



SOCO **INTENSITY**

NOVICE INFORMATION 2026-2027



WHAT IS NOVICE ALL STARS?

- SoCo's Novice All-Star Cheer team closely mirrors the performance structure of our Prep teams, serving as an ideal stepping stone for athletes aspiring to join a Prep or Elite All-Star team. Novice routines are limited to 1.5 minutes and incorporate essential cheer elements, including tumbling, jumps, stunts, pyramids, and dance. Unlike traditional placements, Novice teams are evaluated based on a rating system—such as Superior, Excellent, or Outstanding—rather than ranked placements (e.g., 1st, 2nd, or 3rd). Competitions for the Novice team will be held exclusively in the Tulsa/OKC area, with one-day events taking place on either Saturday or Sunday.
- The Novice division provides an excellent opportunity for athletes to experience competitive cheer in a structured environment while refining their skills. This division emphasizes routine precision and team coordination. Our Novice team will train twice a week for 60-minute sessions, focusing on mastering their routine and enhancing overall performance.
- Practices are for perfecting the competition routine and are not tumbling class. The athletes will perform tumbling skills they have already perfected.
- If you are interested in signing up for tumbling class, all star athletes receive a \$20 discount on classes!

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

- The novice team will practice on Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:30pm-5:30pm.
- Practices will begin on Tuesday, September 8th.
- Practices will conclude Thursday, April 1st, 2026.

RENTAL UNIFORM

- SoCo offers rental uniforms that you can borrow for the season.
- Uniform rental cost = \$100-\$150
- We have a limited selection of uniforms & rent them out for the season on 1st come 1st serve basis. (*Please note, that if we do not have a rental uniform in your athlete's size, you will have to purchase a new uniform.)

IMPORTANT DATES

All novice teams will be competing in competitions beginning in January 2027 and continue through April 2027. They will compete at 3-4 competitions this season in Tulsa & OKC area.

CLOSED DATES

Labor Day: September 6th - 7th, 2026

Thanksgiving: November 25th - 28th, 2026

Winter Break: December 20th, 2026 - January 3rd, 2027

Spring Break: Novice will not practice March 15th-18th, 2027

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

All Star competitive cheerleading requires a financial commitment, and it is very important you read and understand all obligations. We do our best to be good stewards of your money and strive to make this as affordable as possible. We also have a very active booster club to help you meet the financial demands of the sport.

TUITION & FEE POLICIES

- SoCo requires all primary account holders to keep a VALID stored payment method on file, which includes credit or debit card.
- Payments will be automatically processed on the 1st of the month. If credit card is declined you will receive an email notifying you to update CC on file. If payment is not received by the morning of the 5th, a late charge of \$20 will be added to your account.
- All tuition and fees must be current before an athlete may compete, practice, schedule privates, or collect any clothing, uniform or other items.
- No refunds will be given for any reason. Any money you have already paid will remain on your SoCo account.
- **If an athlete is injured, quits, or is dismissed from the program:**
 - Any past due account charges must be paid in full.
 - In the event that your child quits or gets dismissed from a team, you will be charged a \$200 cancellation fee. (*This is in effect the entire season.) Any past due account charges must be paid in full. Any competition fees already paid are non-refundable.
 - If the competition bow has been ordered, it will be the property of SoCo and will be used for your replacement.

MONTHLY TUITION PRICING 26-27

September ...	\$350
October	\$190
November	\$190
December	\$190
January	\$190
February	\$190
March	\$190

EXPENSES INCLUDED IN MONTHLY TUITION

Booster Club Fee
SoCo Membership Fee
Practice Wear Shirt & Tank
Practice Bow
Choreography & Music
Competition Bow
Competition Entry Fees

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Rental Competition Uniform Approx. \$100-\$150
USASF Membership: Paid directly to USASF \$49

WHAT TEAM IS RIGHT FOR ME?

NOVICE

For individuals who are new to All Star but ready for performance-based teams that are evaluated at events. Novice teams focus on strengthening technique and performance skills that help prepare athletes for competitive All Star teams. Novice teams do not have tryouts and will begin in September.

PREP

For individuals with tumbling experience who want to strengthen technique and performance skills in a competitive team atmosphere. Prep teams typically require less time and cost commitments than are required of All Star Elite teams. Prep teams travel to one out of state competition.

ELITE

For individuals with strong cheer training & solid technical ability. Elite teams are comprised of athletes who are ready for highly competitive performance levels. Elite athletes choose competitive all star cheer as their main priority over other extracurricular activity.

	NOVICE	PREP	ELITE
ATHLETE AGE RANGE	Ages 4-7 (birth year = 2019-2023)	Ages 7-12 (birth year = 2014-2020)	Ages 7-19 (birth year = June 2007-2019)
LENGTH OF ROUTINE	1.5 min	2 min	2.5 min
YEARLY COMMITMENT	September - March	June - April	June - May
PRACTICE PER WEEK	2 times / 1 hour each	2 times / 1.5 hours each	3 times / 2 - 2.5 hours each
COST COMMITMENT	\$1,500	\$3,025	\$4,425
COMPETITION TRAVEL	Tulsa & OKC area only	Tulsa, OKC, & 1x out of state only	Nationwide
COMPETITION AWARDS	Rating system only	Scored against other teams	Scored against other teams

USASF MEMBERSHIP

- USASF Membership Fee, \$49, must be paid in order to participate. If you have never cheered before as an All Star athlete, at any level, you must register upon accepting a role on a SoCo Intensity team.
- Athletes MUST upload a birth certificate or passport to the USASF website.
- If you are already an All Star athlete, at any level, or from another program, you must renew your USASF membership.
- SoCo will email the link to renew/ create your athlete's USASF membership once team's have formed. There will be a deadline to renew the USASF membership by September 30th.