



MATHIS ISD CHEERLEADER CONSTITUTION AND GUIDELINES 2024-2025

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MATHIS ISD

CHEERLEADER CONSTITUTION AND PROCEDURES

ARTICLE I. PHILOSOPHY/PURPOSE

Being a cheerleader is an honor and special privilege. Cheerleaders and spirit groups exist to promote good sportsmanship, good citizenship, and wholesome enthusiastic school spirit and are primarily representatives of their school. Cheerleaders should exemplify both individual and group behavior suitable to their position and by the rules as said in the MISD Code of Conduct. Members of these groups have fundamental responsibility to play a leadership role in building teamwork and helping the school squad will be expected to keep a higher standard of behavior both on and off campus and academic achievement than that of their peers.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

Cheerleaders are expected to be physically and mentally skilled in learning and remembering cheers. They are also expected to be able to publicly prove a skill level suitable for the team position and the timing necessary for group performance. Off the field, they are to enthusiastically support all athletic teams through advertisement, personal attitude, and attendance at events chosen by the sponsor and approved by the principal. Candidates are selected for the full cheerleading year. Any cheerleaders who voluntarily quit a squad before the end of the cheerleading year without the approval of the principal and sponsor will not be allowed to try out for the next year.

ARTICLE III. PREAMBLE

We, the Cheerleaders of Mathis (High/Middle) School, dedicate ourselves and our services to standing for the student body as role models to promote enthusiasm and school spirit at all athletic events to which we are assigned.

ARTICLE IV. SQUAD ORGANIZATION

- A. The Varsity squad will consist of 16 students from grades 9-12. The judge's decision is final. The cut score for varsity will be 75 (out of 100).
- B. The cheerleaders selected as co-head cheerleaders for the varsity squad will be the top 2 scoring individuals with 2 years experience on the varsity squad.

Judges' decisions are final.

- Should there be only one candidate with two-year varsity experience, only a head cheerleader will be selected, and no co-head cheerleader will be selected.
 - Should there be no candidate with two years varsity experience, the co-head cheerleaders for the varsity squad will be the top 2 scoring candidates with at least one-year experience on the varsity squad.
 - Co-Head cheerleader may not be a head position in band including drum major or flag corps captain.
 - If a captain/co-captain is dismissed/quits/etc., their position will remain vacant for the remainder of the school year.
- C. For mascot, there will only be one (1) candidate selected.
- D. The Middle School squad will consist of 12 students from 7th and 8th grades. The Middle School squad will not have a head cheerleader. The cut score for the Middle School squad will be 60 (out of 100).

ARTICLE V. ELIGIBILITY FOR TRYOUTS

- A. Cheerleader candidates must be registered in school at tryouts and enrolled in the MISD for the semester before the tryout date.
- B. Cheerleaders/Mascot will be governed by the State's "No Pass-No Play" rule in effect. All candidates must be eligible at try out date.
- C. Candidate must have a satisfactory recommendation from the campus administrator on the Eligibility Sheet.
- D. Eligibility Requirements include:
- Grades
 - Attendance: 95% for the academic school year (8 absences)
 - Extenuating circumstances of a serious nature will be reviewed.
 - Record of Conduct: Candidates must have demonstrated appropriate conduct in all school settings for the current school year, therefore, a candidate shall have:
 - No more than one discipline referral for the current school year.
 - No record of having been placed in SISS or SOSS more than one time.
 - No placement at the DAEP.
 - No record of having been given a citation.
- E. Candidates must attend a 1–2-week **mandatory** group tryout practice as scheduled by the sponsor. **One unexcused absence from group practice will result in loss of eligibility.** Only a medical excuse from a doctor for the candidate or immediate family member (which may be verified with the doctor's office), death in the immediate family, or attendance in a school sponsored event will be valid excuse. Excused academic absences do not necessarily equate to an excused cheer absence. The immediate family

is defined as a father, mother, brother, sister and grandparents. Tardies more than 15 minutes will be considered an absence. **Two** unexcused tardies from group practice will exclude candidates from tryouts. Excused tardies include attendance to tutorials and attendance to a school sponsored practice or event.

- F. Candidates must submit a Tryout Packet before taking part on the first day of scheduled tryout practice. Tryout Packet consists of the following:
- G. Current physical examination (the physical examination that was given to all athletes before the school year is valid, but if a candidate interested in tryout out does not have one, the district will schedule one day at a local doctor's office for students not having current physical examination. Candidates not getting their physical examination on the designated day will handle scheduling and paying for their physical examination: It is the candidate's responsibility to give the form to the sponsor.)
- H. Cheer/Mascot Parent Consent Form
- I. Health Form
- J. Eligibility Sheet
- K. Verification Form of receipt of Constitution & Procedures

ARTICLE VI. SELECTION

- A. Cheerleaders will be selected by a group of contracted professional judges from outside of the area. Every attempt will be made to hire judges who have not worked with the Cheerleaders candidates. Every attempt will be made and documented to secure a minority judge on each panel and mixed-gender panel.
- B. Cheerleader tryouts shall occur at an announced date during the 3rd Nine weeks of the Spring Semester. UIL "No-Pass-No Play" guidelines will be followed.
- C. An introductory meeting will be conducted by the Cheerleading Sponsor/Administrator to review the cheerleading constitution, needed forms, and tryout procedures. It is **mandatory** for the candidates that at least one parent/guardian be present.
- D. Results will be posted upon completion.
- E. Teacher Evaluations

The cheerleader candidates will be evaluated on classroom/attitude using a standard by every teacher on the candidate's schedule for the current school year. If a student takes a semester course during the fall semester and no longer has that teacher for the Spring semester, the Fall Semester teacher will be given an evaluation form for the candidate.

A teacher on the designated campus, who has a daughter/son as a cheerleader/mascot candidate, will not complete an evaluation form for **any** of the cheerleader/mascot candidates, including his/her own child.

The teacher evaluation form will count for 20% of the total evaluation. The scores will be averaged and multiplied by 20%.

F. Tryout Practice Rules

- Cheerleader candidates must be on the gym floor dressed in shorts, warm-ups, athletic shoes, T-shirts, etc. By the designated time set by the sponsor. If any candidate uses any type of brace for any type of injury, it must be worn at the time of practice. If any candidate needs to be “wrapped” because of an injury, it is the candidate’s responsibility to come in before the designated time of practice.
- Chewing gum, eating food, drinking beverages (other than water) will not be allowed during the practice sessions.
- No jewelry will be allowed, and hair must be pulled back and secure.
- It is the candidate’s responsibility to learn each routine taught at the clinic.

G. Judging Criteria: **Mascot 80%**

- One Group Cheer
- One Group Dance/Pom Routine
- One 2- or 3-minute skit routine
- **Teacher evaluations: 20%**

H. Judging Criteria: **Cheerleader 80%**

- One individual cheer
- One group cheer
- One group dance/pom routine (Not applicable to Jr. High)
- Three different jumps
- **Teachers Evaluations: 20%**

I. Tryout Procedures

- All candidates will assemble in the school gym at a designated time for final attendance and the random choosing of a number for their tryout order.
- Candidates will wait in a designated area until either the group or individual number is called upon tryouts.
- Candidates are not allowed to have any electronic devices/cell phones during tryouts session. Candidates will turn in electronic devices/cell phones to the sponsor upon reporting to the tryout session. Sponsor will distribute electronic devices/cell phones back to the candidate upon release from the tryout session. Any candidate keeping an electronic device/cell phone in their possession during the tryout session will be disqualified from the tryout.
- Candidates will try out in front of the judges by number, not name.
- Candidates will wear only designated colors for tryouts (only plain/solid black shorts and plain/solid white t-shirt/tank will be allowed).
- During tryouts, only tabulators, judges, principal, assistant principals, sponsors and athletic director will be allowed in the gym, hall, rotunda, locker room, and any other designated area. There will be no students, parents, or existing cheerleaders in the tryout room/area, nor will they be involved in the collection or tabulation of scores. School security will be available to keep crowd control. Family members, friends and anyone else who is **not involved** in the tryout procedures will not be allowed around the

designated area for tryouts. Family members of cheerleaders' candidates employed by the district will leave the premises when the bell rings at the end of the day when tryouts are being held. Violation of this rule may result in disqualification of the candidate.

- Flowers, balloons, gifts, etc. **will not** be accepted in the school office for distribution to candidates. Family members wishing to give candidates a token may do so after candidates are released from the tryout session.
- Results will be posted when the tabulation is completed and verified.

ARTICLE VII. PARENT REQUEST FOR SCORES

A parent wishing to review their own child's score should make their request to the campus principal in writing. The statute of limitations on requesting scoring sheets is ten (10) instructional days following the tryout dates. Parents may request to see their own child's score (no rank scores) from the principal. By law, all other students' scores are protected and cannot be shared with anyone except the sponsor, principal, or principal designee.

ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS

A. The duties of the Head/Co-Head Cheerleader are as follows:

- Work together
- Coordinate practices and warm-up activities
- Lead the cheers at practice, and games.
- Make decisions as to what apparel to wear and what cheers are performed at pep rallies and games. Submit an agenda to the sponsors before the activity and especially before practice.
- Report conduct, complaints, uncooperative cheerleaders, or any other problems concerning the squad to the sponsor.
- Aid the sponsor in any activities and any other help that is needed throughout the year.
- If the elected Head Cheerleader does not fulfill his/her duties, the sponsor will replace them with the Co-Head Cheerleader.

ARTICLE IX. UNIFORM AND SUMMER ACTIVITIES

- A. The total estimated cost for cheerleader uniform and cheer camp will be approximately \$1,500-\$2,000. An itemized list will be given by the sponsor to each parent at the introductory parents meeting.
- B. Uniforms may not be altered (decals, ribbons, lettering, numbers, etc.) The squad should look uniform with no distraction calling attention to individual cheerleaders. Only the Head Cheerleader will wear a star showing their status on the team.
- C. Hair will be styled uniformly. If ribbons are worn, they will all be the same color. No barrettes, large clips, crowns, etc.
- D. All uniforms and camp wear will be selected by the sponsor only.
- E. The location, type and date of summer camp will be selected by the sponsor.
- F. All money owed must be paid by the designated day as presented on the payment schedule. Failure to pay the full amount by the designated deadline will nullify the member's cheerleader/mascot participation for the year. No exceptions regardless of circumstances.
- G. In the event a cheerleader is dismissed from the squad for whatever reason or voluntarily quits the squad at any time, refunds will not be issued.
- H. Cheerleading camp attendance is mandatory!
- I. Camp attendance will be made for the cheerleader assigned to attend summer school/summer tutorials. A cheerleader not attending camp will give up his/her position on the squad.
- J. A cheerleader not advancing to the next grade level will give up his/her position as a cheerleader/mascot on any of the squad.
- K. All cheerleaders must attend practices in the summer when appointed by the sponsor whether it be camp, mini clinic, competition, etc. Scheduled practice is mandatory.
- L. Camp wear is not to be altered with decals, letters, numbers, etc.
- M. After camp week, the cheerleaders MUST NOT wear their camp wear, including shoes, except on specific days appointed by the sponsor. Clothing must be kept in good condition until the sponsor appoints no further use for the clothing as a squad.

ARTICLE X. CHEERLEADER RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Cheerleading is a year-long sport.
- B. Varsity Cheerleaders will cheer at all varsity events. Middle School cheerleaders must cheer at home and away games, all Middle School pep rallies, and any other event the sponsor appointed the cheerleaders to attend.
- C. Cheerleaders are expected to attend all practices, including Sunday practices, called by the sponsor. Any member who does not meet performance expectations during practice, or has any absence from practice, may be excluded from participation in that

week's performance. Furthermore, cheerleaders may be subject to demerits as per constitution guidelines.

- D. Cheerleaders are expected to attend school **all day** to keep eligibility for participation in a squad activity for that day. Absence from school does not excuse the member from practice. Cheerleaders must contact the sponsors.
- E. If a cheerleader is involved in the sport or academic events held concurrently with the sport in which the member is expected to cheer, she/he will be excused. A physician's excuse (which may be verified with the doctor's office) or death in the immediate family are the only valid excuses to avoid a demerit penalty when a member does not cheer or dance at an event.
- F. Cheerleaders must often cheer at public events. These include Community pep rallies, parades, or any other community-based events that the sponsor requires cheerleaders to attend. Each cheerleader must cheer/take part in the designated events. If the cheerleader is absent from school on the day of the event, he/she must have a doctor's excuse or death in the immediate family to avoid a demerit penalty. If the absence is unexcused, the cheerleader **will not** take part in the event. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure the cheerleader is in attendance in school on the day of the event.
- G. Cheerleaders must ride the school bus to the games, the cheerleader must return with the squad unless the parent gives the release form before showing they are traveling out of town and will not be returning to Mathis.
- H. If a cheerleader misses the bus/van, they lose their privileges for that event. They will not be allowed to attend the event in uniform and cheer. The cheerleader will receive a demerit penalty for missing the bus/van and missing the event. The only time that an exception will be made is if the cheerleader has a doctor's appointment before a game. The sponsor must be notified in advance and a doctor's excuse must be given upon arrival.
- I. Some added responsibilities are as follows:
 - Cheerleaders must cooperate with the sponsor and other cheerleaders.
 - Cheerleaders may not leave the squad until the end of the event.
 - Cheerleaders must make posters, spirit banners, decorate the gym, clean up the gym after practice and pep rallies, and any other duty assigned by the sponsor.
 - Cheerleaders are expected to show maturity and always represent themselves in a proper manner.
 - Cheerleaders are expected to behave properly at school, in class, and any other school-related activities.
 - Cheerleaders are expected in school and on time on the day of events and on the day after participation in events. Absence from school does not automatically excuse cheerleaders from practice on that day. Cheerleaders must contact the sponsor.
 - Cheerleaders are expected to always be on time for every event.

- Cheerleaders are expected to help in any fundraising that may occur with the squad.
- J. In case of a member being pregnant, it will be the responsibility of the member and her parents to inform the sponsor or campus administration. The member must give medical certification from a licensed United States physician, saying that she is able or unable to take part in the required activities. In addition, the parents must sign a waiver releasing the school district and its employees from liability.

ARTICLE XI. CHEERLEADING CONDUCT

This is especially important, and all cheerleaders must represent Mathis High School and Mathis Middle School in the best manner. Cheerleaders are role models, and they should uphold the MISD Code of Conduct. The following types of conduct infractions will call for immediate suspension/dismissal from the cheerleading squad: (Infractions, which include, but are not limited to, are the following)

- Any cheerleaders who miss a practice session prior to a game without a valid excuse will not be allowed to cheer for the next scheduled game.
- Cheerleaders will not have tattoos or piercings exposed.
- Any cheerleaders caught smoking or with illegal drugs (cigarettes, alcohol, vapes, etc.) will automatically be dismissed from the squad.
- Any cheerleaders that miss an activity without letting the sponsor know will receive a one (1) game suspension for the next scheduled game.
- Any cheerleaders caught displaying inappropriate affection in public while in uniform will receive a one (1) game suspension for the next scheduled game.
- Any cheerleader receiving a Level I referral (warranting a SISS, ISS, SOSS, Corporal Punishment) will be suspended for one (1) week's activity.
- Any cheerleader receiving a Level II referral (subsequent referral – warranting multiple day placement of SISS, ISS, SOSS, Corporal Punishment) will be suspended for two (2) week's activities.
- Any Cheerleader receiving a Level III or Level IV (3 weeks or longer ISS/OSS placement or DAEP placement) referral will automatically be dismissed from the squad.
- The MISD Code of Conduct will be strictly enforced in all cheerleading activities throughout the year.
- School attendance is extremely important.
- Cheerleaders will follow the "No-Pass-No Play" throughout the year. All members are expected to keep eligibility as per UIL/TEA Guidelines. Any member receiving a grade of 69 or below for a nine week's grading period will be suspended from the squad following the UIL "No-Pass-No Play" guidelines. A member failing after three consecutive grade checks as per the UIL eligibility

calendar will be dismissed from the spirit organization for the rest of the school year.

- Maintaining a higher standard of conduct will also include ensuring that cheerleader's social media are proper. The internet is a worldwide, publicly accessible form of communication. Any communication such as Facebook, Twitter, SnapChat, Instagram, photo sharing, etc. appearing on the internet is public domain even if it is marked private. Cheerleaders are responsible for their personal social media pages and postings and for posting on other student's social media pages. The area of appropriateness will include, but are not limited to, language (abbreviated or alluding to), pictures, suggestive poses, clothing, reference to alcohol, drugs and tobacco. Any questions of appropriateness will be decided by the principal and sponsor.

ARTICLE XII. COMPETITION

Competition Squad are neither encouraged nor discouraged, but this activity should not interfere with the regularly scheduled activities of the cheerleaders. Whether to have a squad that enters competition is a decision to be made by the campus principal and cheerleader sponsor.

Qualification or choice to a national competition does not mean the squad will travel to or compete at such competition. The decision to take part will be made by the campus principal and the cheerleader considering the following.

- Financial obligations
- School absences
- Eligibility for other activities

If the determination is made to compete, fundraising activities will be conducted by the sponsor.

Cheerleaders activities/practice will supersede all participation in non-school sponsored activities.

ARTICLE XIII. CHEERLEADER FUNDRAISER

The High School squad will conduct a fundraiser as per MISD guidelines.

All cheerleaders will take part in the cheerleading squad fundraisers. All monies must be turned in to the sponsor(s) by the designated due date.

ARTICLE XIV. MONEY COLLECTED BY SPONSOR(S)

Cheerleader sponsors collecting money from students will supply receipts to students saying the amount of money collected and what their money is to be charged towards (trip, uniform, camp, banquet, etc.).

Sponsors will keep a detailed accounting of income and expenditures of students' monies and make it available to parents upon request.

ARTICLE XV. DEMERIT SYSTEM

- Demerits can only be given to cheerleaders by the sponsors.
- Demerit totals will be issued to each cheerleader on scheduled days decided by the sponsor.
- Demerits are earned yearly.
- Ultimately, it is the cheerleader's responsibility to keep up with weekly demerits.

The following will constitute demerits:

PRACTICE

Cheerleaders must wear proper workout clothing when practice begins.

Hair must be up and secure.

No jewelry during performances at games or pep rallies.

No chewing gum.

No cursing/arguing with anyone.

Cheerleaders will have needed items at the beginning of practice.

Cheerleaders must be on time for all school practices.

Cheerleaders will not leave practice or the practice area without permission.

Cheerleaders will attend all school practices. Any absence must be cleared by the sponsor prior to the practice.

CONSEQUENCES

2 Demerits

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5 Demerits

2 Demerits

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Excused without prior notice will be 3 Demerits

EXCUSED: Illness with Doctor's excuse, which may be verified with the doctor's office, death in the family.

UNEXCUSED: Work, vacation, non-UIL involvement... **Unexcused: 5 Demerits & suspend 1 game**

Note: An absence from school does not excuse Cheerleader from the responsibility of calling the sponsors.

Cheerleaders CANNOT miss the last practice before a game. **Suspend 1 game**

Cheerleaders will attend all summer practices. **Suspend 1/2 game per miss**

GAMES/PEP RALLIES/ALL CHEERLEADING ACTIVITIES CONSEQUENCES

Cheerleader must be in correct/complete uniform 30 minutes prior to the game/pep rally. **3 Demerits**

Hair must be up and secure as per sponsor. **2 Demerits**

No jewelry during performances, games, or pep rallies. **2 Demerits**

No chewing gum. **2 Demerits**

No cursing/arguing. **5 Demerits**

No colored nail polish (clear polish only). **3 Demerits**

No long nails. **3 Demerits**

Cheerleaders will have needed items on arrival. **3 Demerits**

Cheerleaders will always keep proper sideline behavior. **2 Demerits**

- No excessive talking among Cheerleaders.
- No talking to people in the crowd.
- Pay attention to the game/pep rally.
- Stand in correct formation/stance.
- Cheer/Spirit, Jump and tumble the entire game or pep rally.
- No taunting the other team.
- Cheerleaders will show respect during the National Anthem and both school songs.

All Cheerleaders will stay to clean up after each game/pep rally and will be dismissed by the sponsor. **2 Demerits**

Cheerleaders will arrive on time at the designated meeting area **5 Demerits**

and will remain for the duration of the game/pep rally.

- 30 minutes prior to the game
- If a Cheerleader misses the bus, he/she will not be allowed to cheer at the game.

Cheerleaders will use halftime/intermission for restroom needs, concession purchases, etc.

5 Demerits

The Cheerleader will stay on the field/court for the entire game/pep rally.

3 Demerits

The Cheerleader will attend all school games, pep rallies, meetings, functions and activities

Any absence must be cleared by the sponsor prior to practice. **Excused:** illness with a Dr.'s excuse, death.

Unexcused: Work/vacation appointments, non-UIL involvement.... Note: An absence from school does not excuse cheerleaders from the responsibility of calling the sponsors.

Excused w/o prior notice or Unexcused will be 5 demerits and 1 game or pep rally suspension depending on week, and which comes first.

Cheerleaders act in an unsafe manner as decided by the sponsor.

First offense: 5 demerits

Second offense: 5 demerits & suspend one game

Third offense: Suspend 2 games & principal/sponsor review with possible dismissal from the squad

SUMMER CAMP

All cheerleaders/Mascot will attend summer camp. Cheerleader/Mascot will be on time for all camp activities. A cheerleader may not leave the campus with anyone at any time unless approved by the sponsor.

CONSEQUENCES

Dismissal from squad

Absolutely no public display of affection.

5 demerits

Cheerleaders will respond to all directions provided by sponsor. Cheerleaders will follow all NCA or other professional Cheerleading association and university camp rules and respect all staff members.

10 demerits

Cheerleaders will respect each other and all other squad members. No taunting, arguing, or cursing will be tolerated.

5 demerits

Absolutely no smoking, or illegal substances will be tolerated.

Sent home, report to principal, dismissal from squad

OTHER SCHOOL FUNCTIONS

All Cheerleaders will take part in community parades as chosen by the designated sponsor.

1 game suspension

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Cheerleaders will not wear uniform to a non-cheerleading function.

5 Demerits

Cheerleaders will not lend out uniforms to someone who is not a cheerleader.

5 Demerits

Cheerleaders' uniforms may not be altered unless approved by the sponsor.

5 Demerits & replacement of uniform at members' expense

GENERAL

Cheerleaders' hair will be natural color.

Suspended until returned to a natural color

No visible tattoos and/or piercings.

3 Demerits

Cheerleaders will not leave food, trash, or mess in the dressing room, practice area, or any performance area.

3 Demerits

Cheerleaders will not take part in any public display of affection during school, at school events or while wearing the cheerleading uniform.

5 demerits plus 1 game suspension

Cheerleaders will follow (not always agree with) the head cheerleader's instructions at cheerleading activities. Cheerleaders will always respect all teachers/staff members. Cheerleaders will always adhere to a higher standard of conduct.

1 quarter suspension/dismissal

If a cheerleader/mascot quits during the year.

1-year Probation- Won't be able to tryout the next school year.

DEMERIT PENALTIES

1-10 DEMERITS

Warning by sponsor(s)

11-14 DEMERITS

Suspended from one pep rally
Suspended for 1-week activities as an MHS/MJH cheerleader but must practice, attend all group activities and be in uniform.

15-19 DEMERITS

Suspended for 2-weeks activities as an MHS/MJH cheerleader, but must practice, attend all group activities and be in uniform. A parent conference will be held.

20-25 DEMERITS

Dismissal from the squad for the rest of the academic school year.

25+DEMERITS

NOTES:

- Repeated/excessive offenses may result in a sponsor/principal review. Repeated/excessive is defined as repetition of the same offense three or more times during a year.
- Any sponsor and principal review of student's actions may result in dismissal from the squad.
- Cheerleader/mascot who have been dismissed from the squad or those who voluntarily quit will not be eligible to try out for the next school year's squad.
- Cheerleader/Mascot who have been dismissed from the squad or those who voluntarily quit keep no rights to cheer awards, recognitions, etc., which are received after dismissal/quitting.

Guidelines: There are general rules and guidelines for all MISD cheerleaders. Failure to comply may at times require judgment calls to be made. These decisions will be left up to the individual sponsors for each squad. Sponsors reserve the right to upgrade any penalty (immediate benching, office referral) depending on the severity of the situation.

ARTICLE XVI. CHEERLEADER AWARDS

Varsity cheerleaders will be eligible for varsity athlete jackets at the end of their first completed year as a varsity cheerleader. If a varsity cheerleader takes part and lettered in another UIL sanctioned sport or activity during the same year, they have the choice to decide which to

receive the jacket from. If the jacket is not selected from cheerleading, then they will receive a letter from each year they were on the team.

ARTICLE XVII. VETO POWER, RATIFICATION

The principal and the sponsor(s) will have the power to veto any decision made by the squad. This constitution of the Mathis High School and Mathis Junior High School Cheerleading Squad will be put into effect upon the adoption by the Mathis ISD School Board.

All grievances or appeals will be handled by the committee as per SB 1566 Section 26.0111 of the Education Code which states: "The board of trustees of a school district is **no longer required** to address a complaint concerning a student's participation in an extracurricular activity that does not involve a violation of a right guaranteed by Chapter 26."