

## What's Next for Cheer Parents?

- **All cheerleaders must have their age and address verified in their record.**
  - Please check in the parent portal under parent account details next to Birth Certificate Status and Address Verification Status. If verified your cheerleader is good. If unverified you can upload a picture of your athlete's **birth certificate** by clicking upload birth certificate and follow the steps.
- **Address verification will work online using PNM or NM Gas Bill.**
  - To verify the address click upload address certificate, you will have to type in the address exactly how it looks on your bill AND upload a picture or pdf of your PNM or NM Gas bill. You will be asked to type in and select the correct address on the map. Once you do so you should get a green check mark if that is the correct address on your cheerleader's record. If not, you will get an "X" stating it was not able to verify.
  - If you're having trouble uploading either the birth certificate or proof of address, please bring a copy of your athlete's birth certificate and proof of address within 10 days to the YAFL office at 5300 Ponderosa Ave NE 87110 (see website for hours).
- All Head Coaches are required to hold a team meeting prior to each of our seasons. The coach will contact you a few weeks before the start of the season with details about practice days, times and location.
- Find your child's Head Coach by logging into the website and click on Parent Portal – Parent Account Details – Scroll down & under your cheerleader's name you will see coaches' info once a coach is assigned.
- If you registered with a partial payment, Balance must be paid in full prior to your cheerleader being fit for a cheer uniform. Stay on track towards a complete registration by paying \$30 towards your balance weekly!
- If you registered for both Spring and Fall Cheer (7-14 yr. olds), your account balance must be \$140 or less by March 10<sup>th</sup>. If you registered for both Spring and Fall Junior Cheer (5/6 yr. olds), your account balance must be \$95 or less by March 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Spring Season

- Spring account balances must be paid in full by March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The first practice is March 24<sup>th</sup>, and the first games are on April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Spring Cheer Uniform Fittings:** Head Cheer Coaches will be in touch with their cheer parents regarding getting your cheerleader sized for a uniform. If you haven't heard from your head cheer by March 7<sup>th</sup>, come to the fitting on March 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm.
- If your cheerleader is assigned to a team with an assigned Head Cheer Coach, you may contact your cheerleader's Head Coach prior to hearing from them. You can find their contact info under the Parent Account Details on the NMYAFL website.
- The last regular season Spring games are on May 10<sup>th</sup>, the **Spring Semi-Finals** will be on May 17<sup>th</sup> and **Championships** on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

- Spring Cheer Competition:
  - Spring Fest: Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> at Bernalillo High School, more info will come from your cheer coach.

## **Fall Season**

- Fall account balances must be paid in full by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The first practice is on July 14<sup>th</sup> and the first games are on Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **Fall Cheer Uniform Fittings:** Head Cheer Coaches will be in touch with their cheer parents regarding getting your cheerleader sized for a uniform. If you haven't heard from your head cheer by June 27<sup>th</sup>, come to the fitting on June 28<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm.
- If your cheerleader is assigned to a team with an assigned Head Cheer Coach, you may contact your cheerleader's Head Coach prior to hearing from them. You can find their contact info under the Parent Account Details on the NMYAFL website.
- This year we will have August 30<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day weekend off with NO GAMES scheduled! Coaches may schedule practice the week before and the week after.
- The last regular season Fall games are on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, the **Fall Playoffs** will be on Oct. 11, Oct. 18/19, Oct. 25/26, and **Championships** on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Fall Competitions:
  - Spirit Fest: tentative dates are either Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> or Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>, more info to come from your cheer coach.
  - Cheer Fest: tentative dates are either Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> or Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, more info to come from your cheer coach.