



PAL CHEERLEADING PROGRAM

Fall 2024 FAQ

Important Dates

Registration Opens	Clinic	Practice Starts	First Game	Anticipated End of Season
3/1/2024	May 2024	June 2024	TBD	December 2024

For up-to-date information please visit: www.palsports.org and follow the link for Cheerleading

REGISTRATION FAQ

Q: When is registration?

A: Registration opens on March 1st, 2024 and goes to a waitlist when capacity is reached.

Q: How do I register?

A: You must register with the City of Plantation. Previous participants can register online at parks.plantation.org.

New players must be register in-person at Plantation Central Park Multi-Purpose Building. **Only parents or legal guardians may register players.** You must **bring birth certificate & proof of residency** to registration. For more information, please call Central Park's front desk – 954-452-2510.

Q: What are the divisions and age rules?

A: There are 6 teams. Players are placed on teams based on the cheerleader's age as well as their abilities and team availability. Please note that each cheerleader may be age eligible for more than one team (see below)

PW: 5 to 8 years old
Youth Prep: 6 to 9 years old
Youth: 7 to 10 years old
Jr. Prep: 9 to 12 years old
Juniors: 11 to 14 years old
Seniors: 12 to 15 years old

Age is calculated on how old the cheerleader will be on 12/31/24.

Q: Does my child need previous experience?

A: No. The Plantation Wildcats Tackle Cheer program has 6 teams. Each cheerleader will be eligible for up to 3 teams. The ratings clinic and evaluations will be used to assess each cheerleader's current abilities. We will place cheerleaders on the appropriate team for their current level.

Q: What is the weekly time commitment?

A: 4-5 days per week for practices plus Saturdays for game days. Also leading to competition, Sundays may be included.

Q: How much is registration? What does this cost include?

A: The registration fee is \$125 for Plantation residents and \$175 for non-residents. Must submit proof of water, electric bill, and or lease in order to receive discount (resident fee). Additional costs are required, see next question.

Q: Are there other expenses we are responsible for?

A: Cheer Package: estimated at \$350. This includes everything needed for the cheer season.

After the first meeting details will be posted in the GroupMe, including the cost and also the items which they will receive. The cheer package is not refundable due to most of the items being custom made.

Q: What equipment do I need to purchase for my child?

A: Cheer shoes – typically \$45-\$55

Q: Is there fundraising?

A: Yes, we will have multiple fundraising to help with various things throughout the season.

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Q: What happens if we request a refund?

A: Refund requests prior to the first game is at the PAL Commissioner's discretion and are subject to a \$25 administrative fee. Once practice begins there are no refunds unless the participant moves out of the City of Plantation. If a refund is granted the process takes 4-6 weeks from the time the City is notified.

For refund policy refer to PAL Bylaws page 6 – Article V: Refunds. <https://palsports.org> > P.A.L. Documents

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Q: How does the league/coaches communicate?

A: All communication will be through the GroupMe app.

SCHEDULE FAQ

Q: When/where is practice?

A: All practices will be scheduled at the Plantation Wildcats Home Field which is located at: 1000 NW 70 Ave. Team practices are generally 4-5 days per week from 6:30 – 8:30PM.

Q: When/where are games?

A: All games will be played on Saturdays between 8:30 a.m. & 9:00pm depending on the division. Home Games will be held at our home field located at: 1000 NW 70 Ave. Away Games will be held at other locations throughout the county (Pembroke Pines, Sunrise, Ft. Lauderdale, Miramar, Deerfield, Delray) just to name a few.

Q: How are teams scheduled for practice/games?

A: Schedules are made around volunteer coaches' availability.

Q: When will I get a game schedule?

A: Once the league issues the schedule the schedule will be posted in the team message app.

Q: When will the season end?

A: The regular tackle football season ends in November, but our competition season runs into December. We typically get the date of our last competition in September.

Q: What holidays will there be no practice/games this season?

A: The field is closed for all Federal Holidays - Memorial Day, Juneteenth, July 4th, Labor Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving

Q: Will there be competitions?

A: Yes

TEAM BUILDING FAQ

Q: Does my child need to attend Conditioning and Tryouts?

A: YES. It is strongly advised that all cheerleaders attend all session. During this time, coaches will have a chance to get a closer look at each cheerleader's current skills, as well as potential skills, and their ability to work with potential teammates. It is our goal to place cheerleaders on the team that will best utilize their current skills and potential.

Q: Where/when will my child learn the necessary material for tryouts?

A: We will hold CLINIC on Mondays-Thursday starting in May. CLINIC is scheduled to be held at the Plantation Wildcat's Home Field which is located at: 1000 NW 70 Ave. (on the south field) from 6:30PM – 8:00p.m. It is strongly advised that all registered cheerleaders attend these clinics. This will be where we determine what team your child will be a part of.

Q: I volunteered to coach. When will I be notified if I was selected?

A: Once you meet with the commissioner, she will discuss with you everything needed to volunteer for that position and if you were selected.

OTHER FAQ

Q: I have more questions – who can I contact?

A: You can email the commissioner, Tiffany at pwccheer22@yahoo.com or call (754)259-8246.

Q: Can I request a specific coach?

A: No, Specific coaches cannot be requested due cheerleaders being placed with specific teams based on their skill level.

Q: When will I get a uniform?

A: Uniforms are custom ordered so once all uniforms are received, they will be given to the cheerleader. In case the uniforms are not received by the first game the girls will receive attire to wear until uniforms are received.

Q: Will there be a picture day?

A: Yes, during the season there will be a picture day information will be given mid-season.

Q: How will I be notified if a game/practice is canceled due to weather?

A: Once your cheerleader has signed with the team during clinics the commissioner will instruct you to download the app used for all cheer communication.

You can scan the QR code below to view our weather stations, including lighting alert countdowns.



Q: What is a team parent?

A: A team parent is someone who helps the coach/team in any way possible so that they can focus on teaching the cheerleaders.

Q: What is a team sponsor?

A: A Sponsor typically donates to the organization in exchange for company advertising.

