



# Etowah Junior Eagles Cheer

## Parent Agreement

### Parents – General

• Our first priority is the safety of the cheerleaders. Our second priority is for each squad to have fun representing the Etowah district by showcasing their talent on the sidelines as well as during the halftime show. It will take many hours of hard work involving the entire squad to make this happen. As a parent/guardian of an Etowah Junior Cheerleader your child's squad will need your help and support and expect you as a parent/guardian to:

- Attend all Parent/Guardian Meetings.
- Pay all cheerleading fees by the due dates.
- Ensure that your child is at all required practices, games, and camps dressed appropriately and on time! If a pattern begins with a parent that is consistently late, your cheerleader may have to sit out a specified amount of time at the next game and could be removed from the squad. This pertains to picking up from practice as well.
- Give positive support to coaches, cheerleaders, team moms and board members at all times.
- Attend the games and display good spirit, sportsmanship and attitude.
- Sign and Adhere to the ["Appendix J: Student Activity Code of Conduct"](#)
- Support your cheerleader and encourage team spirit and cooperation.
- Go through the chain of command for all issues: starting with the team mom and going up from there to solve problems/disputes.
- Support the organization by volunteering your time as needed. There are several volunteer opportunities available (banner parents, dance chaperones etc.) It is the expectation that each family will volunteer 2-3 hours during the season.
- Pick up your child in a timely manner after practices. If you are habitually late picking your cheerleader up from practice, demerits will be issued.

**\*Failure to abide by the parent responsibilities may result in one or all of the following:**

- Suspension of parent(s) from practice and/or games
- Your child being dismissed from the squad.

### Attendance Policy

Cheerleaders must arrive on time, fully dressed for each practice or game. An absent cheerleader affects the entire team's opportunity to safely practice and perform their skills, particularly relating to their halftime routine, to which they have dedicated significant time, and extraordinary heart, sweat, and teamwork.

#### ABSENCES

**\*\*\*Parents MUST email the board regarding any cheerleader absences, tardies, or if your cheerleader needs to leave early.** Notifying the team mom does **NOT** mean the board has or will be notified. Always send an email: EtowahJuniorEaglesCheer@gmail.com

#### **Excused Absences**

- Death in the family

- Personal illness (doctor's note preferable)
- Religious holiday/event
- School Mandated Event

### **Unexcused Absences**

- Any absences that do not meet the requirements of an excused absence.
- (1) unexcused missed practice will result in being issued 3 demerits.
- Any (2) unexcused missed practices from August-October will result in sitting out the first quarter of the following game, NO EXCEPTIONS
- Any unexcused missed game will result in sitting out the first half of the following game, NO EXCEPTIONS
- If any cheerleader accumulates 2 unexcused games absences during the season, they will be removed from the halftime routine. NO EXCEPTIONS

### **Other Absences**

- Any other absences must be turned in to the board in writing in a timely manner for consideration on a case-by-case basis. This is intended to allow families to attend important events such as family weddings, baptisms, reunions, school functions etc.

### **TARDIES**

- First time offense will result in a warning; excessive tardies are not permitted and will result in demerits.

### **INJURIES**

- Cheerleaders who are unable to cheer due to injury must attend each practice or game in full dress/uniform, and sit with the coach/team.

### **MANDATORY DATES**

- Cheerleaders are expected to attend ALL mandatory dates for the entire duration of the event including Camp, Stunt Clinic, Team Building, Practices and Games.
- Some dates have not been officially set in stone, and are, therefore, subject to change; attendance is still expected, regardless of changes.
- Labor Day Weekend/Fall Break: Games are scheduled Labor Day weekend as well as one of the weekends during the Cherokee County fall break. These are treated as all other games for attendance purposes.