

PITMAN HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADER CONTRACT 2021-2022

The following contract must be read and signed by Cheerleader and their Parent(s)/Legal Guardian.

1. A 2.0 G.P.A. must be maintained to participate in Cheerleading Activities. Grades will be checked at the end of every grading period. Cheerleaders must maintain a "C" (2.0) average with not more than one "F" or they will be dropped from the squad. **Any costs incurred by the student (uniform, camp fees, camp clothes, poms, fundraising items, etc.) are the sole responsibility of the student/parent/guardian.**
2. School attendance and citizenship will be checked. Three periods of attendance in school the day of a game is required, No cuts; no suspensions; no missing of scheduled classes without first clearing it with the Advisor. Any misconduct deemed to negatively affect the overall appearance of the program may result in suspension or removal from squad regardless of number of offences.
3. Each squad member is required to have a current and cleared medical physical by July 17, 2021. Physical packets will be available from the P.H.S Athletic Trainer and must be turned in to the P.H.S Athletic Trainer, Markus Turner. Medical insurance is required to participate, in addition all cheerleaders will provide a copy of their insurance card front and back.
4. The Advisor will distribute ALL uniforms and accessories. **FULL PAYMENT OF UNIFORM/CAMP/CAMP CLOTHES IS REQUIRED BEFORE UNIFORM IS DISTRIBUTED TO CHEERLEADER & ATTENDS CAMP.**
5. Cheerleaders are HIGHLY encouraged and expected to attend Cheer Camp with their Coach and the rest of the squad. School rules are in effect and will be enforced while attending camp.
6. **Fundraising for the General Cheer Fund is Mandatory.** The Advisor/ Coach will organize fundraisers throughout the year with the expectation that all cheerleaders and parents will cooperate and participate.
7. NO gifts or treats will be given to members of the football/basketball team from an individual cheerleader. A secret pal program may be implemented but only with the consent of the Advisor.
8. **Missing ONE game without prior approval from the Advisor could result in permanent removal from the squad.** Cheerleaders are expected to cheer at all football and basketball games, playoffs games included. Cheerleaders will not be excused to leave until the game is over without prior approval from the Advisor. Leaving early without approval from Advisor is considered the same as missing one full game. *Missing practices and/or games for other activities, may result in removal from the squad. The expectation is cheerleaders manage their time accordingly and are responsible for prioritizing their commitment to the team.
9. Grades will be checked throughout the season. **Poor grades/ or missing assignments may result in benching for one or more games and loss of performance time.** Academics are the priority.
10. A schedule of practices and/ or conditioning for summer, fall, and winter may be issued by the Advisor. Unexcused absences from practices not cleared with the Advisor in advance will mean no participation in a game, rally, and/ or performance.
11. Any part of the uniform bearing "P.H.S.", "Pitman High School", and or "Pride" **MAY NOT** be worn by a P.H.S cheerleader who performs on a non-sponsored competition squad.
12. Any cheerleader who, while participating in a school sponsored event including practices becomes involved in any activity that violates school rules may be suspended from this activity and/ or from school for a time to be specified by the Administration.

13. Any Cheerleader who is involved in fighting, cutting school, or any other violations of the current Pitman High School Athletic code of conduct and/ or discipline policy may be removed from the squad.
14. Only cheerleaders, coaches, and Pitman High School staff members (who are cleared and approved by the administration) are allowed at practices.
15. Failure to follow the current PHS transportation rules could result in consequences such as loss of game/performance time or potential removal from squad. Refusal/failure to follow the guidelines set forth by TUSD will not be tolerated and exceptions to said policies will not be made.
16. Mastery of dance and cheer material is a requirement. Only cheerleaders deemed ready to cheer/dance/stunt by their Advisor/Coach will perform during games and/ or halftime performances. Cheerleaders not performing are still required to attend the games to support their squad members. These decisions are at the discretion of the Advisor/coaching staff. Conversations regarding position placement within choreography or stunt sequences and or groups will not be entertained.
17. Missing practice on a verified or unverified absence during the school day could result in removal from cheering/performances or both per the discretion of Advisor/Coach.
18. Cheerleaders understand the importance of their position and the privilege of being a cheerleader. It shall come first in the case of conflict with a job, personal activities, outside personal endeavor or other functions. It is understood that sacrifices will have to be made in order to participate in the PHS Cheer.
19. Cheerleaders are fully aware that cheerleading involves a large time commitment on their part. They will be required to attend:
 - After school practice as scheduled
 - Camp and summer conditioning (July-August)
 - Games, Rallies, Special Events (i.e Passage to Pride, fundraisers, community outreach, ect.)
20. It is understood that the cheerleader will be held accountable for their actions on and off the field, in or out of the uniform, online, and on and off campus. There will be no public displays of affection or crude behavior, which includes foul language. Cheerleaders will not make comments/ posts on any social media sites which may be deemed inappropriate, have bad language, or any derogatory remarks in general or about the program, its coaches, and all of its participants. Behavior of this nature, regardless of the number of offensives is subject to suspension/removal of the squad.
21. The cheerleader understands it takes a positive attitude to be successful in cheerleading. They understand that it is a privilege to be a cheerleader and they are considered a role model at all times representing Pitman High School and as such, is held to a high standard. They will stay focused, work hard and take constructive criticism. They will demonstrate they are a team player and display school spirit enthusiastically. They will work cooperatively and put the squad's needs before their own.
22. The Cheer Advisor and coaching staff will conduct cheer tryouts one time during the Spring for both football and basketball which constitutes a season. This means cheerleaders will be committed to sideline cheer for the entirety of the Fall and Winter sport season, including playoffs **A cheerleader who quits mid-season in a prior year will forfeit his/her opportunity to participate in tryouts for the next school year.** All squad members must tryout every year. Past experiences in cheer or dance is no guarantee that a candidate will be selected for the upcoming year.
23. A Varsity letter may be earned if a cheerleader actively participates for the full cheerleading season. Anyone who quits, becomes ineligible or does not fulfill the terms of the contract will not receive a letter. This includes attending playoff games for both the football and basketball season.

