

## **HARRISBURG CHEER**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### **SIDELINE CHEER**

INCREASE SCHOOL SPIRIT THROUGH CHEERS, STUNTS, JUMPS, TUMBLING, SIGN WORK AND SPIRITING IN LIVE-GAME ACTION.

#### **I HAVE NO CHEER EXPERIENCE. CAN I TRY-OUT FOR SIDELINE CHEER?**

YES! WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW TALENT ON OUR SIDELINE CHEER TEAMS.

#### **I'M CURRENTLY IN 7TH GRADE. CAN I TRY-OUT FOR SIDELINE CHEER?**

SIDELINE CHEERLEADERS NEED TO BE IN HIGH SCHOOL. SO, FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025, YOU MUST BE IN GRADES 9-12.

#### **WHAT DOES THE SIDELINE CHEER SCHEDULE CONSIST OF?**

WE WILL START PRACTICE IN AUGUST. FOOTBALL GAMES ARE THURSDAY, FRIDAY OR SATURDAY NIGHTS FROM AUGUST-NOVEMBER. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 8-11 FOOTBALL GAMES. WE WILL PRACTICE ABOUT 4 DAYS A WEEK IN AUGUST, THEN WHEN SCHOOL STARTS WE WILL PRACTICE ABOUT 1 DAY A WEEK.

#### **CAN I PARTICIPATE IN SIDELINE AND COMPETITIVE CHEER?**

YES!

#### **CAN I PARTICIPATE IN SIDELINE CHEER AND OTHER FALL SPORTS?**

CHEER PRACTICES AND GAMES MUST BE YOUR #1 PRIORITY DURING THE SEASON. YOUR TEAMMATES AND COACH DEPEND ON YOU. BECAUSE OF THIS, YOU CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES IN THE FALL THAT CONFLICT WITH OUR PRACTICE/ GAME DATES AND TIMES.

#### **WHEN IS THE SIDELINE CHEER SEASON DONE?**

STATE FOOTBALL IS NOVEMBER 16.

#### **IS TUMBLING REQUIRED FOR SIDELINE CHEER?**

NO! TUMBLING IS AWESOME, BUT NOT REQUIRED. :)

#### **WHAT DOES THE SUMMER COMMITMENT LOOK LIKE?**

WE WILL PROBABLY HAVE A 2-DAY STUNT CAMP IN JULY. OTHER THAN THAT, THE SUMMER IS PRETTY OPEN. WE WILL START PRACTICE MID-AUGUST.

#### **HOW MUCH DOES CHEER COST?**

CHEER CAN BE A VERY EXPENSIVE SPORT THE FIRST YEAR (AND IS LESS AFTER THE INITIAL YEAR). HOWEVER, WE PROVIDE FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES TO KEEP YOUR COSTS LOW. WE CAN ALSO ASSIST FAMILIES IN NEED. DON'T LET THIS DETER YOU FROM BEING A PART OF OUR PROGRAM.

## COMPETITIVE CHEER

COMPETITIVE CHEER THROUGH CHEER, STUNTS, TUMBLING, AND DANCE WITH A GOAL TO PERFECT SKILLS AND EARN HIGHEST SCORE IN COMPETITION.

### I HAVE NO CHEER EXPERIENCE. CAN I TRY-OUT FOR COMPETITIVE CHEER?

EXPERIENCE IS NOT REQUIRED, HOWEVER, WITH THE LEVEL OUR TEAM COMPETES AT AND THE LEVEL OF SKILLS OUR FORMER ATHLETES DISPLAY, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO MAKE THE TEAM WITHOUT CHEER EXPERIENCE. IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW, CONSIDER TRYING OUT FOR OUR SIDELINE TEAMS.

### I'M CURRENTLY IN 7TH GRADE. CAN I TRY-OUT FOR COMPETITIVE CHEER?

COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADERS CAN BE GRADES 7-12 DURING THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR. SO, AT TRY-OUT TIME IN MARCH, YOU CAN BE IN GRADES 6-11.

### WHAT DOES THE COMPETITIVE CHEER SCHEDULE CONSIST OF?

AFTER TRY-OUTS WE WILL START OUR FUNDRAISER IN APRIL. OPEN GYMS ARE 2 DAYS A WEEK THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER. WE WILL ALSO HAVE A STUNT CAMP IN JUNE AND CHOREOGRAPHY IN JULY. OFFICIAL PRACTICES BEGIN IN AUGUST AND RUN THROUGH THE END OF OCTOBER. WE HAVE ABOUT 10 COMPETITIONS FROM AUGUST-OCTOBER. MOST ARE TUESDAY, THURSDAY, OR SATURDAY COMPETITIONS.

### CAN I PARTICIPATE IN SIDELINE AND COMPETITIVE CHEER?

YES!

### CAN I PARTICIPATE IN COMPETITIVE CHEER AND OTHER FALL SPORTS?

CHEER PRACTICES, EVENTS, AND COMPETITIONS MUST BE YOUR #1 PRIORITY DURING THE SEASON. YOUR TEAMMATES AND COACH DEPEND ON YOU. BECAUSE OF THIS, YOU CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES IN THE FALL THAT CONFLICT WITH OUR DATES AND TIMES.

### WHEN IS THE COMPETITIVE CHEER SEASON DONE?

STATE CHEER IS OCTOBER 26

### IS TUMBLING REQUIRED FOR COMPETITIVE CHEER?

TUMBLING IS NOT A REQUIREMENT, BUT A MAJORITY (HALF +1) OF OUR TEAM MUST HAVE A STANDING BACK HAND TUCK AND A RUNNING LAYOUT. TUMBLING IS DEFINITELY A PLUS FOR COMPETITIVE TEAM!

### WHAT DOES THE SUMMER COMMITMENT LOOK LIKE?

WE HAVE OPEN GYMS 2 DAYS A WEEK AND WEIGHT LIFTING 4 DAYS A WEEK THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER. THERE IS ALSO A 3-DAY STUNT CAMP IN JUNE AND CHOREOGRAPHY IN JULY. IT IS DIFFICULT TO COMPETE WITH YOUR TEAMMATES AND MEET THE EXPECTATIONS OF THIS TEAM IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO MAKE THESE COMMITMENTS.

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