BGC CHEER INDUCTION PACK SEASON 2019-2020



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The following pack contains all information you will need to make an informed decision about joining our cheerleading team. We currently have 2 competitive teams, therefore if your child is placed in a competing team, it is your responsibility to ensure that you can manage the financial commitments and compulsory dates. BGC Cheerleading is part of Bolton Gymnastics Club Ltd.





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About Us

Thank you for considering BGC Cheerleading. This Induction pack will outline everything you will need to know about us.

Bolton Gymnastics Club is a not-for profit organisation which is run by a well-developed team of volunteers and coaches, which has been running for 10 years. In 2014, we acquired our current building and developed a purpose-built facility. BGC Cheerleading was established 4 years ago and is now entering it's 5th Competitive Season.

BGC Cheerleading offers the following:

- Fully inclusive sessions for ages 4+ catering for both male and female athletes
- Competitive teams
- Fully qualified coaches, holding both Gymnastics and Cheerleading qualifications
- Our own purpose-built facility with a fully sprung floor
- Regular weekly training plus compulsory pre-competition training days
- A number of exciting fundraising opportunities
- A parent's committee which offers an opportunity for parents to play an active part in the development of their child's sport
- Volunteering opportunities
- Young Leaders Academy pathway which offers the opportunity for young coaches to develop their knowledge and qualifications





How Will Induction Sessions Work?

Unlike the traditional method of holding try-outs, this year we have decided to run induction sessions. This will be an opportunity for new, prospective members to attend one of our current sessions so that the athlete can participate in a comfortable and relaxed environment.

During the induction session, they will have the opportunity to take part in tumbling and stunting.

There will be no pressure to perform specific skills; just an opportunity for the athletes to get together, meet our current members and coaches, and have a go at trying some new skills.

Induction prices can be found in the table below.

Following the induction, you will receive an email containing a welcome pack and an offer of a team placement for your child. As we are a fully inclusive club, all those who attend the induction will be offered a place regardless of experience or ability. The teams are allocated based on ages and each individual will be assigned to a team based on their age on the 31st August 2019.

We will not have crossover athletes this season.

All of our current members will be guaranteed a place and will be assigned a team based on their age on the 31st August 2019.



Induction Session Date: 17th August 2019

(ALL TEAMS)

Team Announcements: 24th August 2019

(ALL TEAMS)

Season Begins:
31st August 2019
(ALL TEAMS)





Team Placement Information & Induction Prices:

Team	Ages	Level	Session Day	Session Time	Induction Price
Spitfires	4-7	Recreational (Non- Competing)	Saturday	2:00-3:00	£5
Rockets	8-10	1 & 2	Saturday	3:00-4:30	£7
Comets	11-16	1 & 2	Saturday	3:30-5:00	£7

How Do I Register Interest?

In order to register interest in attending our induction session, please email <u>olivia.boltongymclub@hotmail.co.uk</u>. You will then be sent a registration form on which you must state your child's full name, date of birth and previous experience (if any – don't worry if they have never done the sport before!). Once this is done, you will be sent an email confirming the induction session time.

If you can't make our induction session, don't panic! Simply contact us via the email above and we will do our best to arrange an alternative session for your child to attend.

Additional Training Sessions

Over the course of the season, we will offer additional training sessions in the run up to competitions. These will be full team dressed rehearsals. It is vital that, if your child is on a competing team, they can attend the additional training sessions. We will usually hold these sessions on a Sunday from 9:30 until 12:30. If any other sessions need to be arranged, you will be notified as early as possible.

Membership and Insurance:

You will be required to pay a membership and insurance fee should you choose to accept a place with BGC Cheer. This is an annual, one-off payment of £35. You will be given membership forms on the first training session your child attends (31st August 2019), and you will have to pay the fee before Monday 30th September 2019.

All parents and members are expected to adhere to the club's Code of Conduct. You can access this through our website or view on the noticeboard by the front desk.









Costs and Fees:

Monthly Fees and Competition Costs

We are aware that the accumulative cost of having a child who participates in cheerleading can be quite costly. As a club we aim to keep things realistic and affordable for all that attend any of our sessions. This year we will be trialling a new payment plan. This will be an additional monthly fee on top of basic fees to cover the cost of a minimum of 2 competitions per year, as well as spectator tickets.

The table below will explain how these payments will work for the 2019-2020 season:

Team	Base Fee (per month)	Additional Fee (per month)	Total Accrued (per year)	Avg Competition Cost (per year)	Total Monthly Payment*
Spitfires	£30	£3	£36.00	£20-£40	£33.00
Rockets	£37	£8	£96.00	£80-£95	£45.00
Comets	£37	£8	£96.00	£80-£95	£45.00

^{*}Fees for sessions are paid monthly by standing order. These must be set up for the 15th of the month so that we are able to track payments effectively. If your child also attends gymnastics sessions, prices will vary. Please speak to Olivia for more information.







Uniform Costs

As we are going into our 5th competitive season, we will be looking at re-energising our uniforms. We are in the process of designing our new uniforms and are excited to release them at the start of the season. We understand that the costs of uniforms can be quite high, so we will be offering payment plans to help spread the cost of the new uniforms.

We estimate that the new uniforms will cost between £100-£175. This will include top, skort, bow and team t-shirt. Those in competing teams will need to order uniforms as early as possible. You will be given a uniform order form at your child's first session.

When ordering your child's uniform, you will need to pay a deposit of £50. This will be deducted from the full cost of the uniform. Your child's uniform will be kept at the gym and given to you when needed for competitions. Once the full amount of the uniform has been paid, you will be given the uniform to keep.

Your child's uniform will not be lent out to other children in the interim. Member's of Spitfires will not need a full uniform, they will need a team t-shirt and plain black shorts. If you choose to leave before paying off the full amount, you will not receive a refund.

We expect all of our athletes to attend sessions appropriately dressed. Athletes are allowed to train in the following:

- T-shirt and shorts
- T-Shirt and leggings
- Crop top and Shorts (weather permitting)

No loose clothing, such as hoodies, are to be worn for training. Athletes must train in clean, plain white cheer shoes which have not been worn outdoors.

Team	Deposit	T-Shirt	Uniform Payment Plan 1	Uniform Payment Plan 2	Uniform Payment Plan 3
Spitfires	-	£10	-	-	-
Rockets	£50	£10	Full Payment	4 monthly payments – price TBC	6 monthly payments – price TBC
Comets	£50	£10	Full Payment	4 monthly payments – price TBC	6 monthly payments – price TBC



Commitment:

Cheerleading is a team sport. Due to this, high attendance, a strong work ethic and positive attitude towards the team and development is expected from all. We monitor attendance weekly and expect full attendance. We understand that life happens and your child may not necessarily be able to attend all sessions. Where possible, we ask that you inform coaches as early as is convenient if your child is unable to attend.

If you have booked a holiday, we ask that you let us know as soon as possible so that we can note it on our attendance tracker as this may affect the competitions that your child can enter.

If your child has committed to a place in a competing team, we expect full attendance from all athletes in the last 3 weeks running up to competition; any athlete who misses any of the last 3 sessions before a competition may be withdrawn from competition without refund.

Competitions:

There are a range of available competitions across the UK each season, which are run by a number of different organisations. Coaches will decide which competitions the teams will participate in and the level at which they compete is at the coach's discretion. Decisions made by the coach regarding competitions are final. We aim to keep the competitions we enter local and affordable so that everyone gets an opportunity to compete.







Fundraising:

We run a number of fundraising events over the course of the year, both independently and alongside the gymnastics side of the club. This helps to subsidise entry fees, travel, and contributes to new equipment and development of the club. We love for parents to lend a helping hand and have a BGC Cheer Fundraising Parents Committee; if you would be interested in getting involved, please speak to one of the coaches.

We expect all athletes to get involved with fundraising events when possible. Previously we have done sleepovers, pyjama days, bag packing, cake sales, and car washes. We are always looking for new ideas so all suggestions are welcome!



Dates for Your Diary:

Some of the following dates and prices may be subject to change; these will be confirmed at a later date. If you choose to make monthly payments towards competitions, you will not need to pay the entry or spectator fees outlined below.

Date	Event	Additional Information
17 th August 2019	Induction Sessions	£5/£7 per athlete
24 th August 2019	Team Announcements	Emails to be sent out to parents
31 st August 2019	2019-2020 Season begins	Membership & Insurance forms given out
30 th September 2019	Membership & Insurance Deadline	Payment made and forms returned
30 th September 2019	Competition Registration Deadline	Competition Forms returned
12 th October 2019	Uniform Order Deadline	Deposit paid and returned order form
7/8 th December 2019	UKCA Winter Championships	£25 entry, £10 adult spectator, £1 under 16 spectator Manchester Velodrome
8 th February 2020 <i>(TBC)</i>	FC Heart of England	£30 entry, £20 adult spectator Manchester Central Arena
16 th May 2020 <i>(TBC)</i>	UKCA Spring Championships	£25 entry, £10 adult spectator, £1 under 16 spectator Manchester Velodrome
18 th July 2020	ICC Summer Jam	£33 entry, £10 adult spectator Blackpool
ТВС	BGC Spring into Gymnastics Showcase	£15 entry

THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to consider BGC Cheer and to look through our 2019-2020 Induction Pack.

We hope to see you and your child on the 17th August 2019 and look forward to an exciting new season!

BGC CHEER

One Team, One Dream

