

BOOTH MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL CHEERLEADING CONSTITUTION
2021 - 2022

I. PURPOSE

It shall be the purpose of this organization to promote and uphold school spirit, to increase responsibility in our athletes, to develop good sportsmanship among students, to support athletic programs, and to develop better relationships in the community and between schools during all athletic events. The organization's goal is to work in harmony with the coaches, athletic director, the administration, faculty, band, athletic teams, and all other school organizations.

II. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A. A cheerleading candidate must be currently enrolled at Booth Middle School and be entering 7th or 8th grade in the 2021-2022 school year.
- B. A candidate must pass all 5 academic classes during the 1st and 2nd semester.
- C. To remain eligible to cheer, report cards will be checked at the end of each grading period.

D. All of the following forms must be completed and turned in to Coach Lowery in Room 709 no later than Friday, May 7, 2021:

- 1. A printed copy of current report card from Infinite Campus.
- 2. Physical - Each candidate must turn in a written certification by a medical doctor stating she has passed a physical examination prior to tryouts. You must turn in a copy of the physical that is LESS than 1 year old, and all physicals must be kept up-to-date for each school year.
- 3. Parental Consent for Athletic/Extracurricular Participation - Each candidate must turn in a written parental/student agreement form.
- 4. Proof of Insurance - Each candidate must carry *school accident insurance* OR present a signed waiver by parents stating that they have adequate insurance along with a *copy of the front and back of the insurance card*.
- 5. FCBOE Athletic and Extracurricular Participation Code of Conduct Contract
- 6. FCBOE Concussion Form
- 7. GHSA Concussion Form
- 8. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Form

III. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Placement on the team is the coach's discretion. Athletes are expected to maintain and/or improve upon skills demonstrated during tryouts.
- B. The entire cheerleading squad will cheer at all rallies and football games from start to finish.
- C. If the coach deems it necessary, all cheerleaders will cheer for additional games such as playoffs.

IV. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The following are approximate costs. You will receive updated costs at a later date.

MANDATORY ITEMS	COST / FEE	
Uniform Rental	\$ 30.00	
Practice Wear	\$ 175.00	
Game-Day Bow	\$ 25.00	
Boy Cut Briefs	\$ 20.00	IF NEW OR NEEDED
Sports Bra	\$ 25.00	
Warmup (Rain) Jacket	\$ 85.00	IF NEW OR NEEDED
Shoes	\$ 125.00	
Cheer Bag	\$ 80.00	IF NEW OR NEEDED
Pom Poms	\$ 30.00	
Shipping	\$ 20.00	
Booster Dues	\$ 50.00	<small>Booster Dues help defray costs for items that may not be covered by school funds or fundraisers such as new mats, mat cleaning, banner replacement, new uniforms, etc.</small>
Transportation Fee	\$ 55.00	PAYABLE TO BOOTH ATHLETICS

If damage is caused to the uniform, the **entire** replacement cost of the uniform will be charged to the cheerleader.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

May 14, 2021	TBD	Payable to BOOTH
May 14, 2021	\$ 55.00	Payable to BOOTH ATHLETICS
June 1, 2021	TBD	Payable to BOOTH
June 15, 2021	TBD	Payable to BOOTH
July 1, 2021	TBD	Payable to BOOTH

V. TRYOUTS

- A. **Cheer tryouts will be held May 11-13 after school in the Annex until 6:00 pm.** The team will be posted on the Annex door by 8:00 pm on Thursday, May 13th. *The first installment payment and sizing will be on Friday, May 14th immediately after school.*

- B. Most skills necessary to try out will be taught at the tryout clinic conducted by former 8th-grade cheerleaders.
- C. Tryouts will be performed in front of the coaches.
- D. Candidates will wear athletic shorts, t-shirts, socks, and proper tennis shoes on Tuesday and Wednesday. Candidates should wear solid black shorts and a solid white shirt on Thursday. All shoulder-length hair will be up in a ponytail. No jewelry will be worn at any time. No acrylic, gel, SNS (etc) nails are allowed.
- E. Tryouts are closed. (No outside students or parents will be allowed to watch.)
- F. All skills will be scored on the basis of the level of execution. The following are examples of skills to be judged: cheer, chants, jumps, expression, group work, tumbling, and dance skills.
- G. You are encouraged to practice at home as well as during tryouts after school.
- H. You must have a current physical prior to the first day of tryouts or you will not be allowed to try out. The current physical form is attached to this packet. Physicals are only good for one year, so please check the date you had your last physical. A copy must be submitted with all other forms.
- I. All 5 academic grades from 1st Semester 2020 must be passing in order to try out - NO EXCEPTIONS! *Please bring a copy of your 1st Semester report card to Coach Lowery in Room 709 on or before Friday, May 7th.*

VI. PRACTICE

- A. All cheerleaders are required to attend all practices.
- B. Only the coach has the authority to excuse a cheerleader from practice.
- C. Excused absences include illness with a doctor's documentation. (If you miss practice during the week due to illness, you may not cheer the following game. If you are ill and cannot make practice, you may be considered not healthy enough to cheer that week.)
- D. If you miss a practice without an excused absence, you may not cheer in the next game (SEE DISCIPLINARY SECTION).
- E. Make all routine doctor, dental, orthodontic appointments around scheduled practices and games.

VII. TRANSPORTATION

- A. Home Games - The cheerleader will stay after school for all Home games.
- B. Away Games - All cheerleaders are required to stay after school and ride the bus to all away games. Plan to make arrangements to pick up your cheerleader at the away game location or arrange a carpool home from the away game location. Possible game suspension may occur if your child is not picked up in a timely manner.

VIII. PURCHASE AND CARE OF UNIFORMS

- A. The Booster Club will make the original purchase of all game uniforms. All items purchased by the school Booster Club remain school property (including items purchased by a cheerleader as a replacement item).
- B. A \$ 30.00 uniform fee rental will be charged and will be paid before cheerleader will receive their uniform. The cheerleader is responsible for purchasing all other items on the expense list.
- C. Cheerleader jackets, t-shirts, and sweatshirts are the only part of the cheerleader's uniform that may be worn when she is not in complete uniform or not at a cheerleading function. Game shoes will not be worn except at BMS games and pep rallies.
- D. All school uniforms must be cleaned before turning them to the coach. Any uniform that is damaged and deemed unusable by the coach must be paid for at the replacement value. To clean a uniform, it needs to be washed on cold, inside out, on a delicate cycle. Please hang the uniform to dry - do not put the uniform in the dryer.
- E. Uniforms are not available to be loaned to the public for any reason.

IX. APPEARANCE

- A. UNIFORMS - Uniforms and shoes will be kept spotlessly clean at all times. Uniforms must be neat and not in need of mending.
- B. GAME DAYS - You are expected to wear the cheer uniform with leggings underneath to school on game days.
- C. JEWELRY - No jewelry will be worn at practices, games, competitions, or pep rallies.
- D. MAKE-UP - No excessive make-up. A natural, wholesome look is desired; any girl wearing too much makeup while in uniform will be required to remove it.
- E. HAIR STYLES - All hair styles must be neat and out of the face. It should be a simple style for cheering and not require any attention while at practice and games. All shoulder-length hair must be in a ponytail.
- F. NAILS - Acrylic, gel, or SNS nails are not acceptable during practices and games. Fingernails are to be kept as short as possible for safety reasons. Nail polish is not to be worn when in uniform.
- G. PHYSICAL FITNESS - A cheerleader should look her best physically at all times.
- H. BODY PIERCING - No body piercing of any kind is allowed during any cheer activity. No belly button rings allowed during any cheer activity.

X. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS - GAME OR RALLY SUSPENSION

- A. GRADES - The no pass/no play rule will be enforced. See Eligibility requirements in Section II.
- B. IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION - If a cheerleader is given In-School Suspension, she may be suspended from the squad for a length of time decided by the coach and Athletic Director, depending on the seriousness of the situation.
- C. OTHER REASONS FOR SUSPENSION FROM A GAME OR RALLY -

1. Unexcused absence from any cheerleader activity.
 2. Excessive tardiness to cheerleader activities.
 3. Failure to do the assigned cheerleader duties.
 4. Failure to abide by the cheerleader rules and regulations.
 5. Failure to cooperate with the squad, coach, teachers, or administration.
- D. UNEXCUSED ABSENCES - The first occurrence will result in suspension from the next game or pep rally (whichever comes first). The second unexcused absence could result in removal from the squad. Anytime practice is missed, it must be cleared ahead of time. A parent must contact the coach before the absence. Only severe emergencies will be excused or doctor's note.
- E. Minor discipline problems, tardiness, late pick-up from practice or game, forgetting something due by due date, etc:
1. 1st Time - Discretion of coach.
 2. 2nd Time - Cheerleader will miss the next pep rally or game.
 3. 3rd Time - Cheerleader will miss the next pep rally or game AND a parent conference will be required.
 4. 4th Time - Cheerleader will be removed from the squad.
- F. Attendance requirements during suspension:
1. Practice - Required to attend all practice sessions in the appropriate attire.
 2. Pep Rallies - Required to attend in full uniform and sit with coach.
 3. Games - Attendance is required; cheerleader will be in full uniform and sit with the coach.

XI. DISMISSAL

- A. Offenses that may result in dismissal from the squad:
1. Accumulation of five minor disciplinary offenses or tardies.
 2. The no pass/no play rule will be enforced.
 3. Unbecoming conduct on or off campus such as the use of drugs, tobacco/tobacco type products, vaping, alcohol, continued use of profanity, stealing, being arrested for any reason, and any offense that results in out-of-school suspension. These actions reflect poorly on the reputation of the school and cheerleading squad.
 4. Repeated insubordination toward the coach or any other school personnel.
- B. Try-out eligibility for a cheerleader that was dismissed:
1. A cheerleader will be considered eligible to try out for the cheerleading squad the next year after dismissal. The problem for dismissal must have been corrected and not repeated during the year.
 2. If a cheerleader resigns/quits the squad, she is not eligible to try out for any squad at any future dates unless there are extenuating circumstances for the resignation. (See D below.)
- C. As a cheerleader, you are expected to abide by the school policies regarding behavior as outlined in the Booth Middle School Student Handbook/Agenda and the

Student Code of Conduct. If these rules are not abided by, the coach will take action deemed necessary.

D. Each cheerleader is expected to finish out the entire season.

XII. DRESS CODE

A. Compliance with the BMS student dress code is considered the minimum acceptable attire. Additional conditions may be established at the discretion of the coach. No cheerleader will show up at a school function dressed inappropriately. This includes showing midriff, cleavage, etc.

Booth Middle School Football Cheerleading 2021-2022
Parent / Student Agreement

PERMISSION SLIP & CONTRACT SIGNATURE

I have read the Booth Middle School cheerleader contract (Constitution), and I agree to follow all of the policies, rules, and obligations. I give my child permission to attend try-outs and be a member of the cheerleading squad.

Parent Signature:

Date:

Student Signature:

Date: