



2023-2024 CJHS Cheerleading Discipline Addendum

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I. Guidelines

- A. The coach and principal have the option of issuing discipline and/or removing a cheerleader from a game, pep rally, or both.
- B. Points and/or conditioning will be used as a disciplinary tool.
- C. Points and/or conditioning will be given by the coach. Coach reserves the right to adjust type of conditioning (i.e., v-ups instead of laps).
- D. Ten points will result in being benched for one week.
 - i. “Benching” means not performing in any team function for at least 1 performance/game.
- E. Twenty-five points will result in dismissal from the squad.

II. Causes and Consequences for Discipline

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 - i. Any cheerleader displaying defiant behavior toward the coach or other faculty member will be dealt with by the coach and/or principal. Discipline can range from points to dismissal from the squad.
Any cheerleader displaying behavior not consistent with CJHS Cheerleader expectations will be dealt with by the coach and/or principal. Discipline can range from points, benching, alternative consequences determined by the coach and/or principal, to dismissal from the squad.
 - ii. A cheerleader may not have more than 2 office referrals because of discipline. Office referrals are not limited to paper referrals; any instance of administrative counseling may be considered an office referral. Each discipline referral will result in 3 points and/or 10 laps. The 3rd referral will result in dismissal from the squad, regardless of points, and will be determined by the coach and/or principal.
 - iii. A cheerleader will not use his/her cell phone during a ballgame. If he/she must use their phone, they must gain permission from the coach and then go to a place designated by the coach to make the call. If a cheerleader violates this rule, the phone will be taken up until the end of the game and then given back at the coach’s discretion. Also, this offense will result in 1 point.
 - iv. Any cheerleader not displaying good sportsmanship will be issued 6 points.
 - v. Any cheerleader eating during football or basketball games at any time other than the time designated by the coach will be issued 1 point.
 - vi. Any cheerleader not dressed correctly (uniform, bow, shoes, etc.) for any activity will be issued 2 points.. They will also not be allowed to participate until they are dressed correctly.
 - vii. Any cheerleader whose personal appearance is not

appropriate (fingernails, nail polish, jewelry, chewing gum, etc) will receive 2 points.. They will also not be allowed to participate until this is corrected.

III. Absences

- A. Excused absences require a doctor's note or equivalent. Parent may only excuse a maximum of TWO (2) absences from a practice.
 - i. An unexcused absence from practice will receive 5 points.
 - ii. An unexcused tardy or departure from practice will result in 1 points..
 - iii. An unexcused absence from a pep rally will receive 2 points.
 - iv.. Any cheerleader with an unexcused tardy to a ballgame will receive 2 points. A tardy of 15 minutes or more will result in sitting out the 1st quarter of the game **and** 2 points.
 - v. Any cheerleader with an unexcused absence from a game will receive 5 points. (If a cheerleader is not allowed to cheer at a ballgame due to not attending class all day, their absence from the game will be considered unexcused unless accompanied by a dr. note).
 - xi. Any cheerleader absent the day following the game will need a doctor's note, or will receive 2 points, unless otherwise excused by the coach or administration.
- C. Any absence (excused or unexcused) from the practice before a game/pep rally/ performance will also result in sitting out for that performance.

IV. Miscellaneous

- A. Behavioral expectations will be determined by the coach and/or administration.
- B. Cheerleaders are expected to use good judgment, on or off the field, when making decisions regarding their behavior.
- C. Negative consequences typically follow that of the classroom expectation: warning, student/coach conference, THEN parent notification, unless otherwise required at the discretion of the coach.
- D. Miscellaneous types of improper conduct can constitute anywhere from 1-20 points and/or conditioning, or dismissal from the team. Extended conduct can include, and is not limited to:
 - i. Not knowing material.
 - ii. Poor attitude or refusal to cheer during a game.
 - iii. Receiving reports from teachers/administrators regarding behavior/grades.
 - iv. Reports of inappropriate postings or behavior on social media.
- E. The coach and/or administration reserves the right to make any and all decisions regarding discipline. Parental contact will be made one time before dismissal. A decision to dismiss is final once it has been made.
- F. Once a cheerleader has been dismissed, all gear and uniforms will be turned in immediately. In addition, no refunds will be given for cheer expenses.

A. Demerits

Penalty for demerits- For every demerit earned, the cheerleader/mascot must run 2 laps during the practice at which it was earned, or at the next practice, if it was earned at a game or other mandatory event.

3 points- ½ game benched

6 points- 1 whole week benched (games included)

9 points- 2 whole weeks benched (games included)

25 points- removal from the squad

Demerits:

Infraction Number	Infraction	Punishment/ # of demerits
1	Unexcused Tardy for game, practice, or mandatory event **15 Minutes or later will result in sitting out the first quarter of the game.	1
2	Missing practice (unexcused), meeting, or mandatory event	3
3	Improper practice attire (includes wearing jewelry, hair not pulled back) or forgetting cheer items	1 and benched until fixed
4	Improper or Incomplete uniform at events (shoes, socks, ribbon, poms, etc)	2 and benched until fixed
5	Improper personal appearance (fingernails, jewelry, chewing gum, etc.)	2 and benched until fixed
6	Gossiping	First time a warning- any time after that will result in 3
7	Attitude (Rolling eyes, talking back, arguing, etc)	First time a warning- any time after that will result in 3
8	Cell phone-if seen at a practice, game, or other mandatory event	1
9	Leaving pieces of uniform/equipment at practice or event	1 per item
10	Acts of Unsportsmanlike conduct during the season- this includes but not limited to profanity or distastefulness (including social media), obscene gestures (including on social media), fighting/arguing, cheating on a test	6
11	Office Referral (Behavior unbecoming of a DJHS cheerleader will result in dismissal)	6
12	Insufficient knowledge of	2

	<p>routines and stunts</p>	
13	<p>Allowing a top person in a stunt or pyramid to fall to the ground the entire team will receive punishment.</p>	2
14	<p>Disrespect or insubordination to coaches, administration, and teachers. This will be determined by the coach/administrators</p>	6
15	<p>Talking to fans or other cheerleaders excessively during practice or games</p>	<p>First time a warning- each reminder after that will result in 1</p>
16	<p>Not being courtside, game ready, two minutes before the game starts or after half-time</p>	1
17	<p>Eating or Drinking during games or practices</p>	1
18	<p>“D” on progress report/report card</p>	<p>Each “D” on progress report- 3 Each “D” on report Card- 6</p>
19	<p>“F” on progress report/ report card</p>	<p>Each “F” on progress report-6 “F” on report card- dismissal</p>
20	<p>Fees not paid by specified due date</p>	<p>Benched until fees are paid</p>
21	<p>Failure to learn/know material (cheers, chants, dances)</p>	2 (possible benching)
22	<p>Unexcused Absence from Practice, Game, or Mandatory Event</p>	5
23	<p>Absent the day following a game (football or basketball)</p>	2

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I have read and understand the CJHS Cheerleading Discipline Addendum. I understand the expectations of being a CJHS Cheerleader.

By signing this form, I agree to follow all expectations listed in this addendum. If not, I understand the consequences that may follow.

Cheerleader Printed Name

Cheerleader Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Please return by Monday, March 14, 2023.