



2020 INFORMATION PACK

GENERAL ENQUIRIES: deakindevils@gmail.com

WEBSITE



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@deakindevils



ABOUT OUR CLUB

Deakin Devils offer competitive and social cheerleading and dance to our members. We provide a friendly atmosphere for our athletes to gain, develop and improve upon their cheer and dance skills during weekly training sessions and competitions throughout the year. While dance and gymnastics experience is fantastic, our teams cater to a range of skill levels and we highly encourage beginners to apply! We invite males and females to contact us via our Facebook page or email for further information. If you're ready to be a part of the red, white and black, become a member of the Deakin Devils today!

2020 COMMITTEE

Our committee is here to help you with anything and everything Devils! You will see us around at our events and training sessions, so don't be afraid to come up and say hi!

EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT – Lily Thornley

TREASURER – Jess Whelan

Contact Jess for any information or issues relating to fees!
treasurer.deakindevils@gmail.com

SECRETARY – Amber Kellam

Contact Amber for issues relating to your membership!

WELFARE OFFICER – Nick Buckley

Contact Nick for information relating to absences or any complaints!
welfare.deakindevils@gmail.com

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Stephanie Dimitrio

Kody Yates

Florence Bennett

Chloe Belani

Rhianna Shearer

OUR PROGRAM

RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

Our recreational program is open to EVERYONE aged 18+ (and current Deakin students aged 16+), who hold a valid Devils membership. Deakin University students are highly encouraged to attend. Please note: athletes who are not a current, or deferred, Deakin University student MUST hold a valid AASCF membership to participate. This can be purchased at any time through the Club. Devils memberships can be purchased via the DUSA website at any time.

CHEER

- Train Sunday 6pm - 7pm
- Casual attendance in T1
- Opportunity to compete later in the season (States) in Open 1NT
- Minimal fees - pay as you go
- No experience required!

TUMBLE

- Train Tuesday (see next page)
- Casual attendance all year
- Pay as you go
- Train alongside our competitive athletes
- No experience required

COMPETITIVE PROGRAM

ALL athletes on our competitive teams MUST be current Devils members and MUST hold a valid AASCF membership. Devils memberships can be purchased via the DUSA website at any time. AASCF memberships will be organised through the Club at the beginning of the season (after team placements) and is included in your registration fee.

Please note that although our Open Level 3NT Cheer, Lyrical/Contemporary and University Pom teams list required skills, this will not be determinative of team placements. All athletes will be assessed on numerous factors, including prior experience, attendance history, performance, skill level and athlete numbers.

Team placements will be determined by our Coaches, who reserve the right to move athletes between teams at any stage throughout the year.

If you have any concerns after you have received your team placement, please contact our Welfare Officer, Nick, via email: welfare.deakindevils@gmail.com.

COMPETITIVE PROGRAM

UNI LEVEL 1/2NT CHEER

- Train Sunday 4pm - 6pm
- Train Tumble on Tuesday
- MUST be a current, or deferred, Deakin University student
- No experience required

OPEN LEVEL 3NT CHEER

- Train Sunday 7pm - 9pm
- Train Tumble on Tuesday
- Open to everyone aged 18+ (current Deakin students aged 16+ welcome)
- Level 2+ experience required

LYRICAL/CONTEMPORARY

- Train Friday 5:30pm – 7:30pm
- MUST be a current, or deferred, Deakin University student

UNIVERSITY POM

- Train Thursday 7pm – 9pm
- MUST be a current, or deferred, Deakin University student

REQUIRED SKILLS FOR LYRICAL AND UNIVERSITY POM

- technically sound (dance background)
- execute a double pirouette
- flexibility is incredibly important
- strength and fitness
- Have a jete, straddle and/or Russian perfected
- motivated and eager to improve
- dedication and commitment

NOVICE POM

- Train Thursday 5pm – 7pm
- Open to everyone aged 18+ (current Deakin students aged 16+ welcome)
- No experience required

HIP HOP

- Train Wednesday 7:30pm – 9pm
- MUST be a current, or deferred, Deakin University student
- No experience required

TUMBLE

ALL cheer athletes on our Uni Level 1/2NT and Open Level 3NT teams MUST attend tumble training on Tuesday evenings. Dance athletes may attend tumble classes as a part of our recreational program.

BEGINNER TUMBLE

- Train Tuesday 8:15pm – 9:30pm
- No experience required

ADVANCED TUMBLE

- Train Tuesday 7:30pm – 8:45pm

TEAM PLACEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE: all Deakin Devils trainings have been cancelled until further notice as per the advice of Deakin University in response to COVID-19. Please refer to our Facebook page for the most up to date information.

Team Placements give you the opportunity to try cheer and dance with no pressure or commitment, and give our coaches the chance to assess your skill level!

Team Placements will be based on athlete numbers, experience and skill level. While we endeavour to have six competitive teams in the 2020 season, this may change once team sign ups have closed.

ATTENDING PLACEMENTS

All athletes who attend team placements must complete our online registration form prior to attending their first session. This must be completed prior to the commencement of the session or you will not be permitted to participate. All athletes attending cheer placements will also be required to complete a venue waiver upon entry.

This year we will be splitting our cheer placements into two sessions! If you are completely new to cheer or have level 1 experience, please attend the BEGINNER CHEER session. If you have level 2+ experience, please attend the ADVANCED CHEER session! Please note that the session you attend will not be determinative of the team you are placed in.

Please note that all current Deakin Students will be covered by their Student Insurance for any injury obtained during these sessions. All current AASCF members will be covered by Sportscover for any injury obtained. If you are not a current Deakin student or AASCF member, you will not be covered by insurance and you participate at your own risk. The Club will obtain AASCF insurance for all non-student and competing athletes after team placements have been completed. The cost of this insurance will be included in your registration fee upon signing up to a team.

REGISTER FOR PLACEMENTS HERE

You are only required to complete this form
once for all sessions



PLACEMENT FEE

All athletes who attend team placements will be required to pay a small placement fee per session. This must be paid online prior to the commencement of the session – cash will not be accepted. Ensure you select the correct session – tickets cannot be transferred to an alternate date. Please note that this fee is non-refundable.

Further details regarding payment will become available in the coming weeks.

CHEER

\$10 for Devils/DUSA members

\$15 for non-members

HIP HOP, POM & LYRICAL

\$5 for Devils/DUSA members

\$10 for non-members

SIGNING UP TO A TEAM

At the conclusion of each placement session, all attendees will be emailed a link to the online team sign up form. This must be completed by the date indicated on the following page in order to be placed on a team. Should any vacancies remain on teams, we may advertise further placement sessions. If you miss team placements and would like to join a team, please get in contact with us to arrange a trial!

SIGNING UP TO THE RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

If you wish to join our Recreational Program, you do not have to attend team placements (however you are more than welcome to!).

Please note that if you are not a current Deakin student and do not meet the skill requirements for the Open Level 3 cheer team, you will be placed on the recreational team. This is to ensure the safety of all participants.

2020 CALENDAR

A comprehensive calendar will be provided to athletes upon signing up to a team.

2020 FEES

Information regarding fees will be released in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye out on our social media for an updated copy of this Information Pack.

UNIFORM

COMPETITIVE PROGRAM – COMPULSORY ITEMS

All competitive athletes will receive a 2020 T-shirt and Club Bow (included in fees).

CHEER		POM	
Female Uniform	\$110	Uniform	\$255
Male Uniform	\$115	Competition Bow	\$17
Competition Bow	\$10	Jazz Shoes (tan)	\$45
Cheer Shoes	\$99	Tights (skintone)	\$15
Socks	\$15		

LYRICAL/CONTEMPORARY		HIP HOP	
Uniform	\$TBC	Uniform	\$TBC
Jazz Shoes (tan)	\$45		
Tights (skintone)	\$15		

Please note: the same shoes and tights will be used for both Pom and Lyrical. Jazz shoes must be slip on – no laces.

OPTIONAL MERCHANDISE

Various optional merchandise items will be available throughout the year.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Second hand uniforms and merchandise is available via our “Deakin Devils Secondhand Merchandise” Facebook group. This can be found by selecting the “Groups” tab on our Facebook page or by following the QR Code below:



COMMITMENT

MEMBERSHIP

All athletes are required to be a current financial Club member for the duration of the season. Memberships can be purchased online via the DUSA website (following the QR Code) or at DUSA front of house.

BECOME A DEVILS MEMBER

\$5 DUSA Members
\$10 non-members



All competing and non-student athletes are required to hold a valid AASCF membership for the duration of the season. The Club will facilitate the payment of your membership

All athletes who are current Deakin University students will be covered under their Deakin Student Insurance for any injuries sustained during training or competitions. All athletes who are not current Deakin University students are not covered by Deakin Insurance. Non-Deakin students train at their own risk until they have obtained an AASCF membership. All athletes who hold a valid AASCF membership can make a claim under Sportscover for any injuries sustained at training.

ATTENDANCE

Competitive athletes are required to attend all training sessions. Athletes are expected to arrive to training ten minutes prior to the start of their designated training time, and to be ready to train at the time training begins. An approved absence is when an athlete does not attend training, but has obtained permission from the Executive to do so. All other absences are considered not approved.

Absences may be approved for the following reasons:

- Serious illness or injury or hospitalisation
- Family emergencies
- University requirements (placement, compulsory classes, exams)
- Weddings and funerals
- Planned absences (see Club Code of Conduct for further details)

Absences will NOT be approved for the following reasons:

- Minor illness or injury (attendance is required, however participation is not required)
- Work
- Parties or other social events

- Being suspended from training (you will be notified whether you are expected to attend and watch training)

Please note, while absences will be approved for university requirements, any period that requires more than one absence may impact on your ability to participate in any upcoming competitions, at the discretion of the Coach and Executive.

While all training sessions are compulsory, a three-week blackout period applies directly before any competition the Club enters. Should any absence within this period be not approved, your place on the team for the approaching competition may be in jeopardy, at the discretion of the Coach and Executive.

FEES

All athletes must purchase uniforms from the Club. If uniform fees (for both optional and compulsory items) are not paid on time, you will incur a \$10 late fee per week, at the discretion of the Treasurer. Second-hand uniform swaps are allowed, and will be facilitated by the Club.

All athletes must pay their fees by the date set by the Club Executive. Fees may be paid in instalments as set by the Treasurer or in full at the beginning of the year. All fees are non-refundable. No discount or refund on fees will be given if:

- You do not attend or participate in training;
- You withdraw from your team(s); or
- You are suspended or dismissed from your team(s).

If an athlete is unable to pay their fees, they must complete a Fee Extension Form no later than one week before the payment deadline. If training fees are not paid on time, you will incur a \$20 late fee per week, at the discretion of the Treasurer. If merchandise fees or competition entry fees are not paid by the due date, you will incur a late fee of \$10 per week, at the discretion of the Treasurer. Further, any athlete with outstanding fees will not be permitted to participate in training until the debt is cleared or alternate arrangements are made with the Treasurer.