



PITTSBURGH

2025-2026

ELITE & PREP FULL YEAR CHEER TRYOUT PACKET



★ WELCOME TO ★ *Top Gun Pittsburgh*

Top Gun Pittsburgh is an all-star cheerleading and tumbling gym located in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania just north of downtown Pittsburgh. We are proud to be part of the world-renowned Top Gun program, with eight all-star gyms across the world.

Top Gun Pittsburgh believes in fostering hard work, innovation, and an unbreakable family bond. Our athletes are trained in an environment that challenges them to push their limits, while being supported by coaches and teammates that make it feel like home.

It is our goal to help each athlete reach their fullest potential. With an unwavering commitment to excellence, sportsmanship, and championship spirit, we have quickly become a program that others respect and aim to emulate. Whether you are new to our program or are a returning athlete, you are now part of something truly special – because as we always say: **once a family, always a family.**

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ATHLETE EVALUATIONS



At Top Gun Pittsburgh, our goal is to build the strongest teams possible, prioritizing skills, tumbling, and stunt combinations. This makes for a longer and extremely comprehensive tryout process. Please be patient with us – we have the athletes best intentions in mind.

WHAT TO EXPECT...

- ★ Each athlete will be evaluated individually, as well as with a group.
- ★ All groups are determined by the Top Gun staff.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...

- ★ There will be a lot of callbacks later in the tryout process. When an athlete is called back for a particular level, that does not ensure they will make a team at that level.
- ★ Returning athletes are not guaranteed to make the same level or team they were on during the previous season.
- ★ Additionally, returning athletes are not guaranteed their position (flyer, backspot, main base, or side base) from the previous season.
- ★ Any athlete wishing to be considered as a flyer must have outstanding body positions.

WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW...

- ★ Please let a Top Gun staff member know prior to tryouts if your athlete would like to be considered for more than one team.
- ★ If your athlete is going to miss any tryout sessions during this process, we need to know immediately. It is recommended that athletes attend all sessions.

WHICH TRYOUT SESSION SHOULD YOUR ATHLETE ATTEND?

- ★ Athletes must tryout based on the skills they currently have – not skills they intend to learn over the season.
- ★ To determine the proper level to attend, athletes must have two or more of each standing skill and two or more of each running skill listed in the tumbling chart.
- ★ If your athlete does not have the proper skills, they will be asked to attend the proper level tryout. At all level tryouts, if the athlete has some higher-level skills, they will be asked to demonstrate that skill and it will be noted on their tryout form.

REQUIRED TUMBLING SKILLS BY LEVEL

NOVICE/PREP

- ★ Back Walkover
- ★ Front Walkover
- ★ Cartwheel
- ★ Round Off

LEVEL 1

- ★ Back Walkover
- ★ Cartwheel Back Walkover Switch
- ★ Leg Front Walkover Cartwheel Back
- ★ Walkover

LEVEL 2

- ★ Front Handspring
- ★ Fly Spring
- ★ Back Walkover Back Handspring
- ★ Back Handspring
- ★ Front Walkover Round Off Back Handspring
- ★ Round Off 2 Back Handsprings

LEVEL 3

- ★ 3 Back Handsprings
- ★ Front Walkover Aerial
- ★ Punch Front
- ★ Round Off Back Handspring Back Tuck
- ★ Back Walkover 2 Back Handsprings
- ★ Front Walkover Round Off Back Handspring Back Tuck

LEVEL 4

- ★ Standing Back Tuck
- ★ Back Handspring Back Tuck
- ★ Toe Touch Back Handspring Back Tuck
- ★ Punch Front Step Out Round Off Back Handspring Layout
- ★ Round Off Whip Layout
- ★ Round Off Back Handspring Layout

LEVEL 5

- ★ Toe Touch Back Tuck
- ★ Back Handspring Layout
- ★ 2 Back Handsprings Layout
- ★ Roundoff Back Handspring Full
- ★ Trick to Full (ex: Whip to Full, Arabian to Full)

LEVEL 6

- ★ Standing Full
- ★ Back Handspring Full
- ★ 3 Back Handsprings Double Full
- ★ Round Off Back Handspring Double Full
- ★ Trick to Double Full
- ★ Arabian Full
- ★ Round Off Whip Full/Double Full



TRYOUT SCHEDULE BY LEVEL



*Top Gun Pittsburgh tryouts will begin
May 12 and run through May 27, 2025.*



Monday, May 12 - Full Year Prep Individual Tryouts

- ★ 5:00-6:30pm Levels 1 & 2 (Birth Years 2018-2022)
- ★ 6:30-8:30pm Levels 1 & 2 (Birth Years 6/1/2006-2018)

Tuesday, May 13 - ELITE TG Returning Athletes

- ★ 5:00-7:00pm Levels 1 & 2 (Birth Years 2013-2019)
- ★ 7:00-9:00pm Levels 1 & 2 & 4.2 (Birth Years 6/1/2006-2012)

Wednesday, May 14 - ELITE TG Returning Athletes

- ★ 5:00-7:00pm Levels 3 & 4 (Birth Years 2006-2018)
- ★ 7:00-9:00pm Level 5 & 6 (Birth Years 6/1/2006-2017)

Thursday, May 15 - Team Tryouts

- ★ Email will be sent for callbacks for team tryouts
- ★ 5:00-7:00pm Team Tryouts
- ★ 7:00-9:00pm Team Tryouts

Friday, May 16 - Make-up Tryouts

- ★ 5:00-6:00pm make-up tryout for anyone that could not make Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday
- ★ Please let us know in advance if you will be attending the make-up tryout topgunpgh@gmail.com

Saturday, May 17 - Elite Team Tryouts

- ★ Email will be sent for callbacks for team tryouts
- ★ 5:00-7:00pm Elite Team Tryouts
- ★ 7:00-9:00pm Elite Team Tryouts



Monday, May 19 - Full Year Prep Team Tryouts

- ★ Email will be sent for callbacks for team trials
- ★ 5:00-6:30pm Prep Team Tryouts
- ★ 6:30-8:30pm Prep Team Tryouts



Tuesday, May 20 - Elite Team Tryouts

- ★ Email will be sent for callbacks for team trials
- ★ 5:00-7:00pm Elite Team Tryouts
- ★ 7:00-9:00pm Elite Team Tryouts

Wednesday, May 21 - Elite Team Tryouts

- ★ Email will be sent for callbacks for team trials
- ★ 5:00-7:00pm Elite Team Tryouts
- ★ 7:00-9:00pm Elite Team Tryouts

Friday, May 23 through Monday, May 26 - Gym Closed

- ★ Memorial Day Weekend



Wednesday, May 28 - Reveal

- ★ 6:30pm Team Reveals and Top Gun Celebration Party

Thursday, May 29 - MANDATORY PARENT ZOOM CALL

- ★ 7:30pm - We will be holding a required Parent Zoom Call for everyone planning to attend Top Gun Pittsburgh tryouts this season.
- ★ An email will be sent closer to the date with the Zoom call information.

Sunday, June 1 and Monday, June 2 - Season Kick Off

- ★ Mandatory first team practices
- ★ Team practice schedules for the summer are still being determined. There is a possibility that all teams will have weekends off.



SECURE YOUR ATHLETE'S SPOT WITH *Top Gun Pittsburgh.*

SIGN UP FOR TRYOUTS TODAY!

1. Create an account on our Top Gun Pittsburgh website – [Click here.](#)
2. Register and pay for tryouts under the Class Registration tab – [Click here.](#)
 - ★ Tryout fee is \$75 or the May bundle is \$150 which includes your tryout fee and four tumbling classes for the month of May. Cash or checks will NOT be accepted.
3. Complete a copy of the Top Gun Pittsburgh 2025-2026 Registration Form.
 - ★ This can be found on our [website](#) under the Documents tab. Athletes MUST bring a printed and signed copy on their first day of tryouts, or they will not be permitted to participate.
4. Carefully review the tumbling chart above.
 - ★ Your athlete must attend the level that aligns with their current skills.
5. Make sure your athlete has the proper attire.
 - ★ We require all black clothing with no gym name on any piece of the clothing, hair on top of head in a clean ponytail, and a white bow of any kind.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL TOP GUN PITTSBURGH ATHLETES AND FAMILIES.

The back entrance is the main entrance. You must park along grassy area if you are coming into the building.

Please note that Top Gun attendance policy is **VERY STRICT**. All practices are mandatory, we do not work around any games, cheerleading competitions, or other sports of any kind. If you have any questions in advance please contact Aimee at ansaffle1@gmail.com.

If you have questions about Top Gun Pittsburgh, tryouts, or anything else, please email topgunpgh@gmail.com.



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