

Cheerleading Team Rules of Conduct and Behavior

MVU Athletic Philosophy

The athletic program at Missisquoi Valley Union High school is an integral part of the educational experience. As such it must confirm and contribute to the mission of a comprehensive high school. First, the athletic program is open to all students, however, participation on a team at MVU is not a right, but a privilege and all privileges come with responsibilities.

Second, the athletic experience at Missisquoi fosters leadership, discipline, commitment and a sense of responsibility to the entire school and community. Our aim is to develop competitive student-athletes without losing sight of educational values such as citizenship, health and scholarship.

Athletic Rules and Responsibilities

Student athletes must understand they represent our school and program both on and off the court in.

1. The athletic department, in compliance with the school wide policy, prohibits the possession, use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco or drugs of any kind. This violation extends beyond school grounds and functions. Should the violation occur on school grounds the schools Act 51 Policy will also be instituted.
2. Bullying, harassment or hazing of any kind is not permitted. Any student-athlete who participates in such activity will be subject to disciplinary action, which could include possible suspension or removal from his/her team.
3. If a student-athlete is assigned teacher or administrative detention it must be served when scheduled regardless if it's a game day or not, the athlete will not be allowed to participate in 1/4 of the next game for every detention assigned.
4. If the athlete is suspended from school he/she may not attend practices or games during this time. The athlete will be required to sit out **1 game** for every **DAY** of suspension. For example, if the Athlete received 2 days of suspension, they will sit out 2 games.
5. At the end of the season all uniforms and equipment must be returned to Coach DiDio in the same shape they were given. If a piece of equipment is damaged or lost the athlete is responsible for paying for it's replacement.
6. Each student-athlete will abide by and uphold the academic eligibility requirements as stated below.
 - a. Athletes must maintain a GPA of 2.0 with no more than **ONE "F" OR ONE "I"** in courses taken from the previous marking period. Fourth quarter grades will be used for all fall sports.
 - b. During the season, if student-athletes have one "F" or one "I" they will be allowed to practice, but will not be allowed to participate in games until the grades have been rectified - this may effect eligibility to participate in competitions and other events. This decision will be made at the discretion of the Coaches and Athletic Director.
 - c. Student-athletes who have not met the eligibility standards at the time of report cards will **NOT** be allowed to participate until the next marking period.

Please detach and return to Coach DiDio or Coach Bean by the first game.

I have read and agree to follow and uphold the Athletic Rules and Responsibilities (listed above) that come with participating in the Missisquoi Valley Union High School Cheerleading team.

Student-Athlete signature

Parent or Guardian signature

MVU Cheerleading - Attendance/Late Policy

Attendance and Late Policy

Cheerleading is a team sport and it requires commitment. We function as a **TEAM** and everyone is an essential part of our cheers and routines, attendance is **MANDATORY** at **ALL** practices and games. Not only is attendance necessary, but we require that all cheerleaders report **ON-TIME** to both practices **AND** games. If your cheerleader is late or does not attend practice or a game (unexcused) then the stunts, dances or cheers cannot be practiced/performed as they should be and safety can become a concern.

Cheerleaders count on each other to be at both practices and games in order to be effective spirit leaders.

Therefore:

- All athletes will be given **1 excused absence** for a practice and **1 excused absence** for a game during the regular season - Totaling 2. *If you are **sick/absent (excused) from school, are getting educational help from a teacher, have a standing doctors appointment or have a family emergency you will be excused from athletic commitments.** With this being said, I ask that when possible appointments be made when the athlete does not have a cheerleading commitment. Work schedules, babysitting, family vacations, and/or other school or outside activities/clubs **DO NOT** qualify as excused absences.
- All cheerleaders are required to attend every practice and game, **if any cheerleader is unexcused for more than 1 practice** they will be not be allowed to cheer at the following game, but will be required to attend in dress cloths to show support and camaraderie for their team.
- **If any cheerleader is unexcused for a GAME** they will be **not be allowed to cheer at the following 2 games**, but will be required to attend in dress cloths to show support and camaraderie for their team.
- If a cheerleader is late to a practice or game **3 or more times**, the cheerleader will be required to sit out that amount of time at the next game.
- Absences/tardy's beyond those listed above will result in a scheduled meeting with the coach, Athletic Director and a member of the athletes family to discuss future participation and removal from the roster.
- Attendance is mandatory for all in season fundraising, team building activities and scheduled clinics.

I recognize that being an MVU cheerleader is a commitment by both the athlete and their family, and as I understand rides and practice schedules can be difficult, please be aware of the time commitment and ~~requirements of this sport.~~ -----

Please detach and return to Coach DiDio or Coach Bean by the first game.

Attendance/Late Policy

I have read and agree to follow and will uphold the attendance/late policy requirements (listed above) that come with being part of the the Missisquoi Valley Union High School Cheerleading team.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Student Athlete Signature

Date