

Whitney Jr Wildcats Cheer



Post Season Competition Squad Information Packet 2025-2026 Competition Season

Overview:

The WJW competition squad(s) are being created as an optional cheer squad(s) to allow the cheerleaders in the WJW youth cheer program to participate in a more competitive cheer program once the football season ends.

This cheer program will be different than the regular WJW youth cheer program. It is expected that the cheerleaders, coaches, instructors and parents will be more dedicated, skilled and competitive than during the youth football and cheer season. The commitment is greater, both financially and in terms of the time commitment.

Competition Squad Definition:

Based on the interest expressed, age and skill level of our cheerleaders, WJW will form one or more competition squads. The competition squad(s) will be comprised of cheerleaders from the Pee Wee (if age and skill level approved) through Midget squads. (Some exceptions in squad placement may be made based on age and skill level.) Participation on the competition squad(s) is optional (as outlined in the application and selection process below). The Vice President of Cheer and Cheer Director, will make the decision as to how many participants will be selected for each squad based on the number of interested applicants and their skill levels.

Competition Squad Coaches:

Coaches for the competition squad(s) will be appointed/selected by the Vice President of Cheer and Cheer Director. Coaches will be selected and appointed once teams have been formed. In order to be successful and create a competitive squad, the coaches require your full support and cooperation in adhering to attendance policies, practice schedules and cheer clinic commitments.

Selection Process:

Eligibility:

- In order to participate on the competition squad(s), cheerleaders must be between the ages of 9 and 14.
- All applicants must have cheered for WJW during the regular 2025 Football season.
- All applicants must have attended all mandatory events as outlined in the WJW try out information packet (i.e. all cheer camps, clinics and regular season competition events).
- Applicants must be in good standing with the WJW program (volunteer hours and outstanding balances paid).
- All applicants must have demonstrated a strong commitment to the team, exhibited positive and respectful attitudes (toward Coaches, Instructors and teammates) and had good attendance during the regular 2025 football season.

Evaluation:

Cheerleaders interested in participating on a WJW competition squad must complete a Notice of Interest and agree to the commitments outlined herein before they will be eligible for consideration. **The Notice of Interest Google Form must be submitted by Monday, October 27th.** There will be no tryouts held for participation on the competition squad(s). Cheerleaders will be evaluated by the Vice President of Cheer, Cheer Coordinator and Head Coaches based on team commitment, attitude, attendance and the following skills as demonstrated throughout the season:

- Tumbling
- Jumps
- Motions
- Dance
- Stunting strength and position
- Spirit/Attitude

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Note: The submission of a Notice of Interest to participate on the competition squad(s) **does not** guarantee selection and/or participation.

Selection:

The number of cheerleaders selected to participate on the competition squad(s) will be determined by the Vice President of Cheer, Cheer Coordinator and Head Coaches and based on skill level and available stunt group positions and needs.

Those cheerleaders who are selected to participate on the competition squad(s) will be notified via a posting of the competition squad roster(s) to the WJW web site (whitneyjrwildcats.com) by midnight on Thursday, October 30, 2025.

Those cheerleaders who are not selected to participate on the competition squad(s) this season are strongly encouraged to apply again next year. As cheerleaders leave the WJW program and/or move into other programs positions are vacated and new opportunities become available.

Parent Participation:

WJW is a volunteer non-profit organization and therefore parent participation and support is extremely important and necessary. During the competition season parents will be required to assist with fundraising activities as needed and volunteer to assist with event planning, care of indoor facilities, mat transportation and set up and provide support to the Head Coaches.

Competition Squad Schedule of Events:

The following schedule is intended to provide you with advance notice as to the level of commitment required for participation on the competition squad(s). Your signature on the Acknowledgement of Receipt Form below confirms your receipt of this document and agreement to meet these commitments.

- This schedule is subject to change based on facility availability and final competition dates selected.
- Additional stunt and/or choreography clinics not listed at this time may be scheduled throughout the competition season. Participation at all stunt/choreography clinics is mandatory. The penalty for missing a mandatory clinic will be removal from the competition squad.
- All competitions should be considered all day events.

TENTATIVE PRACTICE AND EVENT SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER	DATES	EVENT
	Week of the 10 th thru 14 th	Practice 3 nights this week. Days/Times TBD
	Week of the 17 th thru 21 st	Practice 3 nights this week. Days/Times TBD
	Week of the 24 th thru 28 th	No Practice. Thanksgiving Break
DECEMBER	DATES	EVENT
	Week of the 1 st thru 5 th	Practice 3 nights this week. Days/Times TBD
	Dec. 6th	JAMZ Adrenaline - Stockton
	Week of the 8 th thru 12 th	Practice 3 nights this week. Days/Times TBD
	Week of the 15 th thru 19 th	Practice 3 nights this week. Days/Times TBD
	Week of 22nd thru 26th	No Practice. Christmas Break
JANUARY	DATES	EVENT
	Week of the 12/30 thru 2 nd	Practice 2 nights this week. Days/Times TBD
	Week of the 5 th thru 9 th	Practice 3 nights this week. Days/Times TBD
	Jan. 10th	JAMZ Showdown at the Bay – Santa Clara
	Week of the 12 th thru 16 th	Practice 3 nights this week. Days/Times TBD
	Week of the 19 th thru 22 nd	Practice 3 nights this week. Days/Times TBD
	Jan. 23rd-26th	JAMZ Nationals – Las Vegas

Practices:

As mentioned previously, the competition season requires a higher level of commitment from both cheerleaders and their parents. In order to have adequate time to form the competition squad(s), learn the competition routine(s) and prepare the competition squad(s) for competition, the practice schedule is aggressive.

All practices require MANDATORY attendance and participation from every cheerleader. Competition squad practices are “closed” to non-participants (i.e. parents, siblings, friends, etc.) unless otherwise notified by the Head Coach. This allows the squad(s) to practice more effectively and focus with no disruption. Although all practices are mandatory, exceptions will be made for school functions or if a cheerleader becomes ill or an emergency situation arises. All absences must be reported to and approved by the designated Head Coach PRIOR to the beginning of a scheduled practice or function. **Absences must be reported to the head Coach.**

Competition Process:

Qualifiers:

Each organization requires that every squad attend at least one competition at which they must score a minimum number of points in order to qualify to compete JAMZ Nationals competition which is the final event of the cheer season.

Each WJW competition squad will select a number of qualifying competition dates in case the required minimum score is not received at the first competition. Even if the minimum score is received at the first competition, the squad(s) may choose to attend the second qualifying competition in order to gain valuable competitions experience.

Youth Nationals:

Unless otherwise determined prior to the beginning of the competition season, the WJW competition squad(s) will compete at the JAMZ Youth Nationals event on Jan. 25-26, 2026. The Youth Nationals competition requires travel to Las Vegas and could extend over two to three days. Cheerleaders will be required to miss school on the day before competition, generally a Friday, to allow time to travel.

The costs associated with travel, hotel accommodations and event tickets would be the responsibility of each individual family. A Parent or Guardian **MUST** be present at Nationals. An athlete cannot travel with another family.

Nationals Performance Dates:

11U – Sunday, January 25

Expected travel: January 23-26

13U – Monday, January 26

Expected travel: January 24-27

Estimated Costs to Participate:

COMPETITION SQUAD PARTICIPATION COST ESTIMATE	
Expense Description	Estimated Cost:
Facility fees	\$75
Administration Fees	\$25
Competition registration fees (2 Regionals + Nationals)	\$250
Competition team sweatshirt / team shirt and bow / gifts	\$80
Team Dinner	\$25
Total estimated cost to participate on the competition squad:	\$455

Payment due dates:

Additionally, the competition squad(s) may also consider conducting fund raising activities specifically to assist with costs associated with the competition season.

On November 1, 2025, an initial payment of \$200 is due. The balance of \$255 will be due on December 15, 2025.