



## 2025-2026 Gold Rush Elite Terms & Policies

\*\*Please make GOLD RUSH ELITE a priority between August 2025 - May 2026 over other extracurricular activities. Summer vacations in June and July are allowed, however, tuition will not be pro-rated. Plan vacations around mandatory practices (starting 8/4/25) and all competitions. If you join an outside activity or sport, it can not interfere with practice schedules or competitions. **The week of competition needs to be open for extra practices, please do not plan anything extra on competition weeks. If you have something during the week of competition, please let coaches know at least 2 weeks in advance. It must be preapproved to miss or it will be unexcused absence.**

### Plan trips when Gym is closed:

- 6/30/25-7/6/25 July 4th week
- 10/31/25 (Halloween)
- 11/26/25-11/30/25 (Thanksgiving break)
- 12/5/25 Friday (Coaches at comp)
- 12/20/25-1/5/26 (Winter break)
- 2/6/26 (Coaches at comp)
- 2/25/26 - 3/1/26 OREGON J2, Y3, J-Flex 4

***We may have mandatory practices at out of state competitions. Do not plan your trip earlier/later than dates listed on BAND calendar so we can schedule practices.***

**Summer time/Vacations or missed practices are not pro-rated for any reason.**

ABSENT/SICK POLICY. If an athlete has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, is vomiting, or has a major/severe contagious illness, please have them stay home. If you have a minor cough or cold athletes should still attend practice. All absences must be done in writing via text, excused by coach in writing and posted by coach in band calendar. If will be missing more than 2 practices due to injury or illness, must see doctor and/or have a doctors note. If Injury or illness occurs or for any other reason an athlete cannot attend a competition, other teammates may have to fill in their spot and there will be NO REFUNDS.

- ATTENDANCE POLICY = Only 4 Absences and 1 unexcused absences are allowed per season Starting Aug 4, 2025 - Please plan events and appointments around practice days/times! Everyone's attendance is important. **DO NOT BE LATE! ARRIVE 5-15 MINUTES EARLY TO ALL PRACTICES/COMPETITIONS**. More than 15 minutes late or leaving more than 15 minutes prior to end of practice = a Tardy!

3 Tardies = 1 UNEXCUSED absence

If you will be late or tardy please text the coach as soon as possible so we can arrange practice. If you have a vacation planned please contact the coach at least 3 weeks prior to vacation (MUST FILL OUT FORM). The form will be placed on the Website. If you do not see your vacation on the BAND calendar within one week of filling out form, please contact coach via text. *If an athlete has more than 3 unexcused absences; they may be removed from the team or subject to a fine.*

- ***NEW for 2025-2026 SEASON: Having many absences will cost you!***

***1st unexcused - Warning***

***2nd unexcused or more there will be a \$50 charge to card on file each time***

***BEING LATE and/or NOT READY FOR COMPETITIONS WILL ALSO COST - being late to competition results in unnecessary stress on the athlete, coach and team prior to competition.***

- ARRIVING 15-30 MINUTES PAST COACHES ARRIVAL TIME - \$25 FEE
- ARRIVING OVER 30 MINUTES PAST COACHES ARRIVAL TIME - \$50 FEE
- If you do not come ready for competition and someone has to get you ready after arrival time there will be a \$25 fee
- Athletes must attend practice week of competition. If athletes are not able to attend mandatory practices the week of competition, they may be replaced or taken out of routine at coaches discretion. NO REFUNDS FOR COMPETITIONS. **KEEP THE ENTIRE WEEK OF COMPETITION OPEN in case of needed EXTRA PRACTICES.**

Having Level tumbling required skills does not guarantee placement at that level; coaches reserve the right to place cheerleaders on the level they will be most successful based on all cheer skills. Also, if an athlete performed certain tumbling skills at tryouts and does not continue to consistently throw them at practice, then the athlete may be lowered down at coaches discretion and NO REFUNDS. A WARNING will be given before such actions are taken. Two weeks prior to choreography, athletes will no longer be moved up or down levels unless unforeseen, extenuating situations occur.

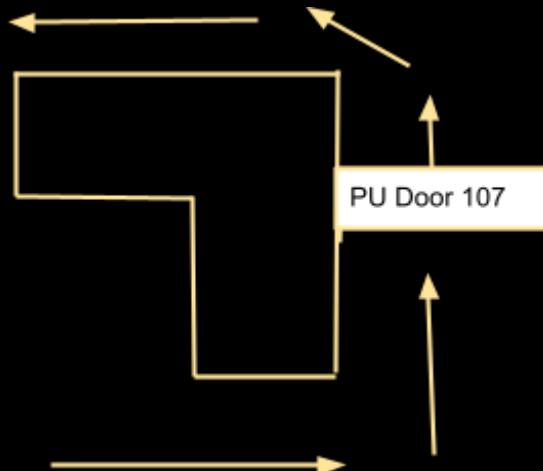
Accounts must remain current, if an account falls more than 30 days delinquent, your athlete will be dismissed from the program and will be charged and billed for the unpaid balance and the quitters fee. If there is a financial concern please speak to Amy or the head coach. If you quit, are dismissed, become injured or ill and leave the program you will forfeit any and all monies

GRE has received and be charged the appropriate quitters fee. Your signature on this form is acceptance and understanding of the financial commitment for the 2025-2026 Gold Rush Elite cheer season. You understand that you are giving your credit card information and the credit card provided will be automatically debited each month for the scheduled amount or for any fees assessed including but not limited to unexcused absences, late to comp fees, and quitters fees. You also understand tumbling is to be paid separately. Payments are to be up-to-date in order to receive Gold Rush apparel/items or uniforms. If your card is declined, or falls past the due date there will be a \$25 fee assessed. Please update any canceled cards to avoid these fees. A quitters fee of \$200 (Novice) \$300 (Prep) & \$500 for ELITE teams will be charged if you leave/quit/ or are removed prior to season ending March (Novice & Prep)/April (Youth/Flex)/May (Junior/J-Flex/Senior) 2026.

ALL Gold Rush Elite teams will be attempting to earn a bid to Summit - Summit is not included in monthly fees. Please be prepared for those added costs Or for another end of season event if Summit bid is not acquired. Everyone who registered for an ELITE team is REQUIRED to attend Summit if a bid is earned! If a circumstance arises and an athlete is unable to attend Summit; they will be removed from the team so we can rework the routine. An appropriate quitters fee will be assessed. The only exception to a quitters fee would be if an athlete is seriously injured for 4 weeks or more and occurring within 2 months of the event.

- Use of GOLD RUSH ELITE or any team logo is strictly prohibited. All team gear must be purchased on the [goldrusheliteaz.com](http://goldrusheliteaz.com) website or with X-out gear (Johnny).
- No gum, food or sugar drinks allowed in gym - PLEASE make sure to pick up all trash and do not leave a mess in the break room - Thank you!
- Parents are not allowed to watch practice from JULY to Showcase. After the Showcase, parents will be allowed to watch from the parent room only. PARENTS are not allowed to sit in the gym unless the athlete is in a private lesson. Watching practice is a privilege. If coaches hear negative banter or gossip that is not conducive to a positive environment; then the parent viewing room will be closed.
- Before Showcase, Don't try to sneak a peek! Starting in July, Drop off will be front door (please watch athletes go safely in building)  
Pickup will be carline behind building by door #107 follow the directional path of car flow below
- Responsible for Transportation - do not miss or be late to practice because you do not have a ride this will be an unexcused absence.  
Contact team in BAND app for help - someone will help.

Feel free to arrange carpools!



GOLD VIBES ONLY :) Athletes & GRE family members should be a positive representative of Gold Rush Elite. Negative attitudes have a direct effect on the team. Such behavior will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the team or will shut down open practices. Abusive behavior, lying or any other negative behavior from an athlete or parent is grounds for removal from the team and will be charged the proper quitters fee. Other than open gyms, seeking classes/training (without permission) from other gyms or talking about other gyms is not permitted at practice or other Gold Rush events. Gold Rush Elite should be the only focus throughout the entire season in order to keep team morale up as well as providing the best environment for team success. While at competitions, showing good sportsmanship is important, however, going down to the VIP section for other gyms is not allowed. The VIP section is only reserved for their families. Athletes and parents are welcome to cheer other teams from their seats.

### OTHER POLICIES

- Coaches reserve the rights for student and team placement according to USASF guidelines and requirements and each team needs. Please understand there is no "spot" on teams, all teammates must be versatile to suit what the team needs are for the routine and circumstances that arise. Coaches must make difficult decisions at times and do what is best for the team to ensure the best performance and to keep safety a priority at all times. Thank you for your understanding.
- REQUIRED: Practice wear, "Gold Rush" clothing or cheer competition t-shirts, hair in pony or pulled back with cheer bow and no jewelry. Also, please bring water bottle & snack to every practice.
- NO GOSSIP including NEGATIVE SOCIAL POSTING regarding GOLD RUSH ELITE, coaches, families, teammates or other cheer teams on any social media failure to follow this policy will result in dismissal from the team!
- Anyone from Gold Rush Elite (athletes, parents, family and friends) are not allowed to approach the judges stand or use profanity/slander towards competition officials or other gyms. If such unsportsmanlike conduct occurs, it will result in immediate banning to future competitions and/or gym AND possibly be fined \$1000 if the gym is penalized with a deduction or banned from future events.
- Athletes must attend and be prepared to cheer on all the GOLD RUSH ELITE teams. (Plan for the whole day of competition) When more people are cheering the better the teams do! Supporting all the teams is important as we are a family and when one succeeds we all succeed! Athletes are also required to stay for the award ceremony.
- Immediate removal from team for any major violations such as unexcused missed competitions, tobacco OR vaping, drug or alcohol use, profanity or obscene language, inappropriate gestures or uncooperative/uncoachable attitudes. PARENTS/Athletes who are intoxicated at Gold Rush Elite events including practices may be removed from the practice/event and could result in athlete removal from the team.

**NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON.**

Gold Rush Elite wants to provide a safe, positive, Gold Vibe environment so the teams have the best opportunity to be successful!

Thank you for reading and agreeing to our Terms and Policies! Following these rules will ensure team commitment and provide the team with the best chance for success!

We LOVE our Gold Rush family and are looking forward to an amazing 25/26 season!