

Tryout/Clinic Procedure

1. Attendance at all clinic sessions is mandatory. It is an important part of the tryout process, however if a potential candidate is currently participating in a Spring sport they are responsible to obtain the material for days missed and will not negatively reflect their final tryout evaluation. Family and friends are not allowed to stay and watch clinics or tryouts.
2. Athletes who are participating in the clinic/ tryout process must have a current physical on file or verification of insurance and yellow emergency card. Those without will not be allowed to actively participate in the clinics or tryout. It is understood that a fee is associated with said physical and is accepted knowing the potential candidate may not make the squad.
3. Randomly assigned numbers will be given during each day of clinic and will be worn during all clinic sessions, as well as tryouts. On the official tryout day, candidates will tryout in small groups assigned based on squad and number sequence. Be prompt and prepared with water each day.
4. At the time of check in for all sessions potential cheerleaders are expected to be ready. Participants are being evaluated from this point forward. Be prompt and in approved clinic/ tryout attire.
 - Clinic Attire: Must be athletically functional in nature, including hair pulled back (no wispies) no jewelry and athletic shoes.
 - Tryout Attire: In addition to the clinic requirements stated above, participants cannot wear shirts implying that they have been a former cheerleader (i.e., Bulldog, Pride, P.H.S, dance, etc). Required attire is plain dark shorts with white short-sleeved top (tank tops are not acceptable). Plain white hair bows are allowed.
5. Clinic/ Judging:
 - Candidates will encounter multiple days of instruction where they will learn a short dance and sideline cheer that may include, but is not limited to jumps and kicks prior to the tryout date. Candidates will be judged on the following:
 - i. Dance
 - ii. Sideline Cheer
 - iii. Jumps
 - iv. Technique
 - v. Overall Impression
 - Potential members will be evaluated by qualified judges and understand that and abide by the decision of said judges and/or advisor. Past performance in the program will be considered. If a cheerleader has not met the requirements in the previous year, he/she may not be recommended for the program. Under no circumstance will judging evaluation/placement and or scores be discussed or released. **Participants understand that they may or may not be given a position on the squad and have no grounds to contest any decision made, and therefore accept the process as final.**
6. The following are items we'd like to see from our potential candidates:
 - **Effort:** Does not give up, attempts all aspects of cheerleading, helps others, goes the extra mile, is focused and does not easily become distracted by other candidates.
 - **Spirit:** facials, cheerful, vocal, all aspects of tryout dance/ cheer are performed with full effort and energy each time
 - **Attitude:** positive towards others, respectful of staff and peers as demonstrated by body language and words, listens and follows instructions

I have reviewed and agree to abide by the above statements made in regards to the tryout/ judging process:

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Candidate Signature: _____ Date: _____