

## Attendance & Commitment Policy

Cheerleading routines are very complex and each team member has a very specific part. Not only do absences hold back that athlete's progress, they also affect the whole team. One person being missing can mean that the whole team is unable to practice their stunts properly. Because of this, we have to have strict attendance and commitment rules.

Before accepting their place onto a team, parents and athletes will be asked to sign that they understand and agree to the following attendance and commitment policies:

- All training sessions, competitions and showcases are compulsory.
- Athletes must be on time for training and ready to start when training starts. All lateness will be recorded and may have consequences (e.g. extra conditioning).
- Excused absences include: compulsory school events; serious illness or injury; contagious illness and family emergencies. If an athlete is injured or otherwise unable to train, they may still be asked to attend practice to watch choreography.
- Unexcused absences include (but are not limited to): mild illness e.g. colds; birthdays; family parties; school discos and revision/homework.
- Any unavoidable or excused absences on the day of training (e.g. sickness), must be communicated to Hannah by phone call or text (07935135536) before 3pm, to allow coaches to change training plans in accordance. Any absences which are not communicated before 3pm without very good reason will be treated as unexcused.
- Any planned holidays or school trips which would conflict with training must be communicated to Hannah via email as soon as you have the dates for these (a minimum of 6 weeks in advance). Any holidays/trips which are during term time or in the 3 week lead up to competition, may result in that athlete being replaced by another athlete in certain parts of their routine (e.g. stunts).
- Multiple unexcused absences and/or consistent lateness may result in a loss of position within the routine (e.g. taken out of stunts). If this doesn't improve then the athlete will eventually be asked to leave the team completely.
- Previous attendance, punctuality and commitment are all considered when it comes to Team Placements for each new season and may affect your child's role within their team. Talent counts for nothing if you don't turn up to training!
- Athletes must commit to the whole competitive season. Drop-outs are extremely damaging to the team as a whole and do affect the rest of the team's performance at competitions. If an athlete does drop out without good reason (e.g. injury, unexpected family situation) there will be no refunds for any fees already paid and the athlete will not be allowed to return to the team again.