

# **FOOTBALL CHEERLEADING**

Carmel Middle School | 2026 Season

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## **SEASON OVERVIEW (TENTATIVE)**

**TRYOUTS:** April 23-24<sup>th</sup> 3:30-6:00 PM

- Season: Week of August 17 – Week of October 5
  - Most games will be on Wednesdays
- Two football teams; three schools rotating opponents
  - Full schedule will be shared once finalized

Team Name: Carmel Greyhounds

## **TEAM EXPECTATIONS**

- Attendance required at all 8th grade home and away games
  - Traveling is new this year
- Not combined with 7th grade (possible exceptions: Breast Cancer Game + one Saturday game)
  - Captains will rotate each game
- Practices: 1–2 times per week (3:30–5:00 PM)

## **UNIFORMS & OUTSIDE SPORTS**

- Uniforms assigned at start; must be returned cleaned
  - Outside sports allowed if no conflicts
    - Conflicts = unexcused absence
- Communication must happen in advance

## **PROGRAM VALUES**

- School spirit and enthusiasm
- Teamwork and positive attitude
- Sportsmanship at all times (including social media)

## **TRYOUT EVALUATION**

- Cheer • Chant • Sideline Dance • Toe Touch • Jump of Choice
- Tumbling (not required) • Attitude, coordination, improvement, spirit, enthusiasm, poise

# ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance is essential. Communication between athletes, parents, and coaches is expected.

## Excused Absences

- Must be communicated in advance
- Require documentation (doctor's note if sick)

## Unexcused Absences

- Consequences assigned at coach discretion
- Multiple may result in removal from the team

## Examples of Consequences

- Miss practice → Sit a quarter
- Miss part of a game → Sit part of next game
- Miss practice → Removed from game-day stunts

## CHEERLEADER INFORMATION (TURN IN AT TRYOUTS)

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_



## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I understand the expectations, responsibilities, and time commitment required to be a Carmel Middle School cheerleader. If selected, I agree to follow all rules, attend required events, and represent the school with positive behavior at all times.

As a parent/guardian, I give permission for my child to try out for and, if selected, participate in the 2026 Football Cheer Season. I understand the commitment and will support the expectations and decisions of the coaching staff.

Cheerleader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_