

Briarcliff Varsity Cheerleading - Important Team Information

Welcome to Varsity Cheerleading!

- Head Coach: Meagan Barsuch (meagan.anneli@gmail.com)
- Assistant Coach:
- SportsYou: We are utilizing SportsYou for all communication this season. All athletes and at least 1 parent are required to join. The code is: FDHB-2BDN. In there you will find important information regarding practice changes or competition information as well as a full calendar of all events.
- Team Gear: The school provides our athletes with a backpack, uniform, joggers, jackets and poms. We also purchase cheerleading t-shirts and tanks each year for matching while travelling, families would be responsible for purchasing those.
- **Safety: There will be a zero tolerance policy for any kind of bullying, disrespect or disregarding rules. Cheerleading can be a very dangerous sport, HOWEVER, there are a ton of rules in place to make it safe. These will be taught during preseason at cheerleading camp and enforced the entire season.**

This season:

- The season begins Monday August 24th, 2026
- The practice schedule can be found in SportsYou
- We will be attending UCA Cheerleading Camp in Chestnut Lake, PA. This is a requirement for all fall athletes. The dates for this are August 26 - August 29th. This will be a sleepaway camp and athletes will travel to and from as a team on a school provided bus. They will stay in a cabin all together with only Briarcliff athletes and coaches will be staying in a separate nearby cabin. (More information regarding camp can be found in a separate document in SportsYou)
- We are in the Class C division when competing this season for Game Day cheer.
- We will be both competing at local competitions and cheering at football games
- We will also have the opportunity to compete to receive a bid to Nationals on October 11th, 2026. (Nationals is in January for winter season athletes only)
- We highly recommend every athlete participate in tumbling classes outside of BHS practices, it will only benefit their strength and versatility as an athlete. If you need any recommendations on any gyms, coaches would be happy to provide that
- We will practice Monday-Thursday from 5-7 (any changes or updates will be posted in SportsYou ASAP)
- **All practices, competitions and games are required by every athlete; cheerleading is the definition of a team sport and requires every athlete to participate to improve as a team and make sure everyone feels safe in their respective roles.**

- Each athlete needs a pair of cheer sneakers, those are our only form of protection so please make sure they fit correctly and are comfortable
- Captains will be named following preseason and there will be a required written portion if you would like to be considered for captain as well as you must demonstrate leadership and integrity inside and outside the gym
- Transportation to and from competitions, games and camp will be provided by Briarcliff and athletes are expected to ride to and from as a team. If there is any reason as to why the athlete is unable to, there must be communication from the parents to the coach. (We use the time on the bus to get in the team mindset before a competition and go over scoresheets following a competition and it is very important for all athletes to be present)
- If the athlete is sick or has an unavoidable conflict with a practice, competition or a game it should be communicated as early as possible to give the team an ample amount of time to rework a routine and for the athlete that will replace them to feel safe and confident filling in a new role.
- We are looking forward to a great season! Go Bears!