



Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to our 16th season of South Portland Fire Cheering! This league was founded in 2010 with the goal of providing an instructional base for elementary and middle school students who live or attend school in South Portland and develop a sound feeder program to the SPSHS Cheerleading Program. The league is currently overseen by Tracy Bissonnette with assistance from Alyssa Cammack with our sideline programing and Nicole Fitzgerald with our specialty programs including camps and specialty teams and runs through the South Portland Recreation Department.

We compete within the Maine Youth Cheerleading Coaches Association throughout Maine (MYCCA – maineyouthcheer.org). This year, we are introducing skill checks for all grades 4-8. This is an opportunity for coaches to meet athletes before the season starts and will allow them to plan appropriate routine skills as well as help coaches with team placements if we need to split up grades onto multiple teams. For more information on the skill check process, please see the Skill Check document on the MyRec registration page.

New this year, we will be offering skill classes throughout the fall and winter! We are still working out the details of these classes and they will either be free/included with your registration or will have a small drop in fee. Stay tuned for more details!

Our primary means of communication from Directors and Coaches is via email. Communication **will be sent to the email you have associated with your MyRec account. If you would like us to utilize a different email or an additional email, please send an email to tracy.bissonnette@gmail.com**. Coaches will be sending at least one email per week and may choose to communicate additionally through the Band app. If you do not receive an email from the directors or your coach by 10/1/26, please email Tracy.

We are fortunate to host a cheerleading competition every year, welcoming 70+ cheerleading teams and thousands of spectators. This year, we are scheduled to host this event at South Portland High School on March 14, 2025. **Please block this entire day off on your family calendars – we require every family to have at least one adult volunteer present for a portion of the event.** We hold periodic Planning Committee Meetings to prepare for this event. Please contact Tracy if you are interested in participating in this committee or have connections to businesses that may be interested being a sponsor or donating product and/or services.

If you have any questions, please contact your coach or one of the Directors. We look forward to working with you and your athlete this year and are excited to grow our program even further!

Cheerfully,

Tracy, Alyssa, Nicole, and the Fire Coaching Staff