

2026 SFTYCA ATTENDANCE POLICY

Cheerleading is a unique TEAM sport. Each position is dependent upon one another. Every cheerleader has a role and if someone is missing, it places a hardship on the whole squad, can become a safety issue, and can take away other cheerleaders' ability to fully participate that day. Thus, attendance is essential to the squad. Missing practices and games has a negative impact on both individual skill and squad development. For safety reasons, all squads are required to warm-up & practice as a team, as well as practice their half-time routines, prior to each game.

Cheer Camp and Showcase

Cheer Camp and Showcase are **MANDATORY**. Each cheerleader is an important and integral part of the squad. The objectives of camp are to teach and set half-time routines and to ensure that all safety issues are understood and executed properly. This cannot be done unless all cheerleaders are present. Therefore, all cheerleaders **MUST** attend. Missing any cheer camp practice or showcase may result in the cheerleader being terminated from the program.

Practice

MORE THAN TWO absences from practice sessions will be brought to the board for review. A cheerleader may permanently lose his/her position(s) in ANY routine or activity due to absences. These include the 45-minute practice sessions before each game.

A collective 60 MINUTES of late or early exit grace period will be given to each cheerleader for regular practice sessions (not camp). If your cheerleader has been late or leaves early more than 60 minutes across all practice sessions, she/he will lose the paid meal and end of year gift at the banquet and the board will be notified. Please note, if your cheerleader is late, there is a possibility that the halftime routine will be re-worked and she/he may lose their standard position in the routine. This is at the coach's discretion and decisions will be made so that the squad as a whole has the best opportunity to complete the routine as intended.

Football Games

TWO absences from league football games will not be penalized but missing games is not encouraged. A cheerleader may leave **TWO** football games **AFTER** half-time is over and it will not count as a missed game, but will disqualify the cheerleader from earning "perfect attendance". You must communicate this with your coaches ahead of time and sign out for that game with the Coach Manager. If a cheerleader leaves a game early a third time **OR** is not signed out, it will count as an absence. **THREE** absences from league football games will result in the loss of the paid meal and the end-of-year gift for the cheerleader at the banquet. **FOUR** absences from league football games will result in the cheerleader being terminated from the program.

Please sign stating you accept and will follow the Attendance Policy of the SFTYCA:

Cheerleader Name:

Parent Signature

Date