

PYFA Cheerleading-Parent Contract



Responsibilities and Rules

1. Support from our parents is required in order to have a successful season. The coaches, team mom and PYFA Cheerleading cannot provide everything your child needs to have a successful season.
2. A parent or guardian must be present for all games and GFL sponsored events.
3. Parents are expected to allow their coaches to coach. Please do not interfere with the instructional time of practice or at a game. Your coach will ask if they need assistance from parents.
4. Parents are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship on and off the field, during practice and games. Unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as, but not limited to, harassment of participants, fans, coaches or officials, use of profane language and/or gestures or public threats of physical violence
5. Being on a cheerleading squad takes practice, the same as with other sports and all children will be expected to attend practices. Practices are held three times a week. Days and times are based on individual squads. Parents are expected to have their child at practice and ready to practice at the specified practice time. This includes proper attire. If your cheerleader is going to miss an event or be late parents need to call the Head Coach or Assistant Coach. Dance routines and stunts have to be rearranged if cheerleaders are missing, this takes time to plan.
6. Parents are expected to have their child at their game 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game time or the time provided by the head coach. Failure to do so will result in the cheerleader sitting out a portion of the game.
7. Parents, siblings, grandparents, other family members and guests must adhere to the GFL Code of Conduct and MPAA Rules and Regulations. A violation may result in fines and/or suspension.
8. Profanity or any other threatening, abusive language towards the coaches, parents, teammates or MPAA officials will not be tolerated.
9. Uses of noisemakers, except shakers, are not allowed at games. Violations may result in a fine.
10. Parents are not allowed on the practice or game fields - certified coaching staff only. No cameras or video cameras are allowed on the playing field by any parent, coach or GFL official.
11. Parents are expected to assist coaches and team moms with various responsibilities required throughout the season, including but not limited to concessions. All parents will be assigned a duty during the season. A fine will be assessed for failure to show for concession duty and your cheerleader cannot participate in practice or games until the fine has been paid.
12. Parents are encouraged to have working knowledge of all cheers, chants, dances, and routines so that they can help practice at home.

How to handle issues and concerns

Remember that your coaches/team moms have volunteered to work with you and your squad. Show respect for them. If a problem arises the following steps should be followed:

1. Communicate the problem to the Head Coach and attempt to come to a resolution. In order for there to be resolution, no complaint should ever be communicated without a proposed solution accompanying it. Pick a time that is appropriate to talk calmly, privately and candidly with the coach. Under no circumstances should confrontations ever be voiced publicly in front of the children or other parents.
2. If the problem cannot be worked out with the coach, the parent/coach needs to communicate the issue to the cheer director. The problem must be communicated in writing with the results from steps 1 documented. The MPAA Cheer Director will not address any issues until step 1 has been completed and the results documents in writing. After review of the written complaint the Director or Co-Director will complete an investigation, if needed. The Director and Co-Director will meet with the parent and coaches to discuss the complaint and the findings of the investigation.

By signing below I agree that I have read and understand the MPAA Cheerleading Parent Contract requirements and agree to the terms and conditions.

