

Champions are not born, they are built here...everday!

We are very excited about your interest in joining our Sonic Nation this season! At Sonic Elite Olympia (SEO) we pride ourselves in promoting personal growth as well as training our athletes in a safe and encouraging environment. All-star cheerleading instills countless positive benefits that will stay with an athlete the rest of their lives. Confidence, self-discipline, and appreciation for the value of hard work are just a few. From stunting to tumbling and dance, athletes will learn valuable life lessons from our incredible coaching staff. We can't wait to see what this season has in store for SEO!

Welcome to the family!

Julia Skidmore SEO Owner and Director

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Please keep sections one through four of this handbook to use for reference throughout the season.

\*\*\*Please fill out, sign, and return all attachments at evaluations. \*\*\*

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## Section 1- Evaluations/Team Placements

Every season at SEO we begin with registration and skill evaluations. No cheerleading experience is required to join SEO. (If new athletes cannot attend our evaluation date, a private evaluation can be scheduled for a \$50 fee.) Teams will be open until the 31st of May. Please email us at <a href="mailto:soniceliteolympia@gmail.com">soniceliteolympia@gmail.com</a> to schedule a private evaluation or for more information about registration and placements.

New Athlete Evaluation date: May 18th 2024 Evaluation/Uniform Fee/May Tuition: \$725

## Returning Athlete Evaluation Week: May 13<sup>th</sup>-17th

New athletes are responsible for the evaluation/uniform fee & May Tuition at the time of evaluations. Payments can be paid by cash, credit card, or check. (Credit card payments will be subject to an additional 3% fee, and you will be charged \$40 if your check bounces.) Returning athletes must turn in their forms for the 2024/2025 season by April 15<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for evaluations. Once they have turned in forms, athletes will receive an email with an invitation to an evaluation group. New athletes will be added to these evaluation groups May 20<sup>th</sup>-30th. After evaluations, athletes will be placed on a team.

Things for new athletes to bring to evaluations:

- All forms that are required from this handbook (See Pg. 2)...filled out and signed.
- Evaluation/Uniform fee (mentioned above).
- Athletic apparel and water bottle.

## Premier All-Star Team Placements: June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024

On Sunday, June 2nd, we will announce the Season 9 teams. For the release you will receive an email stating which team your athlete is on and what their practice schedule will be for the rest of the summer.

## Premier All-Star Cheer Team Age Divisions:

Mini: 8-9 years old

Youth: 8-12 years old Junior: 9-15 years old Senior: 13-18 years old

Team placements are by age and coach's discretion.\*

Regular season Premier All-Star fees include the following:

- All gym tuition

- All competition fees listed in Section 4

- Choreography camp(s)

- Routine music fees
- Kali Seitzer camp (Depending on age group & subject to change)
- Apparel package: Includes 1 t-shirt, 1 tank top, 1 sports bra, 2 comp hair items (and 1 backpack for new athletes only). All athletes will be required to purchase an additional team top (if needed). The top and required shoes will be in the Pro Shop for purchase. The link will be provided to you in the welcome email.

Premier Team practices:

One 1.5-hour tumbling class and four hours total team practices per week (all included in tuition). Summer practice hours could be heavier.

# Section 2 - Communication

Our coaching staff is happy to talk with you or your athlete about any concerns that you have. Please understand that due to having so many athletes, teams, and classes here at SEO, staff members are often very busy and do not have time to chat in-between practices. We do ask that for topics pertaining to joining SEO, practices, clinics, private lessons, classes, competitions, events, apparel orders, teams, athlete accounts, invoices, payments, or anything related to finances, please email us at:

soniceliteolympia@gmail.com

<sup>\*</sup>An athlete's age for the season is figured out by their birthday between June 1st, 2024 and May 31st, 2025.

In the event you would like to have a face-to-face meeting with an SEO staff member before or after a practice, you must make a request via the email above and confirm an appointment at least 24 hours in advance. We ask that this is done so we can plan enough time to adequately address any concerns you have and ensure that your needs are met.

Unless it is an emergency, refrain from texting, Facebook messaging, or instant messaging our staff. If it is an emergency, please use any means necessary to contact the staff member you need directly.

Our main source of communication with parents is the BAND app. Please download it to your phone and be ready to join with the links we provide in your welcome email. If you do not join the BAND, you will miss important information about the season and you will not be kept in the loop. It is important that you join the BAND for SEO and for the team for your athlete.

# Section 3 - Attendance Expectations/Other Information

Throughout the season attendance is incredibly important! If just ONE person is missing during a practice other athletes are affected. Poor attendance stunts the development of other athletes and the overall momentum of the team. Because of this we require near perfect attendance. We want to give every athlete the opportunity to progress as far as they possibly can in the sport of All-Star Cheerleading.

Each athlete is only permitted ONE unexcused absence and THREE excused absences during the entire duration of the season.

If athletes need to request an excused absence please send an email to <a href="mailto:soniceliteolympia@gmail.com">soniceliteolympia@gmail.com</a> immediately after finding out your athlete will not be attending with an explanation of why they are not attending. Parents will receive a reply shortly after stating whether or not the request was granted. DO NOT message or text this request...it must be sent via email. We encourage you to make all absence requests in advance as soon as possible, as it is not possible for us to approve them all. First come, first approved.

#### Unexcused:

- School activity that is not required and/or does not affect a grade.
- Non-contagious illness without a doctor's note.
- Car trouble or issues getting a ride to practice.
- Practices or events for other sports the athlete participates in, including high school cheerleading.

#### Excused:

- · School activity that is required and affects a grade.
- Contagious illness with a doctor's note.
- · Family emergency.
- An absence requested on an "absence request " at the time of registration.

#### Tardies:

While we understand things can happen that might make athletes late to practices, it is important for everyone to understand that athletes being late will affect a practice, just like an absence will. Every three tardies during the entire duration of the season will result in an unexcused absence.

#### 15+ minutes late:

 30 minutes of individual conditioning after the next practice, no exceptions. (Athletes will be benched at practices until this is completed.)

#### 30+ minutes late or a no-show:

- 30 or more minutes late to practice without proper notification, or not showing up at all, is
  considered a no show. Not coming to practice with less than an 8 hour notification is also
  considered a no-show. A no-show will result in the following consequences:
- · Considered an unexcused absence.
- 30 minutes of individual conditioning after the next practice, no exceptions. (Athletes will be benched at practices until this is completed.)
- A \$50 no show fee will be billed to account.
- Possible \$150 choreography fee.
- Possible re-assignment to a different position or a different team

## Competitions and Choreography Camp:

Attendance at the entirety of choreography camp and all competitions is MANDATORY. Zero absences two weeks prior to a comp are permitted for any reason. An absence of ANY KIND within two weeks of a competition will result in a \$50 fee for each absence. If athletes have an absence for choreography camp, parents will be responsible for paying a \$150 rechoreography fee. Not attending either of these mean the athlete possibly will not compete in the next competition, possible reassignment to a different position on their team, or to a different team altogether.

#### Practices:

During the season all practices, clinics, and classes are closed to family and friends unless otherwise stated. Non-athletes are asked to wait outside of the building. Any areas inside the SEO or BHG area are off limits to friends and family during any practice or class at the gym. Athletes can be dropped off at the side of the building and will meet their rides outside of the building after practice. Family and friends are not permitted to enter the cheer gym before, during, or after practice under any circumstances.

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Practices are usually two to three days per week and are one and a half to three hours long, depending on the team. Athletes are encouraged to participate in stretch and tumbling classes offered at SEO outside of regular practices. Always make sure to be well hydrated and have recently eaten before coming to practice or a class.

Athletes are REQUIRED to remove ALL jewelry, have their hair up tightly and out of their face, and their fingernail length will be no longer than the end of their fingertips. Permanent jewelry of any kind is not permitted and must be removed before the first practice These are all safety measures we are taking for our athletes and we take this seriously. If an athlete comes to practice and is not

adhering to this requirement, their parent will be emailed, the athlete will sit out of practice until it is corrected and parents will be charged a \$25 inconvenience fee for each practice that it happens.

The practice atmosphere is all business (mostly...we have fun too!) so come ready to work, push yourself, learn, and progress your skills. A good attitude is expected from all athletes inside of the gym at all times. SEO is a "drama free" zone... Please leave it at the door. The gym is our athlete's sanctuary. We are practicing for competitions. Give each practice your absolute best effort at all times. Your coaches have high expectations and will accept nothing less. We want to help athletes become the best that they can possibly be and we need your best effort to achieve that together.

#### Red Weeks:

There are specific weeks during and before camps and competitions, <u>any absence could result in the athlete being removed from the competition</u> and possible removal from the team. Red weeks will be clearly marked on the monthly BAND calendars and are available in Section 4 - Important Dates (Pg. 8).

#### Private Lessons:

Here at SEO, private lessons are considered a bonus to practice. Athletes that want private lessons must be progressing at practice, attending all practices, and working hard to earn private lessons. If you want to schedule private lessons with any of our coaches, you need to email <a href="mailto:soniceliteolympia@gmail.com">soniceliteolympia@gmail.com</a> and request them, noting the coach you would like, and what you are requesting to work on. Do not private message coaches for private lessons individually. If the request does not come through our email to be scheduled, it will automatically be declined. Each private lesson is \$65 no matter the coach.

As a safety precaution, athletes may not attend tumbling lessons or open gyms at any facility outside of SEO.

#### Team Solicitation:

Neither parents nor athletes may request a position on a certain team. Athletes will be placed on teams in order of their abilities, age, team need, etc.

## **USASF** Registration:

All SEO athletes must be current and registered in the USASF system no later than <u>01 Sept</u> <u>2024</u> or parents will be charged a \$50 penalty fee each month until it is completed. This is something that is required and non-negotiable. You will need to go to <u>www.usasfmembers.net</u> and create an account, register your athlete and pay their membership fee. If you need assistance, please email us and let us know. We are happy to assist!

### SEO Name and Logo Usage:

At no time is anyone authorized to use any of the Sonic Elite Olympia logos. Our name can be used to create clothing or articles for athletes or parents for special events/competitions, but only with prior permission of the gym. Just email us with an explanation of what you are creating with details, to request permission. Our logo or name may never be used for any kind of fundraising. At no time can anything be sold to anyone with our name or logo on it.

#### Termination of Contract:

If for some reason an athlete and their family has decided that SEO is not a good fit for them, and they would like to terminate their contract, they must do so in writing and they will submit 50% of the rest of their contract fees at that time. (The only exception to this final payment is military that provide PCS orders with their dependents listed on them.) If an athlete decides to quit before all their gear has been supplied to them, all items will be forfeited and they will not be refunded for them...this includes our SEO uniform and practice gear.

#### Sonic Culture:

Here at SEO we are trying to create a culture of inclusion, heart and family. Every athlete and parent is responsible for their own actions and will be held accountable for anything that does not meet our standard of respect towards our gym, the local community and the cheer community. We will treat all other gyms and their athletes with the same respect we would our own and will listen to the guidance of all competition event staff and judges. Remember a positive attitude goes a long way and that we should all treat each other the way we would like to be treated. Be the elite example of kindness and show everyone what the #sonicculture truly is.

# Section 4 - Important Dates

\*All competitions and dates are subject to change up until team placements.\*

# Competitions:

7-8 Dec 2024: The American Northwest Nationals (Portland) Junior & Senior Teams Only

11-12 Jan 2025: Aloha (Portland)

25-26 Jan 2025: ATC Grand Nationals (Seattle)

8-9 Feb 2025: ASC Clash of the Titans (Tacoma)

1-2 March 2025: PACWEST (Portland)

29-30 March 2025: One Up Nationals (Bellevue)

Apr 2025: U.S Finals Date & Location: TBD... (teams must receive a Golden Ticket to attend.)

Apr 2025: Regional Summit-Location TBD...Mini & Youth teams will attend.

(Junior & Senior teams will only attend if they DO NOT receive a Florida Summit bid by NCA/PACWEST.)

2-5 May 2025: The Summit (Orlando, FL)...Must receive a partial paid or paid bid by ASC.

## Other Important Dates:

May 13th -17th: Returning athletes evaluation week

May 18th: Evaluations for new athletes

May 24th - 27th: Gym closed (Memorial Day Weekend)

June 2nd: Team Placements

June 3rd: Regular team practices begin June 17th-19th: Coach Kali Stunt Clinic

June 27th-July 7th: Gym closed (Independence Day)

July 15th - 21st: Red Week Choreography #1 (Please note choreography times may be scheduled throughout the entire week including the weekend and regular practice times may vary.)

August 12th-18th: Red Week Choreography #2

August 30th-September 2nd: Gym closed (Labor Day weekend)

October 16th - 20th : Red Week

October 19th: Halloween Showcase/Trunk or Treat

November-Showcase: TBD

November 28th-December 1st: Gym closed (Thanksgiving break)

#### December-Parties and Showcase TBD

December 21st - January 5th: Gym closed (Christmas break). Premier and Elite teams may have additional practices between January 2nd-4th.

For those teams that are not attending The Summit, there is a possibility that practice schedules will change in the month of April to allow for Training Camps.

# ATHLETE CONDUCT AGREEMENT

l,	understand that as an athlete at Sonic Elite Olympia I
will be held to the following standards of conduct	
(Athlete please read and initial the following:)	
that my parents can arrange extra conditioning se	aintain a GPA at school acceptable to my parents. I understand essions for me with SEO staff as a consequence for poor at they see fit. I will use my study time wisely and have good
	th dignity and respect at all times. I will not be rude, or off the floor. I will listen when my coach is speaking and not y a coach.
	of my social media posts. I will refrain from posting things that ndards. This includes anything containing nudity, drug or alcohol at anyone.
	w teammates. If I have an issue of any kind with another ing inappropriately on or off the floor, I will report it to my leos of my teammates without their permission.
I will keep all electronics turned off and in	my bag or locker for the entire duration of practice.
I will consistently come to all SEO function understand that my teammates are depending or	ns on time, with a positive attitude and ready to work hard. In me to give my best effort at all times.
I will make attendance and being on time	to all SEO functions a top priority.
need a doctor's note releasing me to return to pra	ss that causes me to sit out during, or miss a practice, I will actice. I understand that If I am injured but still mobile or sick, but ractice and watch from the sideline in order to keep up with
	nce policy for drugs and alcohol and if I come into practice fluence, I will be dismissed from SEO immediately, no questions

asked. I will also not post anything on social m understand I will be dismissed from SEO imme	edia snowing me in the act of using drugs of any kind. If I do, I ediately.
	ne above conduct standards can result in me being assigned to a a different team, additional individual conditioning, or possible tion of SEO management.
Athlete Signature	Date
Parent Signature	Date

# PARENT CONDUCT AGREEMENT

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understand that as a parent at Sonic Elite Olympia I will be held to the following standards of conduct:	
Please read and initial the following:	
I will not be involved in any matter of disrespect towards any members of the Sonic Elite Olympia staff, parents, or athletes.	
I will not use inappropriate language and I will behave in a manner that respects myself, Sonic Elite Olympia (per their discretion), and the sport of cheerleading.	0
I understand that the staff members of Sonic Elite Olympia reserve the right to suspend any athlete's or parent's participation in activities as disciplinary action, all the way up to removal from the program.	
I understand that Sonic Elite Olympia does not allow parent viewing of any kind during team practice hours.	
I understand that during a team practice or competition it is not the proper time/place to discuss with staff any issues I may have, and instead will schedule a meeting to be held at a later date	€.
I understand that I am required to join the SEO and team BAND for my athlete, as that is SEO main form of communication with me.	's
I will not participate in negative gossip or communications that adversely affect Sonic Elite Olympia. This includes, but is not limited to; verbally to other individuals, email, Facebook, twitter, nstagram, chat rooms, group chats, any other websites, or social medias. This also includes speaking negatively about other parents or athletes in any of the previously mentioned ways.	)
I will not verbalize or post information about the extent of injuries, diagnosis, prognosis, etc., cany Sonic Elite Olympia, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or any other websites, or social media.	n
I understand that I am responsible for arranging transportation of my athlete to all practices, competitions and gym related functions.	

I will comply with and ensure that my athlete	complies with all expectations of the handbook.
I understand that I, the parent, can be dismiss above points in this agreement. I also understand that	ed from the SEO program for violating any of the
(per SEO management discretion) and that I will be su dismissal per the section 8 All-Star Financial Agreement	bject to all financial responsibilities regarding
Parent Signature	Date

# TREATMENT/LIABILITY/PUBLICITY RELEASE WAIVER

Please read and initial the following:
I authorize medical professionals to administer any necessary emergency treatment for any injury or serious illness if neither parent can be reached. I will assume all financial responsibility for any medical treatment.
I understand any equipment used at tumbling classes, clinic, or open gyms has associated risks and that injuries are a possibility.
I further acknowledge that the athlete below has elected to participate in Sonic Elite Olympia programs at their own risk, and will not hold the Sonic Elite Olympia owners, and/or instructors liable for any and all injuries that may occur while participating in any activity or event that Sonic Elite Olympia may hold.
I hereby grant Sonic Elite Olympia and its successors, the unrestricted right to use my child's name, likeness, or appearance on any program literature, calendars, photographs, flyers, video material, film material, computer software, computer hardware, electronic on-line services, or other similar promotional material in any form, content or medium to promote or market Sonic Elite Olympia.
Athlete Name:
Parent Name:
Parent Signature:
Date:

# 2024-2025 SEO PREMIER ALL STAR FINANCIAL AGREEMENT (Return to SEO at evaluations)

2024/2025 Premier Team Fee Schedule (includes sales tax)											
5/1/24	6/1/24	7/1/24	8/1/24	9/1/24	10/1/24	11/1/24	12/1/24	1/1/25	2/1/25	3/1/25	4/1/25
\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00

New athletes will start paying on the 6/1/24 payment.
I, the parent of,
understand that I am solely responsible for paying each and every monthly payment outlined on the
2024-2025 season SEO Premier All-Star fee schedule above on its associated due date.
Please read and initial the following:
I understand that any and all monthly payments per the 2024-2025 season SEO Premier
All Star fee schedule above are 100% non refundable.
I understand that if at any point my athlete withdraws or is dismissed from Sonic Elite Olympia that I must pay 50% of the sum total of all unpaid monthly payments on the entire schedule above. (0% if I am active military and moving out of the area due to mandatory reassignmentmust provide orders with dependent's names.)
I agree to provide my bank account number and routing number or credit card information to Sonic Elite Olympia allowing each individual monthly payment to be automatically withdrawn from my bank account or charged to my credit card on its associated due date, per the 2024-2025 season SEO Premier All-Star fee schedule above.
I understand that all credit card transactions will be subject to an additional 3% fee.
I understand and agree that if any monthly payment per the 2024-2025 season SEO Premier All-Star fee schedule above is unsuccessful at the time it is transferred or charged, I will be responsible \$40 fee, which will be added to the failed payment. Sonic Elite Olympia will notify me via email the day of the unsuccessful bank transfer or card charge attempt.
I understand that if any monthly payment is not paid in full by the end of the third day of the month, immediately following that payment's original due date, my athlete will be benched at practice on the fourth day of that month. My athlete will remain benched at practice until the payment is made in

full. If my payment has not been paid in	full before the 15th day of the same month that it was originally
due, or mutually agreed upon payment	terms between myself and Sonic Elite Olympia have not been
made, my athlete will be permanently d	lismissed from Sonic Elite Olympia for the entire remainder of
the 2024-2025 season.	
Expectations of the SEO Premier All St	ete ever accrues a "no show fee" per Section 3 - Attendance ar Handbook, that my account will be charged \$50, which will due and automatically transferred or charged at the same time.
Attendance Expectations of the SEO P	ete ever accrues a "choreography fee" per section 3 - remier All Star Handbook, my account will be charged \$150 payment due and automatically transferred or charged at the
the evaluation that my athlete attends p	onsible for the Evaluation Fee that is associated with the date of per Section 1 - Evaluations /Team Placements. I also understand actice if these fees are not paid prior to the start of the season
By signing below I fully understand and 2025 Premier All-Star Financial Agreer	agree to all of the terms and conditions listed in the SEO 2024- ment:
Athlete Name:	
Parent Signature:	Date:
	card information will be removed and permanently destroyed ing entered into the SEO accounting program.
Bank Name:	
Bank Account Number:	
Bank Routing Number:	
OR	
Name on Card:	Billing Zip Code:
Credit Card Number:	Expiration Date:

# HEALTH AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Athlete Name:	
Date of Birth:	Age:
Current Grade:	
School:	
Street Address:	
City:	State: Zip:
	Cell:
Email:	
Fathers Name	Cell:
Email:	
Does your athlete have any allergies?	
If yes, please specify:	
Does your athlete have asthma? YES _	NO
(If yes, please make sure athletes have	any necessary medication with them at all SEO events.)
Does your athlete have any history of h	eart problems, seizures, or severe medical problems?
If yes, please specify:	
Has your athlete had any broken bones	, sprains, tears, or concussions?
YESNOIf yes, please sp	pecify:
Athletes Physician:	Phone:
Medical Insurance Provider	Policy #:
Emergency contact other than parents:	
Name:	Phone:
Relationship to Athlete:	
Name:	Phone: