



OCONEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT Cheerleading – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What age group will my child cheer in?

Ages 6-13

Divisions: OCHS/NOHS - 7U, 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U and 7th Grade/12U

The age control date is August 1, 2022. Age on that date determines league.

Are exceptions made to the age control date?

Occasionally, age divisions are merged together based on low registration totals. Approval from the Program Coordinator is required before a child can be placed in a different age level.

What do I need to wear/buy?

A fitted top & skirt, a pair of briefs & liner, (2) poms and a sweatshirt will be provided. Cheer or running shoes are recommended. We offer two **mandatory** fitting dates. All cheerleaders must attend **one**:

Thursday, May 12th, 4:00-7:00pm in the OVP Community Room
Saturday, June 18th, 9:00am-12:00pm in the OVP Community Room

Can I request a specific team or coach for my child to be placed with?

Team placement requests are not considered. Cheerleaders are placed by their age and school district. Head Coach's kid(s) and sibling(s), if a sibling is in the same league, are the only guaranteed placements.

Where will practices and games be held?

Practices are held at Oconee County Parks and Oconee/North Oconee school facilities. Games are held in High School stadiums at North Oconee, Oconee, and other locations within the NGYFA.

What days of the week will my child's team see activity?

There is no guarantee to any team/league on a specific week night; however, below are the primary days: Practices will be primarily held on Monday, Tuesday, and/or Thursday. Games are on Saturdays. Game start times will vary, ranging from 9:00am through 6:00pm. Youngest divisions typically play first.

How many kids make up a team?

Roster size will be 6 to 20 Cheerleaders. Total numbers fluctuate based on registration numbers.

Will my child make a team? Will there be "Try Outs"?

There will not be a "try out". Every Cheerleader registered will be assigned to a team.

Does OCYFL coordinate end of season trophies?

OCPRD does not coordinate or arrange for trophies or end of season awards. NGYFA will award trophies to the Super Bowl Champions, Super Bowl Runner Up **and their Cheerleaders**. All teams are encouraged to arrange a post-season celebration on their own.

Is there a role other than coaching where I can help?

Yes! Most coaches need a parent(s) for photography, end of season activities, snacks, etc.

What is the NGYFA?

The North Georgia Youth Football Association is the league we play in. North Oconee teams will be in the NFC Conference this season and Oconee teams will be in the AFC Conference this season. Visit www.ngyfa.org for schedules and info related to the league.

What is PAYS Requirement?

PAYS stands for the Parents Association of Youth Sports and is part of the National Association of Youth Sports.

At least one parent/guardian of each youth participant is required to complete the online PAYS program:

- Go to <http://www.nays.org/paysonline/how-it-works.cfm> and click "Get Started"
- Step 1 – Contact Information: Complete contact info, then click "Next"
- Step 2 – Select League/Agency Affiliation: Click "Yes", select "Oconee County Parks & Rec Dept" then click "Next"
- Step 3 – Payment Information: NO PAYMENT OR DONATION REQUIRED, simply click "Confirm"
- Step 4 – Confirmation: Click "Process"
- Thank You for Registering page appears, click "Next"
- Click "Start PAYS Course"
- Click on video to begin course
- Answer required course questions to complete

What do I need to do to volunteer to coach or to be an assistant coach?

1. Complete Volunteer Coach Application online at <https://register.communitypass.net/OconeeCounty>
1. Complete a Criminal History Consent Release form at [OCPRD Background Screening Form](#)
2. Head Coaches must be approved by the OCYFL Executive Board.
3. Complete the NYSCA Training.
4. Complete free online CDC Heads Up: Concussion in Youth Sports training and submit a printed copy of the CDC certification of completion to OCPRD (1 time only)
5. Complete Darkness to Light (1 time only)