



William Foley Football League

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Jr. BENGALS COMPETITION CHEER SQUAD

2023-2024

Parent & Cheerleader Agreement & Handbook

“Welcome to the Jr. Bengals Competition Cheer FAMILY”

In this packet you will find everything you need to know about cheerleading and about Jr. BENGALS. Competitive Cheerleading is a select sport, which requires commitment, so please take your time to read and understand everything that follows.

If you have any questions after you have read through the entire packet, please contact coach Asia or Wendy or send questions via email. bengalstars23@gmail.com or supernurse4369@yahoo.com

Mission Statement

William Foley Football & Cheerleading Inc. recognizes cheerleading as a competitive sport that requires true dedication and athleticism. Physical strength and endurance are key components that attribute to each team member's promotion of skill and ability in cheerleading advancement. Competitive cheerleading increases confidence, character, independence and social interaction in addition to maximizing cheer potential. It is our mission to offer the best technical training and most innovative choreography possible to compete at all levels. Focusing on teamwork; integrity, and structured, safe workouts, Jr. Bengals team members learn how to encourage one another while building self-esteem. Jr. Bengals will portray good sportsmanship and ethics as we commit to achieve to be the best in cheerleading.



DEADLINE DUE DATE for ALL payments & documents for the 2023-2024 Competition cheer season. Please bring the following to next practice or via online before:

ALL forms that need to be completed from the packet:

- 1. Cheer Agreement**
- 2. Registration Form and online Registration (www.bloomfieldjrbengals.com)**
- 3. Waiver/Release Form online**
- 4. Registration Fees of \$500.00 (you can choose our 6 payment plan option online) NO CREDITS or REFUNDS OF registration will be given if athlete drops out or is dismissed from the team! FINAL payments must be in before first competition cheer practice. (date TBD)**

GENERAL POLICIES & EXPECTATIONS

- If you have a problem with something please contact us, we are here for ALL our children and our policies and procedures are put in place for ALL our participants.
- Jr. Bengals has a NO GOSSIP policy! This policy refers to other teams (rec., all-star or school), about and athlete on your team or another team associated with the Jr. Bengals, parent's coaches or staff. This policy pertains to ALL athletes, parents, coaches and staff members. It is much better to address an issue with staff than to listen to idle gossip, which creates animosity and divides the team and organization.
- William Foley Football & Cheerleading Inc. has a Parent & Athlete CODE of CONDUCT which is required to be signed by both the athlete and their parent.
- NO profanity or abusive language
- We have ZERO tolerance for alcohol, smoking (vaping) and drugs.
- It is the parent's/guardians responsibility to check their email and our website on a regular basis to make sure they know what is going on or any last minute changes and updates at all times. Our ONE CALL NOW system is our primary way we communicate with parents/guardians via email and automated voice message.



- Athletes and parents/guardians are responsible for attending practice, parades, competitions and other events in the appropriate attire. This includes shoes and proper cheer uniform designated by coaches or staff for that day. **FAILURE** to be in proper uniform could result in the athlete **NOT** be allowed to participate in that day's event! Reason is in a competition this will cost the team to get score deductions, and ultimately lower the teams overall score. **NO CREDITS or REFUNDS** of registration \$500 fee!
- Anyone threatening to quit or pull their child from the team/squad or program will be dismissed from the program immediately! **NO CREDITS or REFUNDS** will be given if this occurs. Withholding your child from practice, competitions, parades or any Jr. Bengals events should never be used as a form of punishment. Reason is you are not only punishing your child, but every other team member and parent of that squad.
- Jr. Bengals will do our best to work with your child's **school activities**. However, competition cheer is a commitment and Jr. Bengals do not control the dates and times of the events we enter the team into.
- Jr. Bengals squads will be required to stay until the end and support the organization. In special cases family emergencies, parents must advise coaches in advance. Should never just leave. Parents, relatives, friends and athletes are NOT allowed to speak with competition officials and or judges for any reason. Your coach can relay any message they feel necessary. Also there will be arguing or questioning of coaching staff decisions at competitions, parades or any other events we are participating in. If you have a concern or question, please address it at a more appropriate time. EVERYONE will always show GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP!
- NO parents/guardians are allowed in the gym during practice. This becomes a distraction to the athletes and coaches. Jr. Bengals coaching staff reserved the right to move athletes from one squad to another Jr. Bengals squad on short notice. Things happen they may be need to be moved up to a more competitive squad or down based on the athlete's skills at that time.
- **RESPECT** for Directors, Coaches, Volunteers, Parents, Athletes and any facility is ALWAYS required. Violation is grounds for IMMEDIATE dismissal for squad **NO CREDITS or REFUNDS** of Competition Cheer registration fee.
- William Foley Football & Cheerleading Inc. reserves the right to change, add or subtract our rules and policies as we see fit at anytime.

ATHLETE EXPECTATIONS

- Agree to respect my teammates, coaches and other supervising adults and do my best to listen and learn.
- Encourage respect and good sportsmanship from fellow team mates, coaches program volunteers and parents/guardians by demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- You will remain open and positive communication as needed with fellow teammates, coaches and volunteers. I understand there is NO tolerance of inappropriate conduct, unsportsmanlike activity and or negative representation either in person. In writing or via modern technology (i.e. cell phones, social networking sites email etc.) that is likely to bring Jr. Bengals reputation into disrepute (such as use of offensive language, unsportsmanlike commentary, inappropriate pictures etc.)
- You will wear the appropriate practice uniform. (i.e. once the team practice uniform will be specified. Practice t-shirt. Cheer shoes and hair fixed in for safety reason NO JEWELRY)
- You will NOT wear the Jr. Bengals uniform unless told to do so. I will not chew gum or eat messy foods in my uniform. During events or competition. I will wear what is designated by coaches and the organization.
- You will attend all practices, events and competitions unless otherwise approved in advance by my head coach. All competitions or other performances are **MANDATORY**.
- You understand that practice schedules may change and or be added as needed, however all practices and events are mandatory unless approved in advance by my coaches.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

- Maintain open and positive communication as needed with Jr. Bengals cheer director and coaches.
- Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support & respect for ALL (including opposing teams) players, coaches/volunteers and officials at events. Practices games and throughout the cheer season.
- There is NO tolerance of inappropriate conduct, unsportsmanlike activity and or negative representation either in writing or via modern technology (i.e. cell, social networking sites, email etc.) that would make the Jr. Bengals reputation into disrepute (such as use of offensive language, unsportsmanlike commentary, inappropriate pictures etc.)
- You understand that you are financially responsible for all cheerleading fees and designated fundraisers and agree to pay for such within the time allotted.

- Agree to contact my child's Head coach a minimum of 2 hours in advance if he/she is unexpectedly unable to attend practice or an event.
- Accept full responsibility for providing accurate & timely transportation arrangements for my child, up to and including notifying the coach in writing of any alternate arrangements that I make. I understand my child's disciplinary record will be affected if he/she is late or absent.
- You understand schedules may change (on short notice) however all practices, events, and games are ***mandatory*** unless approved in advance by the program director.
- You understand that once you commit your child he/she is obligated to participate unless otherwise prohibited due to documented medical issue, injury or unpreventable event or occurrence. ***NO REFUNDS or CREDITS*** and ALL remaining balances must be paid in full for the regular season activities.

COACHES EXPECTATIONS

- Coaches will provide structured/consistent scheduled practices.
- Always treat the athletes with respect. Recognize the desire, as well as the sacrifices, that they are making for the team.
- Never put down an athlete in any way, and never physically assault an athlete.
- Coaches will encourage and teach.
- Coaches will emphasize improvement, not just winning, as a sign of success.
- Coaches will stress the importance of academics.
- Coaches will continue to learn as a coach.
- Coaches will wear ONE HAT (coach and good role model)
- Coaches will discipline with consistency and apply to ALL they coach.
- Coaches will Lead by Example. Instruct athletes on code of conduct and follow it yourself.

DRESS CODE POLICY

- Designated practice clothes that are appropriate to the sport and age. Sports bras for young ladies. Nothing with spaghetti straps!
- Never wear cheer shoes outside (bring them and change in gym)
- NO jewelry of any kind should be worn.
- All hair should be pulled back out of face (including bangs IF below eyebrow)

- Fingernails need to be kept filed back to a reasonable length.
- NO gum chewing while at practice or events.
- At competitions must stay in uniform UNTIL director or your head coach tells the team to change.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- All practices and scheduled Jr. Bengals Competition cheer events are MANDATORY.
- However, we understand that emergencies occasionally come up and school work is and should be the priority.
- Homework/Parties & Other Activities: Homework is NOT a reason to miss practice. It is your responsibility to help your child manage their schoolwork and commitment to their team. Birthday parties and other family parties a functions are not an acceptable excuse for missing practice. If your child has made this elite competitive cheer squad, it is highly suggested that they do not participate in any other activity in the winter/spring season, until the competition season is over. We have a demanding schedule and our schedule is subject to change at any time and we do not accommodate other activities and practices. (even if a last minute change in our schedule)
- If an athlete misses practice on a consistently then this commitment is probably not for the athlete at this time. The director and William Foley president and or their designated appointee will have a meeting with parent/guardian.
- If absenteeism continues after the parent/guardian meeting. The organization reserves the right to remove the athlete because it is clear said athlete cannot keep the commitment they made when they tried out and registered for the team. **NO REFUNDS or CREDITS** will be issued.
- Once the practice and events scheduled is determined and set all family planned vacations and events MUST be made know to the director at least 2 weeks in advance if not sooner so team can make adjustments as the head coach or director sees fit. PLEASE do your best to schedule family vacations and events so they do not conflict with the commitment your family made to Jr. Bengals competition cheer squad.

INJURIES AND CONDITIONING INJURY

- Injuries that cause a cheerleader to not participate in practice, require a doctor's note before returning to practice. Injured cheerleaders should still attend practice where practical to watch and support the team. So when they return are up to speed on new routines.

TEAM PLACEMENTS

- Team placements will be determined by the caching staff with the final decision by William Foley Cheer Director. The determination of which team an athlete will be placed on is based on their individual skill set and capabilities. There will be times when cheerleaders will be moved around when necessary based on team needs and again individual skill sets. The organization reserves the right to move cheerleaders where we see fit.

FUNDRAISING & FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

- The cost of Competition cheer is very costly your registration fee only covers insurance, cost of uniforms. To keep cost down FUNDRAISING is a vital part of covering other cost. I.E. entrance fee's etc.
- Every parent/guardian is OBLIGATED when you sign this agreement to participate in fundraising. Each parent/guardian of every cheerleader will be OBLIGATED to raise a minimum of \$1000.00 Once our fundraising events established ALL cheerleaders will have an account to monitor if their family has reached their OBLIGATION.
- If that OBLIGATION is NOT met parents/guardians are expected to pay the difference. If they do not your child may not be allowed to further participate.
- There are several ways outside the prescribed fundraisers set forth by the organization such as getting your child an individual sponsor. (see attached sponsorship form)
- Returned checks will be need to be paid in CASH with a \$50 additional administrative fee. If a sponsor or person writes a check that is returned as not paid, the parent/guardian whose child the sponsor is supporting is responsible for making good on the total amount including the additional fee's mentioned above.

UNIFORMS & SPIRIT WEAR

- Jr. Bengals will provide cheer uniform's; all cheerleaders are required to wear the issued uniform when designated by the Head Coach or Cheer Director.
- There will be NO alterations to any uniform issued by the Jr. Bengals. Unless previously approved by the Cheer director. **ANY** unapproved alterations to the uniform the parents/guardians will be responsible for the replacement cost of a NEW uniform!
- Parents/Guardians will clean the uniform according to the manufactures tag on the uniform or the organizations written directions on how to clean. **ANY** damages, stains that cannot restore the uniform to its original state, the parent/guardian will be responsible to pay for replacement by a way of the cost of a **NEW** uniform!
- Fan and cheer spirit wear. Parents/Guardians, family members or friends of program are NOT permitted to go out and purchase spirit wear that are in the Jr. Bengals colors or similar colors with the Jr. Bengals, Bengals, Bloomfield, Cheer Mom, Cheer Dad. Reason is we will provide fan spirit wear for purchase which helps your child and their team offset operations cost. The t-shirt vendor at the mall gives nothing back to your child. Let you and your family's money support your child's program!



2023-2023 Jr. BENGALS COMPETITION CHEER AGREEMENT

Athletes Name: _____

I have read and agree to adhere to ALL policies set forth in this 2023-2024 Jr. Bengals Competition Cheer Packet.

I understand that breaking any of the above rules may result in suspension or dismissal from the Jr. Bengals program.

Date: _____

Parents/Guardians Print Name _____

Parents/Guardians Signature _____

Athletes Name Print _____

Athletes Signature _____