

WJW-WJT CHEER Attendance policy

Attendance is essential to the success of each season. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each practice, game and event. Each Cheerleader's (and Parent's) 100% commitment is required as each position on the squad is dependent on the other. When one Cheerleader is absent, it places hardship on the entire squad and can become a safety issue. It is for these reasons, the Cheerleader and the Parents must be advised of the importance of compliance with the Attendance Policy.

Attendance is MANDATORY at every practice, game and competition. Each cheerleader is expected to be at the onset of practice and remain throughout the entire practice, and from the time designated by the coach pre-game throughout the entire game/competition.

***Consistently arriving LATE to practice and games and competitions will result in your child not being eligible to compete. You cheerleader is expected to be ON-TIME for not just practices but games and competitions.**

Your daughter's position in the competitive routine will be adjusted based on attendance. Practices are MANDATORY, this includes arriving ON TIME, and if you are juggling schedules, please keep in mind your daughter might not have a flying/base/center position as it becomes unfair to the squad each week when they have to wait until the practice is almost over to run through and practice their routines.

We understand things may come up throughout the season. For that reason, each cheerleader is allowed monthly **unexcused** absences (outlined below) as long as they are communicated to the coach BEFORE practice. Please be advised that just because you tell a coach of an absence, does not excuse the absence.

EXCUSED ABSENCES ARE: MEDICAL (WITH DRS NOTE), EDUCATION BASED SCHOOL FUNCTIONS, FAMILY EMERGENCIES AND MUST BE COMMUNICATED TO THE COACH PRIOR TO PRACTICE. *Education based events include open houses and music concerts. They do not include sporting events, parties/dances, events being held for siblings.

PLEASE NOTE, ALL-STAR CHEER/OTHER SPORTS/ACTIVITIES ARE NOT CONSIDERED AN EXCUSED ABSENCE. IF EVERY EFFORT IS NOT MADE TO ATTEND THE MAJORITY OF DAILY/WEEKLY PRACTICES (meaning you will need to work with the conflicting sport/activity to leave early to arrive to WJW-WJT practice in a timely manner - no later than 30 minutes/practice and it CANNOT be a weekly occurrence). If you are arriving later than 30 minutes to practice then it is going to be considered an unexcused absence and if it is persistent/weekly YOUR CHILD'S POSITION IN THE STUNTS (BASE/FLYER, ETC) WILL BE PERMANENTLY CHANGED IN THE ROUTINE OR THEY WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE SQUAD, SHOULD PRACTICE CONFLICTS BE A CONSISTENT ISSUE. THIS IS TO ENSURE FAIRNESS AND CONSISTENCY THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.

MONTHLY ABSENCE BREAKOUT

August

During the month of August we practice 4x per week (3x for Flag). Your cheerleader will be allowed 4 unexcused absences (3 for Flag). Those can be 4 (or 3) consecutive practices if your family has a vacation planned or they can be used at separate times. If those days will be used for a vacation we do ask that families share those dates with your coaches prior to the season starting so that they can plan ahead for that week. The month of August is when they routine is taught so it is extremely important to have the full team present. Missing more than 4 practices during the month will result in your daughter being ineligible to compete this season.

September

During the month of September we drop down to 2 practices per week plus a game each weekend. Your cheerleader will be allowed 3 unexcused absences during this month. Missed games count towards absences. Missing more than 3 practices/games during the month will result in your daughter being ineligible to compete this season.

October

During the month of October we continue with the 2 practices per week and add a 3rd Friday evening practice every competition week. The Friday practices take place at an All Star gym outside of Webster. ZERO unexcused absences, including late arrivals, will be allowed during this month. Practices during competition weeks are crucial to our girls success and without a full team present the coaches and teammates sit at a huge disadvantage. **EXCUSED ABSENCES: MEDICAL (WITH DRS NOTE), EDUCATION BASED SCHOOL FUNCTIONS, FAMILY EMERGENCIES are still acceptable during this month at the coaches and VP discretion and must be communicated PRIOR to the missed practice.**

As mentioned before **MEDICAL (WITH DRS NOTE), EDUCATION BASED SCHOOL FUNCTIONS, FAMILY EMERGENCIES** will not count against your cheerleader for any of the months as long as they are properly communicated IN ADVANCE and aren't a weekly occurrence.

We do not expect any issues with attendance as our schedule and expectations are shared prior to making the commitment to our season. However, if a Cheerleader does not abide by the attendance policy they will be asked to leave the program.

By signing below, the parent/guardian and athlete acknowledge understanding of this agreement and agree to all terms stated above.

Athlete Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Athlete Signature: _____ **Date:** _____