

**Bylaws of  
Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance  
Amended and restated as of 3/2/2026**

**Article I – Name and Location**

The name of this organization shall be Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance and shall be in the town of Greenwood, Arkansas.

**Article II – Purpose and Mission**

At the heart of our cheerleading program, is the belief that cheer is more than just a sport – it is a powerful tool for growth. We are committed to creating an environment where athletes can thrive through a combination of athleticism, teamwork, and creativity. We prioritize physical development, promoting health through strength building, improved flexibility, and refined coordination.

Our mission is to develop well-rounded individuals who lead with heart, hustle, and spirit – on and off the field.

Our purpose is to empower cheerleaders to build confidence, develop leadership skills, and foster a strong sense of community. Through consistent encouragement and high expectations, we help athletes boost their self-esteem, master new skills, and grow stronger by overcoming challenges.

**Article III – Eligibility and Registration**

- The Executive Board, at their first meeting, shall determine the registration fee for the upcoming season’s registration.
- Registration Fee is \$75.00 per participant.
- There will be a sibling discount included in the registration fees
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Sibling will be \$25 off, making both cheerleaders/dancers \$50 for registration
  - o 2 or more siblings will be \$10 off, making all cheerleaders/dancers \$40 for registration
- Registration fees will cover the cost of:
  - o Cheer/Dance Uniform (shell & skirt) if renting the uniform
    - \*\*There is a separate option to purchase a uniform during sign up
  - o Game Day/Clinic Shirt for the cheerleader/dancer
  - o Poms

- The Executive Board sets the dates of registration.
- All registration forms must be filled out completely with payment in full before a child will be able to participate in any function with the Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance Program, including, but not limited to practice, games, or events.
  - o Additionally, all required forms must be completed and turned in as well. (i.e. permission form, Parent Code of Conduct, and Tumbling Waiver)
- Any cheerleader who leaves and/or quits the program prior to completion of the season will not be entitled to a refund. It is the discretion of the Director or in some cases the unanimous vote of the Executive Board to allow the return of any cheerleader to any squad.
- The Executive Board will consider financial assistance for participants in part or full based on a review of individual's hardship and/or need. Any child whose parent cannot meet part, or all of the fees may be considered for assistance. Payment plans may also be arranged upon request and any monetary assistance is dependent on availability.
- Cheerleaders must cheer in the school district in which they attend.
  - o If a cheerleader is Home-Schooled, they will cheer for the program in the district that they live.
  - o If a cheerleader attends Private School, they will cheer for the program that is within their schools' district location.
- Cheerleaders must be entering into the First Grade through Sixth Grade to be eligible to participate in the Greenwood Pittbull & Dance Cheer Program.
- Dancers must be entering into the Fifth Grade or Sixth Grade to be eligible to participate in the Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance Program.
- Any participant not following the eligibility guidelines will potentially be removed from the Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance Program.
- Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance Program will allow both boys and girls to be involved in the Program.

#### **Article IV – Coaching and Supervision**

- Coaching privileges will be extended by invitation. All those interested in coaching will be required to complete a background check and potentially participate in an interview process.
- Applicants should be able to demonstrate the ability of properly coaching youth and promoting the growth and development of participants. Some knowledge is required of cheerleading or tumbling respectfully to ensure the safety of the participants.

- The minimum number of coaches to be present at each cheerleading practice or game shall be two (2) adults. If a coach is not available, then the Team Mom or Student Coach may fill the secondary position with prior notification to the Board.
- There will be no “head” or “assistant” coaches, all coaches will be equal.
- Final approval of coaching volunteers will be a Board decision.
- Coaches must demonstrate a positive attitude when dealing with their players, parents, and fellow coaches. Sportsmanship must be always demonstrated.
- All coaches have weekly practice and announce the schedule to the team as soon as possible and are responsible for submitting fundraisers to the Board in a timely manner for approval.
  - o Practice locations and times are at the discretions of the coaches however the coaches need to be mindful of parents and should be in a public place.
- Coaches are expected to be punctual at all practices and games.
- Coaches will dress appropriately at all practices and games.
- All coaches and team moms must be “Coach Safely” certified and filed with the Board by July 1<sup>st</sup> each year of eligibility.
- Coaches are responsible for the Dancers and Cheerleaders; coaches are expected to not leave until every child is picked up. No child should be left unattended at any practice, game, or other Pittbull event.
- Coaches are expected to utilize TeamReach as their form of contact for communications to parents.
- Violation of the Coaches Code of Conduct is grounds for suspension and/or termination from coaching privileges, which will be determined by the Greenwood Pittbull & Dance Cheer Board.
- If a coach’s conduct or performance is deemed inappropriate or unbecoming, a coach may be asked to leave a practice, game, or event by the Director. This matter will be brought before the Executive Board at the next scheduled Board meeting.
- If a coaches’ conduct or performance is deemed detrimental to the Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance Program, he or she may be removed at any time from the program by a majority vote of the Executive Board. There will be a special meeting held before the next event that said coach is expected to attend and a minimum three (3) Executive Board Members and said coach(es) must attend. Failure by a coach to attend the special meeting will be grounds for immediate removal from the program.
- Coaches’ meetings are mandatory each year and required by at least one (1) of the two (2) coaches per squad. If a squad has no representation without prior Executive Board approval, then that squad is subject to any changes the Board deems necessary.

- Coaches are expected to obtain tumbling waivers from all cheer/dance parents as well as signed Parent Code of Conduct.

### **Article V – Squad Selection**

- The Pittbull Program (football and cheer) will try to work with parents on sibling sign ups, however football has primary selection which means that the sibling on cheer will follow the team their football sibling is on.
- Cheerleaders will return each year to the same color that they were on in previous years. (i.e. once a cheerleader has been placed on Blue, they will always be on Blue and vice versa).
- Squad selection will be made by the Director.
- The Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance Program may consist of at least one squad per color of football team per grade. Each squad has a number of participants determined by the Executive Board and is dependent on the number of registrations. Each squad is grade based, not age based. Cheerleaders must cheer for their respective grade.
  - o For example, if Greenwood Pittbull Football only has one (1) football team in a specific grade, then cheer will only have one (1) squad in that same specific grade.
- The team colors will consist of Navy, White, or Gray. They may consist of other colors designated by the Executive Board.
- The selection of squads will be announced at the earliest on the day of Pittbull Cheer & Dance Clinic and at the latest, the following week after clinic.

### **Article VI – Uniforms and Appearance**

- Uniforms are decided by the Executive Board and are mandatory to participate in the Greenwood Pittbull Cheer Program.
- Uniforms are considered anything that is worn on the sidelines at the games. The entire team must match unless a special occasion happens during the season. (i.e. Halloween performances)
  - o The Greenwood Pittbull Cheer uniform is:
    - For girls: shell, skirt, bloomers, poms, and bow
    - For boys: shell, pants, and megaphone
  - o The Greenwood Pittbull Dance uniform is:
    - Shell, skirt, bloomers, poms, and bow
- Any part of the uniform that is not the standard uniform will be a majority vote of the team. (i.e. Breast Cancer awareness items or Halloween costumes).

- Practice wear is mandatory for the safety of the cheerleaders. Practice wear will consist of a t-shirt, athletic shorts, tennis shoes or cheer shoes. No crop tops, sports bras, or plain spandex will be allowed to be worn at practice.
- No jewelry is to be worn during any Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance event except for stud earrings.

#### **Article VII – Attendance and Discipline**

- Cheerleaders/Dancers that miss practice must know the material to be allowed to participate in sideline and halftime performances. This will be at the coach's discretion.
- If a cheerleader or dancer misses practices and does not know the material they will not be allowed to participate in the halftime.
- If a cheerleader or dancer has an injury that prohibits them from participating, they are still expected to attend practices and games to support their squad.
- If a cheerleader or dancer has been sick (running fever, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.) or had head lice in the past 24 hours, they will not be allowed at practice and/or games. They must be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to practice and/or games.
- It is the responsibility of the parent and/or guardian to have the cheerleaders/dancers to practice and games on time. They are also responsible for having cheerleaders/dancers at all practices, games, and events.
- If a cheerleader/dancer will not be in attendance or will be late, the parent and/or guardian will be expected to give as much of a notice to the coaches or team mom as possible.

#### **Article VIII – Safety and Risk Management**

- First (1<sup>st</sup>) and Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Grade must sign in and out at every Greenwood Pittbull Cheer event (i.e. games, practice, kickoff, parade, etc.)
- Parents must check in with coaches or a team mom before leaving their child unsupervised.
- Coaches must stay with their squad until all cheerleaders/dancers are picked up by a responsible adult at all Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance events.
  - o For example, if a squad participates in the Greenwood Christmas Parade, the coaches must remain with the squad until all cheerleaders are picked up by a responsible adult.

#### **Article IX – Rules**

- If Football plays, we cheer/dance.

- Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance falls under the umbrella of Greenwood Pittbull Football and anyone associated with our Cheer & Dance Program will abide by Pittbull Football rules and guidelines in addition to ours at any time.
- Uniforms are not to be worn at school per Greenwood Schools.
- Free entry is allowed at the High School football games when the designated t-shirt is worn by the cheerleader/dancer at entry.
- Half-time music must be PG, no foul language. \*When in doubt, ask. \*
- Assaults, verbal abuse, profanity, display of poor sportsmanship by a coach, parent, spectator, player, club official, or guest will not be tolerated. Excessive yelling at officials and coaches or any yelling at the opposing team's players will not be tolerated.
- Only one (1) photographer per team will be allowed on the sidelines of any games.
- No game passes of any kind will be allowed.
- Stadium Rules:
  - o No personal coolers allowed, only the team water cooler.
  - o No parents or spectators on the field, track, or near the playing field. Do not enter the fenced area of the field unless asked to do so.
  - o No artificial noise makers will be allowed during games (i.e. air horns and cowbells)
  - o Following the seating rules for each stadium, tents, if necessary, need to be around the perimeter of the stands. Be courteous with umbrellas and do not block other spectators' view.
  - o No food or gum on the track, water only.
  - o Clean your squads' trash up on the track when you are done cheering.
  - o \*\*\*Stadium rules may vary from town to town, please be courteous and follow local stadium rules wherever you play.
- Weather Rules:
  - o The town football director may call the games due to inclement/dangerous weather or field conditions. There will be an attempt to make up the games when safe to do so, if a game is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and is halted and unable to continue, it will be considered final.
  - o Games in the first half or not yet started will be as if not played or yet started, rescheduled if reasonably possible.
  - o Teams must follow the host schools lightening protocols. Lightening within eight (8) miles will result in a 30-minute halt to play and evacuation of the spectator area.
  - o Coaches will follow the Wet Bulb Globe Thermometer (WBGT) guidelines if practicing outside.

## **Article X – Officers’ Roles and Responsibilities**

### *- Director*

- Serves as the Chief Program Leader and Representative of the Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance Program
- Oversee all cheerleading operations along with each squad’s practice schedule and location
- Work closely with the Cheer Coaches to ensure athlete safety, skill development, and positive team culture.
- Report to the Board regarding progress and program needs
- Presides over the Board Meetings
- Oversees events, however, does not plan the events. This includes, but is not limited to fittings, Clinic, Kickoff, Homecoming, and any other special event.
- Recruits coaches, team moms, and volunteers for special events
- Ensure that volunteers’ duties are clearly defined and fulfilled
- Tracks volunteer hours
- Ensure that the program maintains age-appropriate skills progressions and follows safety guidelines.
- Oversees Registration
- Serves as the primary point of contact for parents and the community
- Primary contact for Pittbull football

### *- President*

- Serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance Program
- Presides over the Board Meetings when the Director is unavailable.
- Ensures that the Organization operates in accordance with its mission, bylaws, and policies
- Has authority to sign legal and financial documents on behalf of the Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance Program
- Plans Events, this includes but is not limited to fittings, Clinic, Kickoff, Homecoming, and any other special events
- Organize Volunteers
- Assist with finding coaches, team moms, and volunteers for special events
- Works with the Director with ensuring volunteer duties are clearly defined and fulfilled
- Create the Rosters for the Cheer/Dance Teams

### *- Vice President*

- Assists the President and assumes those duties assigned in the absence of the President

- Coordinates with other Board Members to maintain efficient operations
- Coordinates fundraising events
- Works with the President and Treasurer to make sure the group follows the Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance Bylaws, Non-Profit Regulations, and Safety Policies
- Assumes all communications with the uniform rep(s)
- *Treasurer*
  - Maintains accurate financial records for the Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance Program
  - Prepares and presents monthly financial reports to the Board
  - Oversees budgeting and payment processing
  - Ensures timely filing of required tax and financial documentation
- *Media Coordinator*
  - Post and/or manage updates on all social media pages, websites, or bulletin boards
  - Helps promote events and fundraisers in the community
  - Keeps up with Facebook, Instagram, Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance website, and email accounts
  - Secondary source of contact for parent and community
  - Create flyers
- *Secretary*
  - Records and maintains minute of all Board Meetings
  - Maintains the Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance official documents including Bylaws, policies, and rosters along with lists of coaches and volunteers
  - Oversee official correspondence and communication of Board decisions
  - File and organize documents, waivers, medical forms, tumbling waivers, insurance forms, and parent agreements
  - Maintains the Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance official calendar
  - Sends out official announcements, reminders, schedules, or newsletters
  - Helps to distribute uniforms, merchandise, or paperwork to athletes
  - Ensures that required documents for athletes and volunteers are complete and filed before participation.

#### **Article XI – Meetings**

- Regular monthly meetings will occur each month of the year except for December. The final 30 minutes of each meeting will be Executive Board only.

- If an individual wishes to address the Board or add an item to the agenda, then he or she must notify the Board at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.
- Meetings shall be presided over by the Director. In the absence of the Director, the Secretary will assume the role of running the meeting.
- Special meetings may be recommended by any Board member with a majority vote of all members of the Board. The vote shall be recorded in minutes of this special meeting.
- In the matters not covered by the Bylaws of the Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance Program, a special meeting can be called to consider said matter. The Board then will call a majority vote to add or change such matters if necessary for the functioning of the Program.
- Two-thirds of members of the Board shall be present to conduct a vote.
- Voting shall be restricted to members of the Board.
- Each person has one (1) vote.
- In the event of a matter that needs immediate Board approval, group message voting will be used to vote.

#### **Article XII – Financial**

- The Executive Board shall be responsible for the funds of the Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance Program.
- It shall be the Executive Board’s policy to place all funds in a checking account for payment of program debts.
  - o Debts include storage fee; P.O. Box fee; the purchase of poms, bows, bloomers, uniforms; website fees; event decorations/supplies; coaches’ shirts; game-day shirts; board member shirts; clinic volunteer shirts; coaches’ bags/bag supplies; coaches’ water jugs; coaches’ binders; clinic concession
- All contributions and/or solicitations shall be for the sole benefit of the Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance Program as a whole. The Executive Board will direct all solicitation of funds specifically for each event. All funds are to be presented and accounted for to the Executive Board/Treasurer at the completion of each event. Failure to account for and present all funds to the Executive Board/Treasurer could result in criminal charges.
- No part of the funds or assets of the Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance Program shall be distributed to its members or board except as in accordance with Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance Program bylaws.
- There shall be no fundraising for a specific purpose or event without prior approval of a majority vote of the Executive Board. Any unauthorized fundraising will be

brought before the Executive Board and may result in disciplinary action from the Executive Board.

- Two (2) Executive Board members must sign off on every check that is written from the bank account.
- Four (4) Executive Board members must always be on the bank account.
- Bank statements will be available at any time upon request.

### **Article XIII – Amendments**

- The Bylaws will be proposed and reviewed annually. They will be voted on by the first meeting of the year.
- The Bylaws may be amended and/or altered in whole or in part by a two-thirds vote of Executive Board members at any time throughout the year when deemed necessary.

### **Article XIV – Grievance Procedures**

- If a parent or coach has an issue with another parent or coach, Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance Program expects the following in this order:
  1. **Walk away for twenty-four (24) hours.** This is in hope that all involved parties can calm down enough to attempt to resolve the situation with a calm and respectful conversation. If an issue exists between players/cheerleaders/dancers, the parents of the children along with the coaches should attempt to resolve the situation with calm and respectful conversation. **In no case should parent discuss an issue directly with a child that is not their own.**
  2. Request a meeting with your squad's Team Mom and attempt a calm and respectful conversation.
  3. If the issue is not resolved after meeting with your Team Mom, request a meeting with your coach and attempt a calm and respectful conversation.
  4. If the issue is still not resolved after meeting with your Coach, the aggrieved individual may contact the Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance Executive Board via email at [greenwoodpittbullcheer@yahoo.com](mailto:greenwoodpittbullcheer@yahoo.com) to request assistance with resolution of the issue. Any such grievance shall include a clear description of the issue or issues. The Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance Board Director will contact the rest of the Executive Board and after discussing the situation with the Executive Board, the Director will then contact the relevant parties and attempt to resolve the issue. The Greenwood Pittbull Cheer & Dance Board expects grievances to be filed only in the most extreme circumstances.

5. After meeting with all relevant parties, the Executive Board shall render a decision as quickly as possible on the grievance. In all cases, the decision of the Executive Board is final.