

ROGUE CHEER ATHLETICS ATHLETE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT & REGISTRATION PACKET (2026-2027) *TO BE SIGNED DIGITALLY*

Season Term: June 2026 – June 2027

Program Overview & Objectives

Our goal is to provide a safe, structured, faith-centered, and competitive environment that promotes athletic excellence, integrity, teamwork, and personal growth. We believe clear standards create peace, and peace creates growth.

Our program exists to:

- Clearly define expectations for conduct, commitment, and performance.
- Promote safety, accountability, and teamwork.
- Cultivate mutual respect, sportsmanship, and personal growth.
- Provide clarity around policies, responsibilities, and program guidelines.

Rogue's Commitment to Our Families

- **A Safe & Supportive Environment:** Providing well-maintained equipment, proper supervision, age-appropriate instruction, and access to first aid or medical care when necessary.
- **Professional Coaching & Leadership:** Staff selected for experience, knowledge, heart, and integrity. Coaches commit to teaching with clarity and patience, offering constructive and encouraging feedback, and developing both skill and character.
- **Clear Communication & Planning:** Providing schedules in advance whenever possible, communicating changes promptly, and utilizing designated communication platforms (such as the BAND App).

Eligibility and Commitment

Athletes must adhere to the following baseline requirements to remain in the program:

- Attend all practices, competitions, and required events unless arranged otherwise.
- Prioritize Rogue Cheer Athletics over other competitive teams and activities.
- Notify coaches of conflicts in advance.
- Remain enrolled for the duration of the season unless proper withdrawal procedures are followed.

Note on Resignation: Voluntary resignation forfeits team placement for the remainder of the season and will likely impact the athlete's ability to join Rogue Cheer Athletics for future seasons.

Code of Conduct & Social Media Policy

Rogue athletes and parents agree to:

- Demonstrate sportsmanship at all times.
- Treat teammates, coaches, officials, and other programs with respect.
- Abide by the zero-tolerance anti-bullying policy.
- Avoid gossip, harassment, or public criticism.
- Represent the program positively in public and online.
- Address conflicts following Matthew 18:15-17 principles.

Social Media & Representation

Coaches reserve the right to review publicly available content. Offensive, inappropriate, or defamatory posts may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or removal. Remember that you represent Rogue Cheer Athletics as a whole, as well as your faith and your family.

Attendance Policy

Athletes are expected to attend all competitions, community events, team bonding, and award ceremonies unless prior approval is given.

- **Excused Absences:** Illness, pre-approved vacations (cleared in advance with the coach), or family emergencies.
- **Unexcused Absences:** Failure to communicate, scheduling avoidable appointments, and other discretionary conflicts.
- **Penalties:** Three (3) unexcused absences may result in suspension from participating in the next performance or competition. Additional absences may result in removal from the program.
- **Logistics:** Transportation challenges must be communicated in advance. Athletes must verbally check out with their coach before leaving any event.

Discipline Policy

All disciplinary actions will be formally documented. Rogue operates on a **Three-Step Discipline Policy**:

1. **Step 1 – Verbal Correction:** Coaches will pull the athlete aside and communicate concerns directly. Failure to correct the behavior results in a second strike.
2. **Step 2 – Parent Meeting:** A meeting between staff, the athlete, and parent(s) will be held to strategize, address concerns, and establish a solution.
3. **Step 3 – Removal for Continued Violation:** If the deliberate attitude or issue continues after the first two interventions, the athlete will be removed from Rogue Cheer Athletics. Removal is never the first choice, and clear communication will be made prior to action.

Safety & Injury Policies

Athlete Safety Expectations

To maintain a safe training environment, athletes must follow all coach instructions, never attempt unapproved skills, perform all stunts under direct coach supervision, and report any injury immediately, even if it seems minor. Speaking up about pain or injury is wisdom, not weakness.

Open Wound Policy

Open wounds must be fully covered before participating. Athletes with recurring or unhealed open wounds may be removed from contact activities until properly healed to protect both the individual and the team.

Concussion & Head Injury Protocol

Rogue Cheer Athletics strictly follows Oregon youth sports safety standards. If a concussion is suspected:

- The athlete will be removed from activity immediately.
- There will be no same-day return to play.
- Written clearance from a licensed healthcare provider is required before returning.
- A gradual, step-by-step return-to-play process will be followed.
- Parents must report any head injuries that occur outside of the gym so the athlete can be properly monitored.

Medical Authorization & Liability

Participation involves inherent risks including serious injury, permanent disability, or death. If a parent cannot be reached in an emergency, Rogue Cheer Athletics may obtain medical treatment. Parents assume all financial responsibility for medical costs; Rogue Cheer Athletics does not provide primary medical insurance coverage.

Practice & Apparel Policy

Athletes must arrive on time, use the restroom before practice, and be practice-ready. If an athlete is not practice-ready, they will sit out until proper gear is provided.

- **Apparel Requirements:** Proper athletic wear, hair up/pinned back, cheer shoes or coach-approved shoes. Sports bras and spandex shorts are allowed if they are the correct size and provide full coverage.
- **Jewelry:** No jewelry (including piercings) is allowed. Coaches are not responsible for holding jewelry or personal items.
- **Electronics:** Cell phones, smart watches, and Fit Bits must be put away or put on silent in a bag, locker, or coach's office. In an emergency, parents should contact the team coach directly.
- **Practice Behavior:** Be respectful and kind. When not actively stunting or tumbling, support and assist teammates.

Uniforms & Competition Guidelines

- Competition schedules are released the week of the event.
- Athletes must arrive with plenty of time and notify the coach ASAP if running late.

- Required Uniform: Full team uniform (top & bottom), bow/accessories, cheer shoes, and socks. The coach will decide if warm-ups are needed.
- If the uniform is incomplete, the coach will determine participation eligibility.
- Rogue Cheer Athletics will provide and purchase uniforms, but Competition & Uniform Fees are due in August 2026 (specifically due August 1, 2026).
- Athletes must keep uniforms clean and in good condition; lost or damaged items must be replaced at the athlete's expense.

Brand Protection & Fundraising Policy

1. Authorization and Brand Ownership

The names "Rogue Cheer Athletics," "Rogue," "RCA," and all associated logos, slogans, and uniform designs are the exclusive intellectual property of Rogue Cheer Athletics. Parents, guardians, and athletes must obtain express, written permission from gym owner Becky Abbott prior to using any gym branding for public publications, sponsorship requests, or promotional initiatives.

2. Digital Content & AI

Digital content creation and Artificial Intelligence (AI) use regarding gym branding is strictly prohibited without explicit authorization.

3. Fundraising Approvals

Athletes are expected to participate in team fundraising efforts, and opportunities to raise money for competition fees will be available in the summer, fall, and winter. Before initiating any independent fundraising project or distributing sponsorship materials mentioning RCA, parents must submit a detailed request to owner Becky Abbott for review and approval.

- ***Failure to Comply:*** Unauthorized use of intellectual property, unapproved AI content, or fundraising violations may result in the immediate revocation of fundraising privileges and/or termination of enrollment.

Financial Responsibility & Tuition

Athletes are responsible for monthly tuition, competition fees, uniform fees, travel expenses, and any additional training, camps, or choreography. Parents are also responsible for all personal transportation and travel costs.

Tuition Schedule & Late Fees

- **Due Date:** All monthly tuition, alongside payments for tumbling and specialized classes, is strictly due by the **5th of each month**.
- **Late Fees:** If payment is not received by the 7th of the month, a late fee of \$5.00 per day starting on the 8th will accrue until paid in full. (Note: Alternate policy text on page 7 references a \$10 daily fee after the 20th ; however, the specialized financial section dictates the \$5/day structure starting on the 8th).
- **Alternative Arrangements:** Custom payment schedules may be arranged but must be finalized and documented in writing with Coach Becky prior to the 5th of the month.

Cheer Fees

Separate from monthly tuition, "Cheer Fees" directly cover hard costs including uniforms, camp attendance, choreography, and competitions.

Coaching Structure

Rogue staff (with the exception of tumbling coaches) do not rely on a financial stipend. Instead, coaches operate on a trade system, donating their expertise in exchange for their own athlete's tuition. Coaches are still required to cover their own personal travel costs.

Withdrawal & Refund Policies

No Refund Policy

All payments are strictly non-refundable. This includes monthly tuition (even if paid in full or in advance), registration fees, uniform fees, competition fees, sponsorships, and fundraised funds. If an athlete is dismissed or leaves voluntarily, paid funds are absorbed into gym overhead.

Voluntary Withdrawal

- A **30-day written notice** is required to withdraw from the program.
- Tuition remains due during this period.
- Uniforms must be returned in good condition.
- Fundraised credits hold no cash value, belong to the program, and are non-transferable. Any forfeited balances immediately transfer to the *Rogue Scholarship Fund* to assist gym families facing severe financial constraints.

Medical Withdrawal

In the event of a season-ending medical condition verified by a licensed healthcare provider, tuition obligations may be reviewed at RCA's discretion. Prepaid competition and uniform fees remain non-refundable.

Communication & Digital Platforms

- **BAND App:** All athletes (with phones), parents, and coaches must join the BAND App with notifications turned **ON**.
- **BAND is used for:** Practice schedules/changes, documents, photos/videos, event updates, fundraising info, and travel details.
- *Crucial Rule:* Failure to check BAND resulting in a missed event will be categorized as an unexcused absence.
- **Expectations:** Courtesy is required at all times. There is a zero-tolerance policy for criticizing, harassing, or verbally attacking coaches, staff, athletes, or parents.

Legal & Termination Clauses

- **Termination:** Rogue Cheer Athletics may terminate this agreement and remove an athlete due to failure to adhere to terms, poor performance, violation of team rules, or failure to correct behavior after a parent meeting.

- **Amendments:** This Agreement may be modified at any time by Rogue Cheer Athletics. Amendments must be in writing, approved by the Director, and acknowledged in writing by the parent/legal guardian. No verbal or informal communications shall modify these terms.
- **Disputes:** Any disputes arising under this agreement shall be handled in the appropriate courts located within the State of Oregon.
- **Entire Agreement:** This document constitutes the entire understanding between the parties and supersedes all prior discussions, representations, or informal promises.

Signatures

By signing below, I acknowledge that I (the athlete and parent/guardian) have read, detailedly reviewed with my athlete, and fully understand the expectations, codes of conduct, agreements, waivers of liability, gym rules, and standards set forth in this Rogue Athlete Registration Packet, and agree to be bound by its provisions.

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO FILL OUT YOUR ATHLETE INFORMATION AND DIGITALLY SIGN THE RCA ATHLETE REGISTRATION PACKET AGREEMENT:

