

MG CHEER RULES/EXPECTATIONS

Please read through this document and sign the attached portion. By signing this, the parent/athlete are agreeing they understand what is expected of them throughout the season.

Dear Parents,

Please understand that the Maple Grove Youth Competition Cheer Program is a highly competitive program. In order to achieve our goals, there are some things you need to understand about the program. The following permission to participate should outline these facts. Please agree to the following conditions and return the signature slip at the preseason meeting in order to allow your child the opportunity to participate in tryouts.

Athlete Expectations

- 1.** We understand that competition practices are mandatory with the exception of an excused absence. Definition of an excused absence is outlined in the MG Cheerleading handbook.
- 2.** We understand that unexcused absences will be counted and a maximum of 3 is allowed. If an athlete has more than 5 unexcused absences, they may be moved down a team or made an alternate.
- 3.** We understand that if practice is cancelled because many athletes will be absent, unexcused absences will still be counted for this practice because practice was cancelled as a result of low attendance.
- 4.** We understand that we must notify our team coach via email with all planned absences as soon as possible following tryouts.
- 5.** We understand that respect, honesty, and safety are core values of the Maple Grove Cheer Program. Failure to adhere to these values will result in consequences included but not limited to: parent and athlete meeting with coaching staff and administration and sitting out for a practice.
- 6.** We understand that an athlete may be made an alternate as a result of disrespectful behavior during practice, competitions or other events.
- 7.** We understand that as cheerleaders, we are a direct representation of Maple Grove Competition Cheer. Engaging in inappropriate attire, behavior, and social media interaction will result in consequences deemed appropriate by the team coach.
- 8.** We understand the MG Cheer Program has zero tolerance for bullying. Acts that constitute bullying will result in removal from the team. No refund will be given.
- 9.** We understand that all competitions and events are mandatory. The coaching staff promises to communicate details for events with at least a week's notice. Please refer to the calendar for event and practice schedules.
- 10.** We understand that attendance is mandatory for choreography.
- 11.** We understand an athlete's selection for a certain team this year does not guarantee a spot on the team for the following year. Annual tryouts are necessary for every MGCP cheerleader.

Parent Expectations

- 1.** We understand the team selection process outlined in the Maple Grove Cheerleading Tryout Information Packet. This process includes alternate selection as well.
- 2.** We understand there is potential for injury in competitive cheerleading. All coaches are certified as deemed by the Minnesota Cheerleading Coaches Association standards and will make safety their top priority.

3. We understand that participating in fundraisers is an expectation.
4. We understand that it is our responsibility to check the calendar on the website for all scheduling matters.
5. We understand that talking badly about another MGCP Cheer athlete or family, giving another athlete/parent dirty looks or leading active discussions during events about another athlete's performance is misconduct and will not be tolerated. We understand that doing so may result in being banned from attending cheer related events and activities. The athletic director reserves the right to ban any parent from any cheer events who engages in this activity.
6. We understand that the week of September 27th is mandatory for choreography.

Communication Rules/Expectations

1. Parents will be notified of practice schedule changes, bills/payments, and any event involving transportation.
2. We understand that we may not contact coaches with an issue about our child without first sending the athlete to discuss the issue with the coach directly. We understand that if we contact a coach before our child has discussed his/her issue with the coach, we will receive this response, "Please send your child to speak with me directly. Thank you."
3. We understand that all parent meetings need to be scheduled ahead of time via email and within the guidelines of the 24-Hour Rule.

By signing below, you are agreeing to above conditions and will allow your child to participate in the tryout process. We have read and understand the conditions and expectations of becoming a member of the Maple Grove Senior High Cheer Program

We/I give permission to our athlete, _____, to tryout.

_____ (Guardian) _____ (Date)

_____ (Student) _____ (Date)