

# **CIBOLA HIGH SCHOOL GOLDIES CONSTITUTION**

## **Art I: OBJECTIVES**

- Sec 1. To promote school spirit and enthusiasm
2. To perform during half-times of football and basketball games(if requested), assemblies,CHS events and competitions
  3. To set a good example of character, conduct, and leadership throughout the year.

## **Art II: ELIGIBILITY**

- Sec 1. Student must attend school full time (minimum of 4 classes).
2. The member must have a 2.0 GPA or better with no more than one F for the previous grading period (on a 4.0 scale), if he/she is in high school. Any 8<sup>th</sup> grader (will be 9<sup>th</sup> in the fall) may try out.
  3. A student may become ineligible at the end of each 6-week grading period. At the end of each semester, if the 6 weeks grades are not acceptable, the semester grades will be used. If neither the 6 weeks grades or semester grades are acceptable at the end of the first semester, the student will be removed from The Goldies. If grades are not acceptable at the end of second semester, the student can take a summer school class to become eligible. During the time of ineligibility, the member will attend and dress out for Drill Team class. She may not wear the uniform or participate with the team at any events.
  4. Each student must live in the Cibola High School district or be on an approved transfer.

## **Art. III: TRYOUTS**

- Sec 1. Tryouts will be held in the spring for the next school year. A Freshmen tryout will be held in August.
2. Tryouts are open to any student attending CHS, or any student that will be attending CHS in the fall.
  3. Each student will need an APS physical form (completed by a physician) and a constitution. These must be completed and signed before that student may participate in clinic or tryouts.
  4. A clinic will be held before the actual tryout, where the candidates will learn routine(s) in which to be judged. An interview may also be held during this clinic and may be part of the tryout score.
  5. Each candidate will be judged on the same criteria by a panel of judges. Tryouts will be closed.
  6. The total number of members will be determined by the natural break in scores. The team will consist of 16 or more members.
  7. The sponsor/coach(es) may hold tryouts at any time, or a number of times, if necessary.

## **Art IV: RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS**

- Sec 1. The team and the sponsor/coach(es) before summer practices will elect 2 captains. The tryout score will be part of the selection process.
2. Captains must be a third or fourth year Goldies member.
  3. Captains will take attendance at events, noting if members were late, not in appropriate uniform, etc. This includes the captains.
  4. Captains will call members when needed and are responsible for reminding members about cheer groups, uniforms, etc.
  5. Captains will be in charge if, or when, the sponsor/coach(es) are unavailable.
  6. Captains will meet with the sponsor/coach(es) when needed to discuss uniforms, cheer groups, etc.

## **Art V: RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL MEMBERS**

- Sec 1. A member of The Goldies is a representative of the school, as well as an inspiration and example to peers and youngsters. As such, a member must be spotless in character and behavior and must never engage in anything inconsistent with such a trust and responsibility. If a member is found to be involved in any manner with the purchase, possession, distribution, or use of alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, or tobacco products, she will be dismissed from the team immediately. Random drug tests may be performed. Fighting, cutting class, stealing, use of profanity, suspensions from school, or forging any Goldies or school forms will result in suspension and/or dismissal from The Goldies under the discretion of the sponsor/coach(es) and the CHS Principal(s).

2. A Goldies member is a public person, and because of this, he/she must give up some rights. At *all* times, a Goldies member is a high ranking individual. Therefore, behavior must be spotless and wholesome because any poor actions on the part of any member are reflected not only on that member, but also on The Goldies, the sponsor/coach(es), CHS and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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3. Members will provide their own *punctual* rides to and from all practices, games and events.
4. Family and friends are not to attend Dance Team classes and practices and are not to sit in block at games and events.
5. Positively no arguing is ever to take place in front of a crowd, especially in uniform.
6. During a member's term, if any type of physical disability or injury develops, non-participation will occur until the problem heals. A physician's release will be required before practicing or performing.
7. If a member in uniform is asked to comment to the media, all comments should remain neutral so he/she does not appear to reflect the opinion of the rest of the team, the sponsor/coach(es) or CHS.
8. Members will not chew gum, consume food at practice, performances or special functions except at halftime or breaks. At football and basketball games, the team will be given the next period or quarter off after they have performed.
9. Members must be in attendance 20 minutes prior to game time or the start of the event.
10. At the start of a game *and* at the end of halftime, members must be sitting in block at the appointed time or it will be considered a tardy.
11. Homework, doing hair, listening to iPods, etc. will not be done in block while cheering.
12. The team will attend and perform at as many outside activities as possible.
13. Members are to be discreet in their behavior. No excessive public displays of affection, sitting on laps, etc. will be tolerated (especially in uniform).
14. Cibola Goldies is school sponsored and works under its rules.
15. At all times, a member must respect every other team member and the sponsor/coach(es).
16. In all cases of discipline, the sponsor/coach(es) and school administration will take any disciplinary action necessary.
17. If a member is pulled from competition (due to grades, knowledge, or ability), he/she will be considered an alternate for the routine(s). The member will be expected to attend practices and performances. Failure to do so may jeopardize letter and/or chevron requirements and his/her grade for the class will be affected.
18. Members must perform in at least 50% of routines in order to tryout for competition routines. Injuries are an exception to this rule. The sponsor/coach(es) will notify the team when tryouts are needed for routines.
19. Each member will be responsible for fundraising a *minimum* of \$700 over the summer and during the school year. Many fundraisers are mandatory and members not raising the minimum amount for each fundraiser will be fined that amount and won't receive goods bought with the money raised until the money is paid.
20. Forging a grade check will result in dismissal from the team.
21. Any behavior unbecoming of a member may result in dismissal from the team. (on or off campus, in or out of uniform, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week)
22. If a member has to resign or is removed from the team, money and/or uniforms that have already been ordered, purchased or collected WILL NOT be refunded.
23. If a member is suspended for any reason, he/she will be required to attend Dance all practices, games and/or performances that fall during her suspension, unless the sponsor/coach tells him/her otherwise. He/she will *not* be allowed to wear any part of the uniform and will sit with the sponsor/coach(es) during games and performances for the duration of the suspension.
24. Additional requirements may be added, revised or deleted, with the discretion of the sponsor/coach(es) and will take effect immediately after members and their parents are notified in writing.

#### Art VI: **UNIFORMS**

- Sec. 1. Uniforms will be selected each with the possibility of keeping the same uniform from year to year. Keeping a uniform will be decided by the team and the sponsor/coach(es).

2. Members will keep uniforms in good condition at all times (ironed, neat and clean).
3. No jewelry will be worn during practices or while performing.
4. Hair must always be clean and pulled back, so it does not fall into the eyes. Long hair will be worn tied back and short hair will be pulled back with clips, barrettes, etc.
5. The cost of the uniform and accessories for new members will be approximately \$500 or less. Returning member's cost will be less. Once a member's uniform bill is paid, he/she may receive uniforms.

6. The sponsor/coach(es) will decide the uniform to wear to each event. Only uniform shoes may be worn with the uniform.
7. Members are to change out of the uniform immediately after a game or event. Uniforms may not be worn unless prior permission to do so has been obtained from the sponsor/coach(es). *NO* part of the uniform may be loaned out.
8. If a student quits or is removed from the team, no uniforms, clothing or bag may be used or worn until graduation or leaving CHS. The letter jacket may be worn, provided all patches and letters relating to The Goldies have been removed. Any uniforms paid for by fundraising and/or the booster club are considered property of CHS and will be returned upon graduation or leaving the team (for any reason). If uniforms are not returned, the student will be fined through the school.

#### Art. VII: **PRACTICES**

- Sec. 1. There will be a summer, overnight camp held sometime during the summer.
2. Summer practices will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, time will be announced. Members must notify the sponsor/coach(es) prior to leaving on any vacations.
  3. Practices during the school year will be 2 or 3 times per week or more after school (3:00 – 5:00/5:30 PM).
  4. There will be several *mandatory* practices prior to any competition and a month before the State Competition in the spring. These may include Saturday mornings and evenings. The only excused absences from practices will be death in the family or severe illness. Any exceptions will be decided by the sponsor/coach(es).

#### Art. VIII: **DRILL TEAM CLASS**

- Sec. 1. Each member must be enrolled in at least 4 grade giving classes, including Dance Team class, which is offered for ½ credit per semester. After school practices will be graded the same as the class.
2. All members are required to dress out daily unless otherwise specified by the sponsor/coach(es). Points will be deducted for each of the following: tardy to class/practice, leaving early, no dress, wrong or missing uniform at games/events, and each excused absence. Tardies, leaving early and no dress penalties cannot be made up.
  3. If a member is absent and unexcused (without a parent note or on the school excused list), he/she will have points deducted from his/her grade. Unexcused absences cannot be made up.
  4. The sponsor/coach(es) have the right to keep any member out of a performance if any portion of the routine is not of good quality. Tryouts will be held to determine who will perform, but if a member does make the routine and her/his effort and/or quality of performance deteriorate after she/he makes the routine, that member may be pulled from the routine at any time, at the discretion of the coach(es).
  5. If the coach checks a member's grades and it indicates academic problems (lower than a 2.0 GPA), that member will be suspended until he/she has a 2.0 GPA.
  7. If a student quits or is removed from the team, he/she may receive a W/F, following EHS guidelines.

#### Art. IX: **ACTIVITIES AND ATTENDANCE**

- Sec. 1. The GOLDIES strives to promote school spirit by attending lettered sporting events, assemblies and CHS events and activities.
2. Mandatory attendance is required for the following sports:
    - Fall = All in town football games . Out of town football is optional.
    - Winter = All home basketball games (boy's and girl's) , home wrestling matches, a few diving and/or swimming meets. Only required if asked by the coaches.
    - Spring = 50% of softball, baseball and track

Any State Championship game in any sport. Only required if asked by the coaches.

3. The only excuses for absences are severe illness, emergency, death in the family or out of town trips. Each will be handled on an individual basis; however, a make up will be required. Being punished or grounded by parents is *not* an acceptable excuse for any absence.

If a member is absent, he/she must find another member to replace him/her at the event and the sponsor/coach(es) must approve the absence. If this is achieved, the replacement will receive 5 points extra credit. Points lost can be made up by the missing member by being a replacement for someone else or attending an event that is not assigned to him/her. The member must attend the make up event in the correct uniform and on time or it will not count as make up.

- a. If there are no more activities scheduled for that 6 week period, the member may write a one-page paper to make up the points lost. Points will be awarded at the discretion of the sponsor/coach(es).
  - b. There will be no make up for unexcused absences.
4. If a member attends an unassigned game (in correct uniform and on time), not for the purpose of make up, he/she will earn 5 points toward his/her grade (extra credit).
  5. During the week prior to a performance, a member may NOT miss Drill Team class or practice. If a member does, that member will be removed from the performance and/or the member will lose points, at the sponsor/coach(es)' discretion.
  6. If a member fails to wear the assigned uniform to school, points will be deducted from the grade.
  7. In order to perform, a member must attend *all* classes and practice on that day.
  8. Each member will be given 4 free games per *year*. A free game excuses the member from an event and no make up is required. Free games must be submitted *in writing* to the sponsor/coach(es) at least *one week* prior to the event. Failure to submit will result in an unexcused absence.

Art. X: **LETTER AND CHEVRON REQUIREMENTS**

- Sec. 1. To letter, a member must:
  - A. be in good standing (academic eligibility, participation at events, practices and competition) all year
  2. To receive a chevron, a member must be in good standing all year.
  3. Any exceptions will be handled and decided by the sponsor/coach(es) on an individual basis.