



Etowah Junior Eagles Cheer

Cheerleader Agreement

Cheerleader Eligibility

- **Grades:** Passing Grades (A-C or 71 or better) in all classes as well as satisfactory Conduct Grades. Grades will be looked at for the entire year. Report cards will need to be submitted online when registering and will be requested throughout the season.
- **Discipline:** No outstanding disciplinary issues at school. Any disciplinary issues at school must be reported to the EJC Board immediately.
- **Previous Cheer Account:** All uniform rentals, megaphones, pom poms and balances from any prior season with EJC must be in good standing.

Time Commitments

Practices: Practices will be held twice a week starting the first or second week of school and will continue through October. These practices will be held at ET Booth by the bus lanes or the front field of ET Booth immediately following dismissal. Cheer coaches, a board member(s) will be in attendance. There may also be a need for a few choreography clean up practices in the EHS Gym. Communication will go out about that early in the season. All practices are **MANDATORY**. If practice has to be canceled for any reason, the school will make an announcement and communication will be sent from the board. We do our best to make these decisions by 2:00 that day.

Games: Football games are on Saturdays starting in late August and running through October. They usually last 2-3 hours. We **WILL** have a game on **Labor Day weekend** and **one of the weekends of Fall Break in September**. The post season can run through the first week of December. We typically get the schedule from the football program in late July/early August. All games are **MANDATORY**.

Cheer Coaches

Etowah Junior Cheer coaches are Varsity Etowah cheerleaders that have been screened and selected by the board. Coaches are employed by the EJC Organization. The primary responsibility of the coaches is to promote team spirit, responsibility for self, proper behavior, respect for others and to ensure the safety and well being of each cheerleader at all times.

Cheerleader - General

The Cherokee County School District has determined that participation in interscholastic & extracurricular activities is a privilege for students enrolled in the School District. A student participating in such activities is considered to be a school leader; and, with leadership comes additional responsibility. Consequently, students must adhere to the standards and expectations contained in the School District's

Activity Code of Conduct (Appendix J). As such, if a student violates these standards, the board may withdraw the privilege of participating in these activities, regardless of whether the violation occurred at a school-related or non-school-related activity. The board may also withdraw the privilege of participating in these activities if the student violations occur outside of the scope of the activity's "season"; or, beyond the scope of the school day or year.

We consider cheerleading a sport that will push you physically and mentally to strive to reach a higher skill level. With this in mind, it is expected that each cheerleader will:

- Display a strong work ethic
- Have a positive attitude on and off the field.
- Respect all coaches, board members, team moms, fellow squad members and authority figures.
- Attend ALL mandatory camps, practices and games.
- Adhere to the dress code for practices and games.
- Keep all grades above passing (A-C) in all but one class and keep good conduct grades. Report cards will be required to be turned in during the season and if there are any violations to the grade policy, the cheerleader will be put on academic probation. Academic probation only applies to those who have made the squad.
- Display appropriate behavior in their daily life. This includes, but is not limited to; no fighting, no cursing and or the display of other disruptive or inappropriate behavior in public or social networks. DO NOT USE drugs, alcohol, vapes or tobacco- use of such products is strictly prohibited and will be grounds for dismissal. Any disciplinary actions at school must be reported by email to the EJC Board immediately. Failure to report to the EJC Board could result in suspension or dismissal from the cheer squad.
- DO NOT USE Social Media/personal email/personal cell phone to threaten, intimidate, or insult or bully others. This includes, but is not limited to, text messages, Instagram, Tik Tok, Twitter and Snapchat communication or any other social media. Any inappropriate screen names, pictures, phrases, or songs on your social media page/profile or text may result in disciplinary action as well.
- As cheerleaders and representatives of the Etowah Junior Cheer Program, you are role models and are expected to be on your best behavior at all times. Discipline will be based on the severity of the violation. It may include sitting out of all or part of a game or could result in dismissal from the squad. Depending on the severity of the violation, The Board will discuss the issue with the Etowah Athletic Director and determine the consequences.