

# 2026 DAA CHEERLEADING

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Have questions about DAA Cheerleading? Check out some of our FAQs and if you still have questions, email us at [info2.daacheer@gmail.com](mailto:info2.daacheer@gmail.com)

Dacula Athletic Association (DAA) Cheerleading is a recreational cheerleading league run by the DAA Cheerleading board and the Gwinnett Football League (GFL) in affiliation with Gwinnett Parks and Recreation. All children from grades 1st-8th are eligible to cheer.

### How do I register my child?

Walk-up/Online Registration – Begins, Saturday, March 14th from 10am to 2pm at Dacula High School Field House. Regular Online Registration will continue until Wednesday, May 27th.

### What are the age requirements?

Grades 1st – 8th. Your child must be registered at least for the 1st grade in the Fall 2026 to be eligible to cheer. However, there will be a limited number of kindergarten mascots accepted into the program for the 2026 Cheer Season.

### What is the registration cost for my child?

Fees: \$210: Camp T-Shirt, Tank & Short, Bow, Camp, Stunt Clinic, Cheer Off Fee, Cheer Off Routine, GFL Raffle Tickets, GFL Fees & Admin/Facility Fees.

Spirit Fee: \$100.00 Includes: \$100 goes towards the team for individual expenses.  
\*The coach can provide a budget to the parents for these expenses. Any fines assessed by your team will be deducted from this account.

Raffle Fee: \$50.00 - You can resell these to retrieve the cost or turn in the tickets with your name. Funds from raffle fees pay for raffle prizes and assist with the cheer program's overall operating fees and scholarships.

**NOTE: The registration fee is not refundable.**

**IMPORTANT – Gwinnett County charges an additional fee of \$90 for out of county registrants.**

### **What is the uniform cost?**

Mandatory fittings will be held on Saturday, April 18th. There will be no fittings outside of that date. Fittings are by appointment only. Details for uniform sign-ups will be emailed to parents once they have registered their cheerleader. The cost of an entire new uniform is \$235. (This includes: shell, skirt, liner, briefs, shoes, bow and poms.)

**IMPORTANT NOTE – We do accept credit cards on the day of fittings.**

### **What are shells, liners, and bloomers?**

Shells are the uniform tops and bloomers are the stretchy boy-shorts or briefs worn under the skirt. Liners are long-sleeved mid-riff tops used during cold weather and competitions under the shell.

### **If my child changes their mind after Registration, am I able to receive a refund?**

No, DAA does not issue refunds. Please make sure your family can commit to the season before registering your child.

### **Do you offer payment plans?**

We do offer 2 payment plans. During the month of March, you may spread the total cost across three (3) payments. A credit card is required to be on file. The first payment is due upon registration, and the other two payments are due in April and May. There is an additional \$3 fee charged for this convenience. This offer ends March 31<sup>st</sup> at midnight.

The second payment plan begins in the month of March and ends April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10pm. This payment plan allows the total cost to be spread across two (2) payments. A credit card is required to be on file. The first payment is due upon registration, and the other payment is due in either mid-April or mid-May, depending on when this payment plan is initiated. There is an additional \$3 fee charged for this convenience.

If any payment is returned, there will be an additional \$10 returned payment fee due. All payments are to be completed by May 30<sup>th</sup> by midnight. Non-payment will result in the registration process being incomplete and your child will be unable to participate for the 2026 season.

### **Will there be any scholarships available?**

The Dacula Cheer Board will accept applications for scholarships for the 2026 season until April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Applicants will be notified whether funds are available for scholarships.

### **What are fittings? Is it necessary to come if I already know my child's sizes?**

Fittings are when we have our apparel representatives available to try on size runs for each piece of apparel that we will order for your child. It is necessary to be at fittings to ensure a proper fit. Our uniforms are custom made to your child's measurements. It is your responsibility to approve the recommended sizes. This is the only opportunity that we will have to have access to all the size runs, so please make it a priority to attend. Fittings will be held Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Location TBD. Details for uniform sign-ups will be emailed to parents once they have registered their cheerleader. This is the only date available for fittings. Attendance is mandatory!

### **Can my daughter cheer for her brother's football team?**

This can only be accomplished if they are in the same grade/age bracket. Football places players on teams based on age and cheer is based on grade level. This is a GFL rule and it is strictly enforced. If you do have children who may fall within this grade/age bracket, please let us know so that we may ensure that they are on the same team.

### **My daughter has never cheered before, is that ok?**

Yes! We welcome new cheerleaders (with experience or none) to our program at any grade.

### **Does my daughter need to know how to tumble?**

No, tumbling is not a requirement to cheer. We do encourage tumbling classes at the gym of your choice which will help them with flexibility, stability, strength and prepare them for Middle and High School.

### **How long is the season?**

The season begins on July 20<sup>th</sup>. The regular season runs through October. If the team that your child cheers for makes it to the playoffs, it can possibly run up until mid-November.

### **What is cheerleading camp?**

Our cheerleaders will be taught cheer fundamentals, i.e.- jumps, motions, and cheers, as well as choreography for half-time and Cheer-Off routines.

### **Where do the games take place?**

The games are spread out around 19 Gwinnett County association parks. Every attempt is made to evenly distribute the home/away games, but please keep in mind that game schedules are provided to each team in each association by the GFL. The game schedule and directions to each park will be provided to your team coach once available.

### **How much do they practice?**

Typically, teams practice 2-3 times a week, depending on the coach, with games on Saturdays. GFL rules limit practices to 3 practices a week, once summer ends, plus games. There WILL NEVER be a Sunday cheer practice.

### **Does my child have to try out for a team?**

Every child is guaranteed a spot on a team. However, we do have assessments if we need to split a team into two due to having too many players on the football team your child will cheer for. Assessments are an opportunity for the coaches to assess the skills of each cheerleader to fairly divide up the teams. Assessments are not mandatory, but if your child is not assessed, their name will be blindly drawn from a hat and placed on a team. No exceptions! Assessments will be held in July. There is no experience required to cheer on any recreational cheerleading squad. Drafts are done in July. You should be hearing from your coaches in July.