

PIERCE ATHLETICS

GYM POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Welcome to Pierce Athletics! It is our goal that each athlete learns while having a great experience. We will provide a structured tumbling and/or cheerleading foundation for athletes who are willing to accept challenges, learn teamwork, develop their character and progress their skills. We recognize that everyone is an individual; therefore, our instruction is personalized to each athlete allowing them to grow at his or her own speed and potential. With quality coaching and instruction, we will encourage every athlete to have fun while participating in a motivating tumbling and cheer program that can instill values for a lifetime!

To accomplish this goal, we have developed these policies & procedures to help us insure that you and your athlete have a wonderful experience with Pierce Athletics. We appreciate your assistance in becoming familiar with and following these rules and guidelines. Please keep them for future reference.

Thank you for your interest and participation in our program. We hope you have an invaluable experience with us.

Thank you,
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Registration:

NEW athletes to Pierce Athletics will need to participate in a 6-week trial to determine if this is the correct gym for them and their families. Returning athletes and new athletes that have completed their trial period and would like to enroll in class will be required to become a 'member' of Pierce Athletics for either a 7 or 12-month membership. Why become a member? Because learning to tumble and cheer requires consistency. You cannot practice sporadically and expect to get results. Kids who consistently attend class at least 2 times every week gain more confidence, build more life skills, get stronger, increase their skill progressions faster and have less injuries.

NEW athletes interested in participating in a 6-week trial must have a parent complete their trial registration online. The office will reach out to you to set up your class. An electronically signed Participation Agreement and Waiver will need to be completed and payment will need to be paid in full to schedule your trial.

Returning athletes and new athletes that have completed their trial period will schedule an enrollment conference with the office to determine their membership period. Once a 'member' of Pierce Athletics, the office will confirm family & athlete information to be kept on file. Please keep your file up to date. This file is password protected and will be accessible to you via the Parent Portal from our website. It will allow you access to all of your personal account information, class schedule, and athlete progress as well as keep you up to date on upcoming events and class availability.

Classes are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis and are set up according to ability level and age. All athletes ready to advance to the next level class will do so upon the recommendation of their coaching staff. Pierce Athletics reserves the right to alter their class schedule and coaches throughout the year due to enrollment.

Schedule

The Pierce Athletics schedule does not observe the same breaks and holidays as your school calendar. To confirm whether class is scheduled, please refer to the Season Calendar posted on our website at www.pierceathletics.org/calendar.

Classes cancelled due to inclement weather conditions will have notification sent via email. Notification will also be posted on our 'Pierce Athletics (Current Athletes/Families)' Facebook page. We do not coordinate with school cancellations, so please check if you are questioning whether classes will be in session. Athletes whose classes have been cancelled will be allowed to schedule an extra class where space is available.

Membership Fees

Membership fees will be due monthly. All athletes' first payment is due upon the signing of your membership agreement. All remaining monthly fees will be due on the 1st of each month for the duration of your membership. Automatic/Recurring Payment Plans are required to be set up for all families. This allows a credit card or electronic check to be on file to be charged on the 1st of each month during your membership. Only one credit card may be kept on file per family. All families are responsible for keeping their credit card information up to date. Note that all families that would like to pay online or in person with the office are able to do so if

the payment is received prior to the first of the month. The office will accept payments in the forms of: Cash, Checks made out to 'Pierce Athletics' and Credit Cards.

Athletes will not be allowed to participate until their account is paid in full. There is a \$25.00 fee for all returned checks and a \$25.00 fee for all declined credit card or electronic check payments. All fees must be paid within 1 week of notification.

Make-up Classes

All athletes will be allowed make-up classes when and where space is available for classes missed. Make-ups must be scheduled in advance with the office. They are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Make-ups will not be scheduled for private lessons. Pierce Athletics has the right to drop athletes from class if they are not in attendance regularly and have not contacted the office.

Tuition will not be prorated for missed classes and no credit or refunds will be given for missed classes, holiday observations, or weather-related cancellations.

Athletes who sustain an injury at Pierce Athletics will be allowed to suspend or cancel their membership term if they provide a doctor's note stating that the child is unable to participate. Athletes who sustain injuries outside of Pierce Athletics will be allowed to suspend their membership term if they provide a doctor's note stating that the child is unable to participate. Medical documentation must be submitted to the office after both diagnosis and prior to returning to class.

Attire

Female athletes must wear a one-piece leotard. Leotards are available for purchase in the office. Athletic shorts may be worn. Athletic Capri's or pants that are completely form fitting may be worn. Male athletes must wear athletic shorts and a shirt that covers the torso. Athletes without proper attire will not be allowed to participate in class. Bare feet are recommended for tumbling classes. Cheerleading shoes are required for cheerleading classes. Cheerleaders should change into clean shoes once they are inside the gym.

All athletes must pull their hair up off their shoulders and secure it away from their face.

Athletes must remove all jewelry prior to the start of your class. Taping of jewelry is not allowed. All jewelry, including new piercings must be removed for the safety of the athletes and coaches. Pierce Athletics is not responsible for lost jewelry.

All personal items must be kept in the area provided in the gym. Do not leave items outside the gym, in the bleachers or on the floor. No food or drinks other than water are allowed in the gym. There is a water purification system in the gym. Water bottles or cups with lids are necessary to access water for athletes. Snack items are available for purchase in the office; however, these must be consumed in the seating area outside the gym. We do recycle plastic and aluminum as well as collect pop tabs, so please be responsible when cleaning up after yourself.

Parent Responsibilities

Athletes should arrive 5 minutes early and wait patiently in the spectator viewing area for class to start. All athletes should use the restroom prior to class. Athletes that arrive more than 10 minutes late will NOT be allowed to participate due to lack of stretching and disruption to the flow of class.

Parents are expected to be prompt when picking up your athlete from class. Pierce Athletics asks that all athletes remain inside the building while waiting for their ride. For the safety of our athletes and their families, please drop off and pick up your athlete from the parking lot and have them utilize the crosswalk. There must be NO parking or drop offs on Arcade Street.

Spectators are welcome to remain inside the gym to observe class but must refrain from interacting with the athletes. Spectators must remain in the seating area provided. Athletes must stay with their class while their class is in session. Keep other children and spectators off equipment and be respectful to the classes by being quiet in the viewing area. This is for the safety of the athletes in class as well as the coaches. Children not participating in class must be with their parents.

Coaches are not always accessible between classes, so help us keep classes moving by contacting the office directly if you have questions or input. We are here for you! Allow us to better service you by letting us know your concerns.