much more than just tumbling. Often, an athletes level is defined by their tumbling skills but we will be looking at the athletes full ability which will also include stunts, jumps and choreography work. We know your athlete has worked really hard to achieve the tumbling skills they have mastered and we want to reward that by placing them on a team that highlights their ability. Please trust that we will lead with that mentality first when placing athletes, but as coaches we also have the teams bigger picture in mind and want to place your athlete on a team that best fits all of their skills and not just tumbling. Explanations of why your athlete made a specific team will be available after team selections.



Practices

Summer Camps: Instead of having weekly practice times during the summer we will be having 2 camps. *The camps are required by all members.* We will be learning choreography for the entire season during these 2 weeks. We hope this will allow everyone more flexibility with Summer vacations.

Summer tumbling begins June 7, 2021. The tumbling class is included in your monthly All Star fee. *Teams will tumble together once a week for 1 hour. We are doing team tumbling classes so we can pull stunt groups aside as needed for extra work. Your team's tumbling class is set below.*

Each squad has **MANDATORY practice twice a week starting August 2021. While we understand that family emergencies and school or church events occur, practices must be attended by ALL team members for our gym to be competitive.**

Along with the two weekly mandatory team practices in the Fall, athletes will also be asked to attend one tumbling class a week that will be included in your monthly all



star tuition. The coach reserves the right to require an extra tumbling class for individual members of the team if they feel like the athletes skills are not progressing at the rate they should be.

Mandatory Team Practices for Spark:

This will be our intro level team. The team will be made up of first time competitors and experienced athletes. Tumbling requirements will most likely be back walkovers and front walkovers. Stunting requirements will be intro to intermediate level skills.

Summer Schedule:

Camp One: June 7-12 (Camp times will be set by our choreographers–NextLevel and will be announced at the beginning of June)

Camp Two: August 2-7 (Camp times will be set by our choreographers–NextLevel and will be announced at the beginning of June)

One Weekly Team Tumbling Class– Monday's 4:30-5:30 (from June 7- July 29)

Fall Schedule:

[Starting August 9, 2021]

Practice: Tuesday's, 6:00-7:30

Thursday's, 6:00-7:30

Fall Team Tumbling: Tuesday's 5:00-6:00

Mandatory Team Practices for Lady Electric:

This will be our intermediate level team. The team will be made up of first time competitors and experienced athletes. Tumbling requirements will most likely be back handsprings. Stunting requirements will be intermediate to advance level skills in prep.

Summer Schedule:

Camp One: June 7-12 (Camp times will be set by our choreographers–NextLevel and will be announced at the beginning of June)

Camp Two: August 2-7 (Camp times will be set by our choreographers–NextLevel and will be announced at the beginning of June)

One Weekly Team Tumbling Class– Tuesday's 6:00-7:00 (from June 7- July 29)

Fall Schedule:

[Starting August 9, 2021]

Practice: Tuesday's, 6:00-7:30

Thursday's, 6:00-7:30

Fall Team Tumbling: Thursday's 5:00-6:00

Mandatory Team Practices for Prime Lightning:

This will be our advanced level team. The team will be made up of experienced athletes. Tumbling requirements will most likely be tucks/layouts. Stunting requirements will be advanced skills in extension.

Summer Schedule:

Camp One: June 7-12 (Camp times will be set by our choreographers–NextLevel and will be announced at the beginning of June)

Camp Two: August 2-7 (Camp times will be set by our choreographers–NextLevel and will be announced at the beginning of June)

One Weekly Team Tumbling Class– Tuesday's 7:00-8:00 (from June 7- July 29)

Fall Schedule:

[Starting August 9, 2021]

Practice: Monday's, 6:30-8:00

Wednesday's, 6:30-8:00

Fall Team Tumbling: Wednesday's 5:30-6:30



Gym Closings

The gym will be closed for Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring Break. We will follow the athletes school schedule. When the athletes are out of school for the holidays listed above the gym will be closed as well.



Attendance Policy

Practice attendance is absolutely mandatory and compliance with the attendance policy will be strictly enforced. An athlete's team position will be jeopardized for noncompliance with all of the attendance policies. **Competitive cheerleading is a "team sport" in the truest sense of the term.** *Our practices are planned and our routines are choreographed to include every cheerleader.* We do not have 2nd and 3rd string positions in our sport. If an athlete is not present for a practice we cannot simply put another member in their place. Everyone has a specific job that cannot be executed without EVERY member present.

- Unexcused absences are NEVER allowed.
 - We ask that you put any conflict in writing at least 2 weeks ahead of time and submit the notice through email. **Should you become sick for any reason, please give us a 24 hour notice if possible. 10 minutes before practice starts will not be accepted and the athlete will be expected to be at practice. This rule will be strictly enforced.**
 - Tardiness to mandatory practices or leaving early will result in extra conditioning. Practices are very important because each member is an integral part of the routine. It is impossible to practice the routine full out if even one athlete is missing.
 - **If you are more than 10 minutes late to a practice the parent will be fined \$25 for each occurrence and the athlete will be expected to stay after practice for conditioning. If you miss a practice without getting it excused through Coach Kendall ONLY (No other coach can excuse an athlete from practice) the parent will be fined \$45 and the athlete will be expected to stay after the next practice for conditioning.**
 - **Sickness is only an excuse if you have a doctors note saying you are contagious.** If you are not contagious you are expected to be at practice whether you participate or not. Scheduling a doctors appointment during practice will not
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be accepted. If you feel that you are too ill to come to practice and that you are contagious please go to the doctor before practice so you can adequately provide a doctors note before practice begins.

• IMPORTANT: If your child is not feeling well we have no problem with them taking it easy during practice. Tumbling and jumps can all be excused and extra water breaks can be given. Stunt groups are really the ones that suffer when a member is not able to participate, so we ask that they do as much as they can within reason even if that means they only stunt and sit out the rest of practice. The coaches are parents themselves so we understand and will show compassion in every situation. Please work with us and we will ensure your child is taken care of while at our gym.

- Injuries are not an excuse as you should be at practice for team bonding time and to learn any routine changes that might have been made while you are out.
- Any removal from a squad based on the lack of attendance will result in no refund of any fees paid during the year for any reason.
- If an athlete is absent from practice for any reason, whether excused or unexcused, he or she is responsible for learning ALL routine changes made prior to the next practice.
- Practices may be changed or added at any time throughout the year. Although this is highly unlikely. Parents must check emails, social media, and team calendars done by the team mom(s), regularly for updates. We will give ample time to all parents should we add or change a practice.
- No absences for anyone prior to a competition, the week before. If an athlete is absent, they could be removed from the routine for that event.
- Missing a competition without prior notice, and/or approval, will result in immediate dismissal from the program along with a \$200 charge to their account, along with the buy out fee listed below.



Absences Defined

Excused Absences

Absences that fit the following and have been approved via phone (334-313-3686) or email (Ignitecheercompany@gmail.com).

- a. School functions that result in a grade



b. Required official school cheerleading and sporting events (excessive absences may alter an athlete's routine position)

Unexcused Absences

Absences that do not meet the above allowances and absences that have been rejected by Coach are unexcused. Examples include:

- A. Any absence without receiving confirmation from Coach.
- B. Academics: While these are highly important and MCI stresses the priority of education, homework, projects and studying are unexcused. Proper time management is expected.
- C. Extra curricular activities and jobs
- D. Family Vacations
- E. School clubs and team sports that were not excused by Coach at the beginning of the season.
- F. All other activities that do not include mandatory academic school functions.



2021-2022 Team Commitment + Buyout Fee

Magic City Ignite All Stars is an 11 month commitment. The season will begin June 7, 2021 and end May 7, 2022. If at any point during the season you decide that you no longer want to compete with Magic City Ignite All Stars, a meeting must occur with the athlete and Coach. All payments must be made for any outstanding uniforms and practice gear that has been purchased. A "buyout" of \$855 will also be charged to your account. This is 3 months of fees for MCI All Stars.

If you decide for any reason to leave the squad you also will be responsible for all uniforms and items we have already purchased for you.

You also will be financially responsible for ALL competition registration fees. These are paid way in advance and are non refundable from the sponsor of the competition. These are paid in full during August and must be reimbursed to MCI Cheer Company in full.



Registration and Payment Authorization

All Magic City Ignite All Star athletes must be registered through our parent portal on the website before June 1, 2021. A credit/debit card is required for registration. Magic City Ignite will set up your team program on your account once you have set up your account online.

During June and July the monthly fee will be \$350. This will include camp cost, one weekly tumbling class and choreography and music fees for the routine. From August - May the monthly fee will drop down to \$285. This includes two weekly team practices, one weekly tumbling class, and all competition fees throughout the season.

Mandatory One Time Fees:

- a. MC Team Uniform- \$325
- b. Team Bow- \$25
- c. Team Makeup- \$30
- d. Practice Wear- \$100 (includes two tanks and two shorts)

Optional one time fees: Everyone will be required to buy a pair of white cheer shoes of your choice. You can get them through us (we will order from Varsity) or you can buy them on your own. As long as they are solid white it doesn't matter what kind. We will also design practice bags and warm ups for the squads.

- a. Warmup Jacket- around \$100
- b. Varsity Cheer Shoes- \$65
- c. Team Backpack- around \$70

The mandatory and optional items listed above will be finalized through Varsity during the summer. More information will be sent out through email once we have met with our Varsity rep.

If at anytime a student owes the gym more than one month's fee, he or she will be moved to an inactive roster until the balance is zero. Any student who falls behind in payments can be removed immediately and all late fees will be charged.



Dress Code

Athletes will be required to wear the designated practice wear to each practice. **NO jewelry** is allowed of any kind. Hair must be worn in a ponytail to practice and be able to withstand all activities during practice without falling out. If that means you need to use 2, 3, or 10 rubber-bands in your hair... do it!



Contact Information

Gym Cell: 334-313-3686

Gym Email: ignitecheercompany@gmail.com

Instagram: Magiccityignite_MGM

Facebook: @magiccityignitemgm

Address: 569 Pike Road

Pike Road, AL

2021-2022 MC Ignite All Star Athlete Information

Athlete's Legal Name:

Date of Birth:

Current Age:

Age as of August 31, 2021:

Address:

Athlete Cell:

Athlete Email:

Athlete's School:

Athlete's 2021-2022 Grade:

Parent Name:

Parent Cell:

Parent Email:

Additional Contacts:

Allergies/ Medications (please list all instructions we need to know):

Please list any prior commitments and schedules below (example: school cheer practice schedule):



2021-2022 MC All Star Payment Plan Selection

Please choose from one of the following payment plans listed below. **Please circle the plan you are selecting.**

Payment Option 1:

- a. Pay \$350 during June- July
- b. Pay \$285 during the remainder of the season (August 2021- April 2022)
- c. Form of payment accepted with Option 1: Debit/credit card on file

Payment Option 2:

- a. Pay in full by June 1, 2020
- b. If you pay for the full season upfront you will receive a discount of \$150.
- c. Full amount due by June 1 with discount included– \$3,115.
- d. Form of payment accepted with Option 2: Check or Cash

Commitment to Excellence

As the parent/guardian and athlete, we have read and completely understand the rules, requirements and regulations as outlined in our MCI team packet. We promise to uphold and abide by the rules set forth herein and contractually enter into the agreement that we are committing to be a Magic City Ignite All Star for the full 2021-2022 competitive season.

I have read and understand our 2021-2022 team packet and attendance addendum. I have also read the Financial Policies and Procedures here and online. I understand that it is my responsibility, as a parent/guardian, to follow through with my child's financial obligations associated with tuition and other fees during the 2021-2022 competition season. Should I fall behind or fail to make payments, I recognize that my child's involvement with the MCI All Stars program will be jeopardized. I also understand that if my athlete quits or is released from one of MCI All Star teams, at any point throughout the season, I will be financially responsible for the buyout fee, including uniforms and other gear that was ordered for my child. I understand that these fees are expected to be paid in accordance with the assigned monthly schedule.

Please sign below and turn into Coach when you arrive for your tryout on May 20, 2021. Please make a copy of the above team packet to keep for your records.

Athlete Name

Parent/Guardian Name

Athlete Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

