



Sapphire

ELITE

SILVER TEAMS

Athlete Pack

2023 - 2024

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SILVER TIMETABLE

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE BELOW TEAMS THAT ARE PART OF OUR SILVER PATHWAY FOR THE 2023-2024 SEASON!

This pathway is for our athletes who have shown potential and commitment to growing into all round athletes, who can then progress into our Elite teams with the necessary confidence and skills in the future. Silver teams do still require a high level of commitment, and athletes/families who cannot commit to what's laid out in this pack should consider if this is the best pathway going forward.

Athletes on Silver Pathway are not required to attend additional classes as a mandatory part of their place on a team, but it is highly encouraged if they want to continue to grow and progress their skills.

Our teams below have been created with the new scoring system in mind, to maximise our ratio's to put the teams in the divisions we feel they will be the strongest and most confident in.

TEAM NAME	DIVISION	TRAINING DAY	TIME	MONTHLY COST	CROSSOVER
<i>Stardust</i>	<i>Youth Novice 1</i>	<i>Tuesdays</i>	<i>5.30-7</i>	<i>£51</i>	<i>NA</i>
<i>Radiance</i>	<i>Youth Prep 1</i>	<i>Tuesdays</i>	<i>5.30-7.30</i>	<i>£54</i>	<i>£37.80</i>
<i>Sparkle</i>	<i>Tiny Novice 1</i>	<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>4.30-5.30</i>	<i>£47.50</i>	<i>NA</i>
<i>Glitter</i>	<i>Mini Prep 1</i>	<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>5.30-7</i>	<i>£51</i>	<i>NA</i>

Membership fees are taken via direct debit monthly, and the cost is split across 11 monthly payments which runs from September 2023 to mid July 2024.

If you withdraw from a team mid season it results in immediate removal from the team and no refunds will be provided

ADDITIONAL COSTS

ONE OFF FEES	COST	PAYMENT DATE	WHAT IS IT?
<i>Joining Fee</i>	£35	On Acceptance	COVERS PROCESSING FEES, MUSIC CONTRIBUTION, EXTRA TRAININGS & TRAINING T-SHIRT - NEEDED TO SECURE PLACE
<i>Insurance</i>	£14.49	01/09/23	ONE OFF ANNUAL FEE TO COVER ATHLETE INSURANCE DURING TRAINING *LAST YEARS PRICE WAS £15.99 AS A GUIDE BUT THIS MAY CHANGE.
<i>Choreography</i>	TBC	18/09/23	COVERS MUSIC COSTS AND CHOREOGRAPHY DAY TRAINING - THIS WILL BE CONFIRMED AT THE START OF SEPT WHEN TEAMS ARE FINALISED

All our teams across our SILVER Pathway will be getting new uniforms this season.
If you already own a WHITE bow, this will stay the same.

UNIFORM	COST	PAYMENT DATE	WHAT TEAMS?
<i>Tiny Uniform</i>	£75	25/09/23	COMPULSORY FOR ALL ATHLETES ON SPARKLE AND STARDUST - TOP & SHORTS
<i>Long Top</i>	£99	25/09/23	COMPULSORY FOR ALL ATHLETES ON RADIANCE AND GLITTER
<i>Skirt</i>	£45	25/09/23	COMPULSORY FOR ALL ATHLETES ON RADIANCE AND GLITTER
<i>White Bow</i>	£15	25/09/23	COMPULSORY FOR ALL ATHLETES ON A SILVER SAME, UNLESS YOU ALREADY OWN A WHITE TAILLESS BOW FROM THE PREVIOUS SEASON



COMPETITIONS



Our Silver pathway teams will be attending between 4 competitions this season, to allow for growth between the competitions.

We recommend a hotel stay for Legacy Nationals in Birmingham - These must be arranged by athletes/families themselves, and Sapphire are not responsible for getting athletes to competition. Hotels do often book up in advance, so we recommend booking these as early as possible

All competitions are compulsory for all athletes on a Silver team - If you are unable to commit to all competitions, please notify us as soon as possible, as it may be better for those athletes to commit to an alternative Pathway team instead for the season.

Please note, what days teams compete on will not be confirmed until nearer to competition, so please allow for the whole weekend.

PLEASE NOTE - the below pricing is all estimated costs and WILL change. We do not expect them to be higher than the below.

COMPETITION	COST	CROSSOVER	COMPETITION DATES	LOCATION
<i>Legacy Just Believe</i>	£50	£35	17TH-18TH FEB '24	STRATFORD
<i>FC Spotlight Showdown</i>	£43	£33	16TH-17TH MARCH '24	COLCHESTER
<i>Cheer City Summer Games</i>	£35	£27.50	18TH-19TH MAY '24	HATFIELD
<i>Legacy Nationals</i>	£60	£35	8TH-9TH JUNE '24	BIRMINGHAM



ATTENDANCE POLICY



Attendance is absolutely vital for all training sessions across all of our competing teams.

THE RED ZONE

The Red Zone is the 2 week period prior to competition, and athletes are not allowed to miss training sessions during this period for any reason. If an athlete misses a training in the Red Zone, they will be removed from the competition as it is not fair on the team to not feel as prepared as possible. When one athlete doesn't attend a session, the rest of the team is unable to utilise the training session to their full capacity, which has a huge affect on them.

If athletes consistently miss training sessions, authorised or unauthorised, you will be moved to a Bronze Pathway team that requires less commitment.

Please note, any athlete absences will not be discussed with anyone other than that athlete & their family, and it is at the coaches discretion as to what necessary action will be taken, given the circumstances of the situation. Athletes who miss a competition last minute will be removed to a reserve position for the remainder of the season, reason dependant.

Exams & Revision are NOT an acceptable reason to not attend training - Athletes should plan ahead and be aware of their schedule prior to when exams take place. If you should require any advice, our coaches (who have all gone through school and university whilst still competing) will be more than happy to advise, and there may be some negotiation on training times.

Any planned absences MUST be communicated to the coaches via email as early as possible, but with a minimum notice period of 4 weeks, including holidays: SAPPHIRE@AFFINITYACADEMY.CO.UK

Authorised Absence

GRADED SCHOOL EVENT
FAMILY DEATH
SICKNESS WITH VOMITING
NECESSARY SCHOOL TRIPS SUCH
AS RESIDENTIALS
(Should not fall within red zone)

Unauthorised Absence

UNAPPROVED HOLIDAYS
(If during training weeks)
HOMEWORK/REVISION
BIRTHDAYS/PARTIES
TIREDNESS
UNGRADED SCHOOL EVENT
EXAMS
(Please see notes above)



SILVER CALENDAR



July/August

- 28/07/23 ACCEPTANCE DEADLINE
- 28/07/23 FINAL DATE FOR JOINING FEE
- 18/08/23 FIRST MEMBERSHIP FEE TAKEN

September

- 01/09/23 INSURANCE PAYMENT
- 04/09/23 FIRST WEEK OF TRAININGS
- 18/09/23 CHOREOGRAPHY FEE DUE
- 25/09/23 UNIFORM PAYMENT

October

- 01/10/23 GLITTER CHOREO DAY
- 02/10/23 LEGACY JB PAYMENT
- 15/10/23 SPARKLE CHOREO DAY
- 23/10/23 FINISH FOR HALF TERM
- 27/10/23 RETURN FROM HALF TERM
- 28/10/23 STARDUST CHOREO DAY
- 28/10/23 RADIANCE CHOREO DAY

November

- 08/11/23 FC SPOTLIGHT SHOWDOWN
COMP PAYMENT

December

- 20/12/23 CLOSED FOR XMAS BREAK

January

- 04/01/24 RETURN FROM XMAS BREAK
- 08/01/24 CHEER CITY PAYMENT
- 28/01/24 SAPPHIRE SHOWCASE

February

- 05/02/23 LEGACY NAT'S PAYMENT
- 17/02/24 LEGACY JB DAY 1
- 18/02/24 LEGACY JB DAY 2
- 19/02/24 CLOSE FOR HALF TERM
- 23/02/24 RETURN FROM HALF TERM

March

- 03/03/24 PRE-COMP CAMP
- 16/03/24 FC SS COMP DAY 1
- 17/03/23 FC SS COMP DAY 2
- 29/03/24 CLOSE FOR EASTER

April

- 15/04/24 RETURN FROM EASTER
- 28/04/24 PRE-COMP CAMP

May

- 18/05/24 CHEER CITY COMP DAY 1
- 19/05/24 CHEER CITY COMP DAY 2
- 27/05/24 FINISH FOR HALF TERM
- 31/05/24 RETURN FROM HALF TERM

June

- 08/06/24 LEGACY NATS DAY 1
- 09/06/24 LEGACY NATS DAY 2
- 11/06/24 LEVEL UP SKILLS WEEKS
BEGIN FOR 3 WEEKS

July

- 01/07/24 FAMILY SHOWOFFS IN TEAM
TRAINING SESSIONS
- 09/07/24 START OF TRYOUTS WEEK!
- 12/07/24 SAPPHIRE END OF SEASON
AWARDS NIGHT (DATE MAY
CHANGE)

SUPPORTING CLASSES

All athletes on a Silver pathway team are expected to attend at least one additional class where applicable to support their team trainings, either Tumble or Stretch & Flex. Athletes wanting to fly on a Silver team are also expected to take part in our 'Stretch & Flex' program - If this is not possible, please discuss with our coaches to look at alternative options.

If you are unable to attend our tumble classes, Affinity also offer alternative Gym Tumble classes on a Thursday.

Please note, any Saturday Classes that move due to competition will be made up at an alternative session.

TO REGISTER FOR THE BELOW CLASSES, PLEASE EMAIL HELLO@AFFINITYACADEMY.CO.UK. PLEASE NOTE - ALL SUPPORT CLASSES RUN ACROSS A 12 MONTH PAYMENT SCHEME.

COMPETITION	COST	WHEN	WHAT IS IT?
<i>Stretch & Flex</i> OPTION 1	£29.40 (MONTHLY)	TUESDAYS 7:00PM-7.45PM	FOR ATHLETES AGED 10+ FOCUSING ON FLEXIBILITY & STRENGTHENING, INCLUDED KEY FLYER SKILLS & SHAPES.
<i>Stretch & Flex</i> OPTION 2	£29.40 (MONTHLY)	WEDNESDAYS 4.45PM-5.30PM	FOR ATHLETES AGED 7+ FOCUSING ON FLEXIBILITY & STRENGTHENING, INCLUDED KEY FLYER SKILLS & SHAPES.
<i>Cheer Tumble</i> ELITE LEVEL 3+	£29.40 (MONTHLY)	THURSDAYS 7PM-7.45PM	CHEER SPECIFIC TUMBLE CLASS ATHLETES WORKING LEVEL 3+ SKILLS MUST HAVE A SOLID STANDING & RUNNING BACK HANDSPRING
<i>Cheer Tumble</i> BEGINNER LEVEL 1-2	£29.40 (MONTHLY)	SATURDAY 9.30AM-10.15AM	CHEER SPECIFIC TUMBLE CLASS BEGINNER LEVEL CLASS FOCUSING ON ATHLETES NEW TO TUMBLE - NO MINIMUM SKILL REQUIREMENT
<i>Cheer Tumble</i> INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 3+	£29.40 (MONTHLY)	SATURDAY 11AM-11.45AM	CHEER SPECIFIC TUMBLE CLASS FOR ATHLETE WORKING ON LEVEL 3+ SKILLS, SUCH AS SERIES FLICKS, TUCKS, LAYOUTS AND FULL TWISTS

ACCEPTING YOUR PLACE

Before you accept your place...

PLEASE ASK YOURSELF THE BELOW QUESTIONS...

1. CAN I COMMIT TO THE FULL SEASON OF A SILVER COMPETITIVE TEAM, INCLUDING DATES, ATTENDANCE AND FEES?
2. IS THIS THE MOST SUITABLE PATHWAY FOR ME/MY ATHLETE FOR CHEERLEADING?
3. DO I UNDERSTAND THE COMMITMENT TO A TEAM SPORT, AND HOW THE SEASON AHEAD WILL WORK?

IF YOU ARE UNSURE ON ANY OF THE ABOVE, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO US VIA EMAIL AT SAPPHIRE@AFFINITYACADEMY.CO.UK AND WE'LL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO HELP.

How to register your place...

- LOG INTO YOUR LOVEADMIN ACCOUNT - YOUR USERNAME IS IN YOUR PLACEMENT EMAIL!
- SELECT THE 'PAYMENT' TAB ONCE YOU'VE LOGGED IN.
- ON THE LEFT UNDER 'CLASSES', YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SELECT YOUR OFFERED TEAMS.

YOUR JOINING FEE OF £35 WILL BE TAKEN ON ACCEPTANCE OF YOUR TEAM PLACE TO SECURE YOUR SPOT.

(IF YOUR DIRECT DEBIT IS ALREADY SET UP, YOU WILL SEE THE FOLLOWING 'YOU HAVE PREAUTHORISED AFFINITY GYMNASTICS TO COLLECT PAYMENT UPON REQUEST'. IF THIS DOES NOT DISPLAY, YOU WILL NEED TO TICK THE BOX TO AUTHORISE FUTURE PAYMENTS, AND CLICK TO PAY BY 'DIRECT DEBIT', THEN THE PURPLR 'PAY HERE' BUTTON.

- ONCE YOU HAVE SUCCESSFULLY SELECTED YOUR TEAM, IT WILL NO LONGER APPEAR UNDER CLASSES.
- PLEASE REMEMBER, YOUR CROSSOVER TEAM IS OPTIONAL, AND CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AS YOUR CORE TEAM. YOUR FIRST TEAM IS WHERE THE COACHES THINK YOU WILL BE STRONGEST.

THE MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT WILL BE TAKEN ACROSS 11 PAYMENTS PRO-RATA ACROSS THE SEASON. YOUR FIRST PAYMENT WILL BE REQUESTED ON 18/09/23, THEN ON THE 18TH OF EACH MONTH FOR THE MONTH FOLLOWING.

**ACCEPTANCE
DEADLINE:
28TH JULY 2023**

**INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW CAN BE FOUND
IN PLACEMENT EMAILS & BELOW**