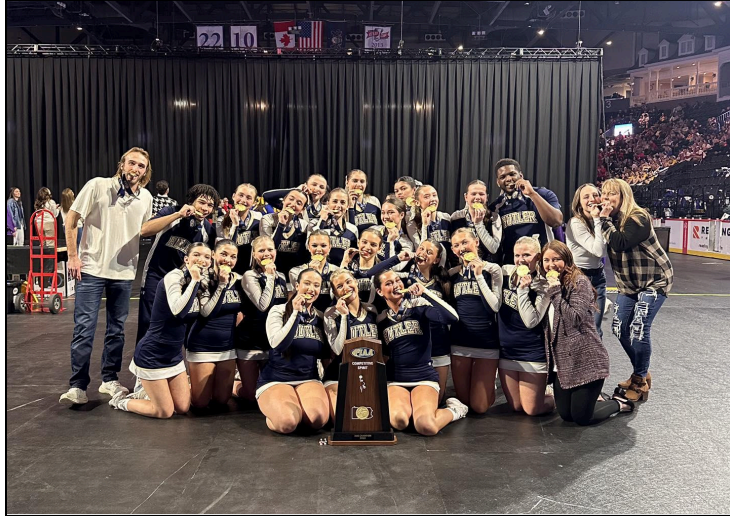




BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING



5X PIAA STATE CHAMPIONS

Game Squad Tryouts will be held on Friday, May 9
Competition Tryouts will be held on Monday, May 12

Practices will begin the week of Monday, May 19
Clothing order forms are due by May 23

Tryout information and paperwork can be found on our website, butlercheerleading.com.

Follow us on Facebook (@ButlerTornadoCheer) and Instagram (@bhs__cheer)
for the most up to date information.



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TRYOUT INFORMATION

All evaluations, tryout clinics, and practices are closed to the public.

2025-2026 BUTLER CHEER TRYOUT SCHEDULE				
Date	Time	What	Where	Notes
Mon., April 28	5-6:15pm 6:15-7:30pm	Varsity Competition Evaluations JHS Competition Evaluations	CT Cafe	9th grade athletes who wish to be considered for either competition team should attend both competition evaluations
Weds., April 30	5-6:15pm 6:15-7:30pm 7:30-8:30pm	Varsity Competition Evaluations JHS Competition Evaluations Mandatory Tryout Meeting	CT Cafe	Mandatory tryout meeting covers tryout and season expectations
Mon., May 5	5-6pm 6-7:30pm 7:30-8:30pm	Varsity Competition Evaluations Tryout Practice: Learn tryout material and working skills JHS Competition Evaluations	CT Cafe	All tryout registration items are DUE! Completed interest form, policy form, competition contract, and parents/athletes join the Tryout Band
Weds., May 7	5-6pm 6-7:30pm 7:30-8:30pm	Varsity Competition Evaluations Tryout Practice: Continue learning material and working skills JHS Competition Evaluations	CT Cafe	
Thurs., May 8	6-7:30pm	Mock Tryouts and Open Practice	SHS Gym	Athletes will have the opportunity to work their tumbling and stunting skills on the basketball court and
Fri., May 9	GR 11&12: 3:30pm GR 9&10: 4pm GR 8: 5:30pm GR 7: 6pm	Game Squad Tryouts! Athletes should report 15 minutes prior to the start time of their grade level evaluations	Meet in Upper SHS Gym	Tryout Appearance: -Wear plain dark shorts and a plain white top that's tucked in and cheer shoes (or athletic shoes if you do not already have shoes) -Female athletes should wear their hair in a slicked back ponytail (bow preferred)
Mon., May 12	5-6pm 6-7pm	Varsity Competition Tryouts JHS Competition Tryouts	CT Cafe	Wear running shoes, bring cheer shoes. All other tryout info (what to wear and number the same as game squad)
Weds., May 14	6-7:30pm	Mandatory Season Kickoff Parent Meeting	CT Cafe	-Season overview: important dates, practice schedules, mandatory paperwork -Booster elections for board members



IMPORTANT TRYOUT NOTES:

- Tryout registration is DUE no later than May 5 - the first day of formal tryout practices.
- The 2025-2026 Butler Cheerleading Handbook is available on our website, butlercheerleading.com/tryouts. Athletes and parents/guardians are expected to read and review the handbook prior to signing the required policy and agreement forms.
- Friends and family are not permitted in the building during practices or tryouts. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Athletes going into 9th grade that wish to be considered for the Junior High Competition team if not selected for Varsity should attend evaluations for both teams.
- NEW IN 2025! - JV and Varsity will be evaluated on their stunting abilities at game squad tryouts.

SUMMER PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

- Varsity Competition: Monday 5-7 and Wednesday 6:30-8
- Varsity Game Squad: Wednesday 5-6:30
- JV Game Squad: Tuesday 5-7
- JHS Competition: Monday 7-9 and Thursday 5-6
- JHS Game Squad: Thursday 6-7

FAQ:

- What are the tumbling requirements?
 - We do not have tumbling requirements but having tumbling will provide athletes with the opportunity to gain more points on their scoresheet. Athletes can max out their tumbling score at game squad tryouts with a jump tuck and roundoff backhandspring layout. Game squad tryouts are held on the basketball court. NFHS rules apply so twisting skills are not permitted.
- Why is stunting now a part of the scoresheet for athletes trying out for JV and Varsity?
 - Stunting has become an increasingly important part of the high school game day experience at Butler. It is expected that athletes at this level are able to execute basic stunts.
- If I don't have any tumbling, can I still make a team?
 - Yes! If you excel in the other areas of the scoresheet, you can make up for a lack of tumbling.
- What if I have never stunted before?
 - We encourage you to come to open gyms and material days to learn! We are here to help you grow as an athlete. You may surprise yourself and catch on quickly!
- Do males have to jump or dance?
 - No. We look to our male athletes primarily for their strength in stunting!



TRYOUT CHECKLIST

All athletes need to complete and turn in the following items by **MAY 5** to complete tryout registration:

_____ Completed ONLINE Tryout Interest Form

_____ Athlete and Parent/Guardian Join the 2025-2026 Tryout Band

_____ Insurance waiver filled out and signed

_____ Butler Cheer Policy Form

_____ Butler Competition Agreement Form



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INSURANCE INFORMATION AND RELEASE FORM

Athlete's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

I, the undersigned parent, or legal guardian of the above-named participant, do hereby give my permission for their participation in Butler Cheer tryouts for the 2025-2026 year, as well as participation in the Butler Cheer program for the 2025-2026 year if they are selected.

I also certify that their physical condition is such that they may fully participate in the Butler Cheer program without harmful effect. In granting said permission, I hereby release and agree to hold harmless Butler Area School District, coaches, and sponsors from any liability arising out of an injury or damage the above-named youth might sustain while engaged in cheer tryouts, cheer practices, cheer performances, games, or competitions during the year.

I understand that cheer is a dangerous sport. Even as coaches and advisors work to keep each individual safe, accidents do happen. In the event of injury, I hereby give my permission for a physician, athletic trainer, coach, or school employee to retain emergency medical services including surgical treatment and procedures for my athlete. I also grant permission for the supervisor(s) to administer medication as indicated by a physician.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Insurance Company Name: _____ Ins. Co. Phone #: _____

Policy #: _____ Group/Plan #: _____

Allergies: _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone #: _____

If parent/guardian cannot be reached at the above number(s), please list an emergency contact:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____



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Butler Cheer Policy Agreement Form

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that I have completely read and fully understand the 2025 – 2026 Butler Cheerleading handbook and agree to all rules inside.

The coaches take the utmost time and dedication to make sure the rules and regulations are being adhered to by all athletes within the Butler Cheer Program. Special rare circumstances may affect decisions made by the coaching staff in very unique situations. We try our very best to hold each and every athlete to the same standard, but as in life, sometimes unavoidable exceptions need to be made. These decisions are strictly at the discretion of the coaching staff!

This signed paper must be turned in on the first day of tryouts. Athletes cannot tryout without a signed policy agreement form.

Athlete Name: _____

Athlete Grade for the Upcoming Season: _____

Athlete Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Relationship to Athlete: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Butler Competition Agreement Form

In order to be a member of the Junior High or Varsity Competition teams, you must initial each of the following conditions and sign at the bottom. Please understand that you will be held to all of the rules and expectations listed in the Butler Cheerleading Contract in addition to this one. Breaking this contract will result in probation and/or removal from the Competition team.

PARENT ATHLETE

1. _____ I understand that being on a competition team requires more time, dedication, and commitment than participation on a game squad team. I agree to put in the extra time and commitment required to compete at a high level and promise to always give my best to the team.
2. _____ I understand that I will be required to attend ALL team practices, camps, and events, and that missing more than the allowed number of practices/events could result in my removal from the team.
3. _____ I understand that excuses will not be accepted for missing practice within two weeks of a competition and choosing to not follow this guideline may result in being benched for the competition and/or my spot on the team being moved.
4. _____ I understand that I will not be allowed to miss any scheduled competitions for any reason and that doing so may result in my removal from the team.
5. _____ I understand that being a member of the competition team requires me to work on my individual skills (ex. tumbling) outside of normal practice time, as attending practice is the bare minimum requirement.
6. _____ I understand that if I am a returning member, I am expected to have bettered my tumbling and stunting skills from the start of the previous season and understand that I should always be working hard to improve my stunting and tumbling skill levels and abilities.
7. _____ I understand that my spot on the competition team is never guaranteed and that I must work to earn my spot as a competing member. My grade level and seniority on the team does not guarantee me a position as a competing member.
8. _____ I understand that being a member of the Varsity Competition team requires a team trip to Florida for UCA Nationals, in addition to camps and other extra competition costs. I agree to fundraise and/or cover the additional competition expenses.
9. _____ I understand that being a member of the Varsity Competition team will include overnight trips where the athletes rooms together and roommates are assigned by the coaching staff. Athletes travel independently for regionals, via a team bus for States, and a team flight for Nationals.
10. _____ I understand that being a member of the Varsity Competition team will also require my attendance at UCA Camp, Proven Skills Camp, traditional choreography, and game day choreography in addition to weekly practices over summer break.

If you understand and agree to all the conditions explained above, please sign below. We are excited to have you as a potential member of the Butler Competition program for the 2025-2026 season!

Parent Signature

Date

Athlete Signature

Date