Hardaway Cheerleading Program

# Responsibilities and Duties

## Grades

* 1. All cheerleaders must meet GHSA requirements. All athletes must pass 3 out of 4 classes at the end of the previous semester. Failure to maintain grades may result in suspension, removal from the team, or demerits.
  2. Each “F” will result in suspension for one game and one pep-rally. Progress reports will also be sent to teachers.

1. Attendance
   1. All team members are expected to attend camps/clinics, extra training sessions, or one-day clinics.
   2. Failure to attend games and/ events will result in a suspension from the next game and/ event. The cheerleader will be required to attend the game but must sit with the coach during the entire time.
   3. Pep rally practices are mandatory and are held the day before a pep rally. Any absence from a pep rally practice will result in the team member being unable to participate and may result in a suspension.
   4. If a cheerleader is late for a game by any amount of time, that cheerleader will sit with the coach for an entire half.
   5. Attendance at all tournaments (i.e. Christmas, region, state) is required.
2. Games
   1. All cheerleaders must arrive 30 minutes prior to a game. All assignments must be completed prior to a game. Attendance at all games is necessary.
   2. Cheerleaders will cheer at all games.
3. Other
   1. All cheerleaders will attend all other activities required by the Principal, athletic director, or coach. This will include performances, volunteer work in the community, banquets, competitions, etc.
4. Transportation
   1. Cheerleaders may drive to games that are held in town. Any demonstration of unsafe skills may result in a loss of a team member’s privilege to drive.
   2. No team member may drive to out of town games or activities.
   3. Cheerleaders are not allowed to ride in a car with a young man while in uniform. She will be required to change clothes before riding in a car with a young man.
   4. All cheerleaders must ride to and from games in the same car. If a girl will be riding in a different car, notice must be given to the coach prior to the game.
   5. Failure to follow transportation rules may result in suspensions, demerits, or removal from the team.
5. Financial Responsibilities
   1. All expenses must be paid on time. Failure to pay expenses may result in a cheerleader being removed from current team or unable to try out for the next year’s team.
   2. All cheerleaders will participate in fundraiser activities. Failure to participate may result in a suspension or dismissal from the team.
   3. A rental fee of $75 will be charged for all uniforms issued by the school.
6. Uniforms
   1. Cheerleaders are responsible for maintaining their uniforms.
   2. Repairs should be made prior to return and name on all tags.
   3. Uniforms need to be machine washed before each game. Do not put uniforms in the dryer – air-dry all uniforms. DO NOT dry-clean, bleach, iron, or use fabric softeners on uniforms.
   4. Any missing uniforms must be paid for in full at new prices.
   5. At the end of the season, all uniforms must be marked and turned in together in a plastic bag.
   6. Date for turning in uniforms will be determined at the end of the season.
7. Code of Conduct
   1. All cheerleaders will be expected to conduct themselves in the appropriate manner at all times – whether in uniform or not. Cheerleaders need to remember that they represent the school, the community, and their team.

THE FOLLOWING OFFENCES MAY RESULT IN IMMEDIATE REMOVAL

FROM THE TEAM:

1. Smoking
2. Drinking
3. Drugs
4. Use Of Foul Language
5. Failure To Display Proper Sportsmanship
6. Failure To Display Respect To Any Administrator, Coach, Faculty Member, Or Parent
7. Failure To Participate In Fundraising Activities
8. Inappropriate behavior as determined by coaches

THE FOLLOWING OFFENCES MAY RESULT IN DEMERITS, SUSPENSIONS, OR IN REMOVAL FROM THE TEAM:

1. Failure to wear appropriate uniform
2. Failure to attend practice, games, or other required activities
3. Failure to wear appropriate attire to practice, camps, clinics, or school
4. Uncooperative attitude
5. Wearing nail polish, long nails, jewelry, hair in an inappropriate way (i.e. color, style)
6. Failure to be picked up on time from practice, games, camps, etc.
7. Wearing a uniform outside of cheerleading or loaning any part of a uniform to anyone outside of cheerleading
8. Chewing gum
9. Failure to turn in money on time for fundraising

THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL BE FOLLOWED:

1. Ten demerits will result in the removal from the team.
2. If removed from the team, the cheerleader may not try out for the team for one year after her removal.
3. Two suspensions will result in removal from the team.

\*\*Suspension means that cheerleader will sit out for a set number of games in uniform with the coach.

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By signing below, I am stating that I have read and understand the above responsibilities and duties of the Hardaway High School Cheerleaders.

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Signature of Cheerleader DATE

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Signature of Parent/Guardian DATE

THINGS HARDAWAY CHEERLEADERS MUST KNOW:

1. WE WILL ALWAYS SHOW POSITIVE SPORTSMANSHIP. THIS MEANS CLAPPING FOR THE OTHER TEAM EVEN IF NOT RECIPROCATED.
2. WE WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO EAT OR DRINK AT HALFTIME. NO FOOD OR DRINKS ARE ALLOWED ON/AROUND THE BENCH OR CHEERING AREA.
3. WE WILL BE ALLOWED TO TALK BEFORE AND AFTER GAMES. TALKING DURING A GAME IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. WE WILL ALWAYS BE PAYING ATTENTION.
4. WE WILL VISIT WITH ALL FRIENDS BEFORE AND AFTER GAMES. IF THEY COME TO THE GAME, THEY MAY NOT SIT WITH THE CHEERLEADERS.
5. WE WILL ALWAYS BE BACK IN PLACE READY TO CHEER SEVEN MINUTES BEFORE TIME RUNS OUT AFTER HALFTIME.
6. WE WILL ALWAYS REMIND OUR PARENTS/GUARDIANS TO PICK US UP AT LEAST 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE END OF THE GAME. THIS MEANS THEY MAY HAVE TO WAIT FOR US…BUT THAT IS OKAY.
7. WE WILL ALWAYS WAIT WITH OUR COACH FOR OUR RIDES HOME. WE WILL ALWAYS USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY AT VISITING SCHOOLS.
8. PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION ARE NOT ALLOWED IN UNIFORM OR OUT OF UNIFORM. NO EXCUSES!
9. WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT THE COMMUNITY IS WATCHING US. WE ARE HAWKS AND WILL ACT ACCORDINGLY. WE WILL FOLLOW ALL SCHOOL RULES AND BE ROLE MODELS FOR OUR PEERS.
10. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IS ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES, ALONG WITH OTHERS THAT WILL BE ADDED BY THE COACHES AS NEEDED, ARE BROKEN, THE APPROPRIATE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE GIVEN.

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HARDAWAY CHEERLEADER DATE

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HARDAWAY PARENT DATE

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HARDAWAY COACH DATE