



# Athlete Credentialing

This year at the gym we are going to be credentialing all of our athletes. This is something that Firestorm had to do last year in order to compete at the Cheerleading Worlds and is a great thing for everyone at the gym to do. This program is done through the USASF (United States All Star Federation) which is the company that runs the Cheerleading Worlds. This will allow each child to be a member of the USASF.

There is a \$25 fee for a USASF membership which can be made out to HEAT and turned in at the gym by May 31st. You will also be able to pay this fee on our website with google check out.

We will then send the money in one payment to the USASF and everyone who was credentialed will receive a membership certificate, patch, and USASF newsletter. We will not turn the credentialing sheets in for your child until that is paid. This is an annual fee which will need to be paid each year to keep the membership. The credentialing only needs to be done once. We will be posting what level each child made it to after we complete each team. You can add skills to the level you were credentialed to for one year without an extra fee. The coaches will be having one summer practice a month where the kids will be able to add any new skills that they have completed since the first credentialing.

## **Here is what the USASF has to say about credentialing:**

All Star safety, education, competitions, and sportsmanship are soaring to new heights because of the U. S. All Star Federation and its commitment to the highest training and competition standards. Because the USASF requires its members– athletes, coaches, gyms, and events providers alike– to abide by established guidelines, All Stars now have the opportunity to train and compete in competitions and championships across the country in a safer and more exciting environment.

The USASF has brought an unparalleled training program to the All Star community. Our credentialing program develops training through proper skill progressions for athletes, allowing them to become credentialed up to the skill level they have currently mastered. By providing athletes and parents with knowledge and preparation for testing, tryouts become a smoother process and athlete motivator. Many programs incorporate athlete credentialing into their tryouts, choreography clinics, and quarterly skills checks to encourage athlete skill consistency. Periodic testing encourages athletes to move on to a higher level and promotes future training.

Athletes can be credentialed in any of three different categories: Stunts, Tosses, and Tumbling. Within each category, athletes can be tested as a Top, Base, and/or Backspot. Assessments must be provided by a fully credentialed USASF coach in their gym.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask!