

Cheer Try-out Agreement and Permission Form

Current Grade: 8 9 10 11

Name _____

Dear Parents and Interested Students,

Thank you for your interest in trying out for the 2017-2018 LCC cheerleading squad. Prior to try-outs, it is important that we inform you of the many responsibilities, possible risk, and the commitment involved in being a member of the squad.

As a member of the team, you will be required to attend all football and basketball games, cheerleading events, practices, competitions, CIF events, fundraisers, and any other team activities as assigned by the coaching staff. **Social plans, doctor's appointments, and job schedules must be scheduled around these events and will NOT be considered allowable excuses for non-attendance.** Because this is a team sport, your attendance is vital in allowing the team to perform their duties at these events. Attached are calendars of the practice schedule for the remainder of the school year as well as throughout the summer. If there are any summer conflicts, you must submit problematic dates in writing **BEFORE** you try-out, including the reason for the absence. We understand that you may have already planned a few unavoidable occasions over the summer. At the coach's permit, these will be eligible for excusal. All absences from any practice or function, whether during the remaining school year or over the summer, will be dealt with on an individual basis. If no prior notification is given, the absences will be unexcused which may result in disciplinary action and/or dismissal (see constitution).

In addition, you will be required to maintain a 2.0 grade point average or above per term at all times throughout the duration of the year. Failure to do so will result in probation and possibly dismissal (see constitution). With that said, as a team, we will be striving for a minimum of a 3.0 collective GPA, so our standards of excellence are maintained in our academic success as well.

Cheerleading is now a CIF sport (as of this 2017-2018 year!!) and it will be treated as such. Membership with this program will include many of the previous years' expectations and opportunities, but it is definitely developing and changing. Those interested in the athletic, competitive, sports element of cheerleading should try out for this squad, as that will be its main purpose, function, and focus.

As a member of the cheerleading squad, there will be a large financial obligation. Please make sure that you are prepared to meet this obligation. Each member will be responsible for covering the costs of uniforms, camp, and other miscellaneous incidentals. The approximate cost for the year, *including our national competition*, can range from \$1500-\$2000. Once the team has been selected, each member and parent will be given a budget breakdown from the team liaisons.

As a cheerleader, you can look forward to the opportunity for personal growth, leadership development, service opportunities, and involvement in many different and exciting activities. It will undoubtedly be something that you will always remember. Your **ATTITUDE, DEDICATION, AND ENTHUSIASM** are just as important as the physical skill involved. Please discuss these considerations and the physical risk, evaluate your priorities, and if you give your consent, sign below.

Thank you,

Thalise Farr
Lead Coach

Robin Sherman
Assistant coach

Anna Chappell
Assistant coach

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Student Signature _____

4. An attitude that is considered detrimental to the organization or the team
5. Receiving any GPA lower than 2.0
6. Failure to follow the constitution in its entirety
7. Any text message, email, or post made on social media that is deemed inappropriate in any way by the coaches. This includes bullying in any form.
8. Any other reason deemed necessary by the coach(es)

E. For any probationary period that resulted from problems with grades or citizenship, a 2.0 GPA must be attained by the next progress report, or the member will be dismissed.

Section 2: Dismissal

- A. A member can only be on probation once during their term of service. A second infringement (even if it is while the participant is on probation) that would result in probation will instead result in dismissal from the team.
- B. Any time a member is referred to an administrator for disciplinary reasons, the penalty may be dismissal from the team depending on the seriousness of the referral. This decision is at the discretion of the coach(es).
- C. If a member refuses to perform with the team, she will automatically be dismissed from the team.
- D. Failure to comply with the constitution may result in dismissal from the team.
- E. If a member is dismissed from the team, that member is still responsible for all fees owed. **No refunds are given—no exceptions.**
- F. If a member is dismissed from the team, that member forgoes the privilege of wearing any purchased team gear (other than privately) for the remainder of the school year.
- G. If a member is removed from the team for any reason (whether quitting or being dismissed), he/she may no longer participate in any capacity indicative of the LCC cheer team (including but not limited to wearing the uniform, attending the banquet, participating in the Year-end Showcase, etc.)

Section 3: Decisions Concerning the Group

- A. New rules or major changes shall be by coach appointment or by being discussed and voted on by the cheerleaders as a team. The majority rule will apply. The coach(es) always have the final say.
- B. The coach(es), along with the officers, will have final authority over all decisions and actions including over majority rule. The coach(es) will coordinate with the officers when the situation