



## 2024-25 Team Ontario

### *Call for Applications*

The Ontario Cheerleading Federation is looking for Ontario's best athletes in order to create 2 teams to represent our province. We are hopeful to have Team Ontario chosen to represent our country at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual ICU Youth and Junior World Cheerleading Championships (April 2025) in Orlando, Florida.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY CURRENT OCF MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO APPLY**

**Details:** Both a Youth and a Junior Team Ontario will be created with a maximum of 30 athletes chosen per team. Of these 30 athletes, 24 will compete and 6 will be alternates.

**Eligibility:**

All competitors must satisfy the following conditions:

- a) All athletes are required for a minimum of six (6) months to be a permanent resident of Canada on the 2025 World Championships date of competition;
- b) Age of Athlete - Youth World Cheerleading Championships.  
12-14 years of age within the year of the 2025 Youth World Championship.
- c) Age of Athlete - Junior World Cheerleading Championships.  
15-18 years of age within the year of the 2025 Junior World Championship

**Applicants:** Submissions to Team Ontario must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a current registrant of the Ontario Cheerleading Federation and provide registrant numbers;
2. Must be a resident of Ontario and have the ability to travel internationally;
3. Complete the online application form
4. Submit a video ("Private" YouTube Video link) of the listed requirements below, following the above divisions.

**Application Deadline:** Applicants must electronically submit all application items between May 1 - 10, 2024 via the online form to the OCF.

**Application Fee:** \$50 per applicant (payable through the online application form)

**Adjudication:** For each age division, the coaches for each team will view all videos and choose a set number of athletes to invite to an In-Person Tryout. This tryout will be held Monday, May 20th at Power Cheer & Tumble (Mississauga, ON). All applicants will be notified of selection for In-Person Tryout via email by May 15, 2024

**Final Team Selection Dates:** Following the In-Person Tryout, Athletes will be selected and an email notification will be sent to all In-Person tryout applicants no later than May 27, 2024.

## **IF Selected:**

**Financial Cost:** The OCF is assisting with funding of the team; however, athletes will still need to cover some costs.

The estimated cost for athletes is: **\$550** (max). This covers training (coaches and facilities), practice gear (3 T-shirts, shorts, sports bra and bow (female) or tank top (male), hoodie).

**Payment Schedule:** Initial deposit of **\$275**/person due on June 15th, 2024 and the Second payment will be due November 1st, 2024. Amount of the 2nd payment will be determined by September 1st, 2024 (no more than \$275).

Payments will be made via a google form.

\*\* If chosen to represent Team Canada (TC), then additional costs as chosen by Cheer Canada will be required (i.e. registration, TC uniform, TC practice gear)

## **Team Ontario Training Information**

The practice schedule and locations have all been chosen to make things simple (i.e. central locations, dates picked to avoid missing practices during "prime" time). Currently, only the first 4 practice locations have been chosen. We will add additional locations once we see where all the athletes are from in order to accommodate. In addition, both teams (Youth, Junior) will practice at the same location to allow for more shared travelling and accommodations.

## **Dates and Locations:**

May 20th (1-4pm) at Power Cheer & Tumble (Mississauga) - Tryouts

June 28-30 at Cheer Sport Sharks (Kitchener)

Aug 2-4 at Beach Cheer (Toronto)

Aug 30-Sept 1 at Scorpions Niagara

Oct 11-13 TBD

Nov 3 - TBD

Nov 17 - TBD

Dec 14-15 - TBD

Jan 2-3 - TBD

Feb 17 - TBD

March 1st - Exhibition Performance at OCF Provincials (Brampton, ON)

Mar 7-8 - TBD

Mar 29 - Exhibition Performance at OCF Ontario Cup (Brampton, ON)

Apr 18 - TBD (dependent on Team Canada success)

**The following was Cheer Canada's projected summary of costs incurred by a team travelling to ICU World and Junior World Cheerleading Championships in 2024.** These payments are separate from Ontario Cheer.

- Team Canada Uniform and Apparel Package \$300-\$400
- ICU World & Junior World Championship Entry Fee approx \$500 USD
- Airfare, Accommodation & Local transportation (airport, hotel, venue) varies

**Submission Requirements can be found on our website.**

**Reminder** - videos are due between May 1 - May 10, 2024 via "Private" YouTube Video link.

**Link to Online Application Form:**

<https://forms.gle/VBdsboQsRpUVsKKD6>

**For more information, please contact:** teamontario@ontariocheer.com