

# **Athlete Application, Nomination, & Selection**

## **The Elite commitment is extremely important.**

The athletes will practice 1-2 days per week with their Elite teams in addition to their normal teams. Elite teams will perform at States & Regionals and compete in AYC Nationals, they will also attend YCADA Globals in Feb 2026. **Nationals and YCADA Globals is an AUTOMATIC**, in which attendance is **MANDATORY** and the cost of the trips is solely on the family. There is also an additional cost to be part of the Elite teams, which has not been determined at this time. This fee includes a team t-shirt, bow, practice space, choreography, music, uniform, practice wear, sneakers (if needed), and comp fees.

## **All practices and choreography dates are MANDATORY.**

Choreography is scheduled for Aug 20th and 21st. Exact times and location are TBD.

## **Eligibility & Application process**

1. All cheer athletes must be between the ages of 10-14 years old and on a division 10, 12, 14 or 16 team.
2. All cheer athletes must be rostered for the 2025 season.
3. Cheer athlete selection must afford the Elite coaching staff to be able to ensure all positions, flyers, bases, and back spotters are on the team, as well as athletes with advanced tumbling skills.
4. Athletes will need to fill out the online application before the deadline.
  1. Anyone within the age requirements can sign up.
  2. Associations should not dictate who signs up, associations will give final review on each athlete's application, but they can not tell an athlete they can not sign up.
5. Deadline for athlete applications for cheer will be Aug 6th 2025. .

## **Nomination & Selection process**

1. NHYFSC will send to each Association any applications submitted from their athletes.
2. Association Cheer Coordinator/Head Coach will review the applications and approve/deny the applications to NHYFSC by August 7th 2025. .
3. The Associations decision to allow an athlete to try out, is based on how the athlete will match up in the bigger picture.
4. Being nominated to the team is not a statement that each athlete is equal in skill or aptitude.

## **Elite team selection guidelines**

- All cheer athletes will participate in 3-day skill evaluations sessions as developed by the Elite coaching staff.
- Tryout dates are August 8th, 9th and 10th in Bedford NH.
- There is a possibility for some athletes to be cut at the first tryout and not need to return.

No more than 5 athletes from any one association shall be on any team unless the following situations apply:

1. There are not enough athletes to field a team.
2. The head coach comes to the conference board and requests additional players over the maximum of 5 are needed for the team.