

# Baldwin Cheerleader Contract

Cheerleading is an athletic extra-curricular activity that was created to support athletic events and facilitate school spirit. As you read the following information, please remember that a cheerleader's first responsibility is to their academic program. All cheerleaders will be expected to follow the same general policies and regulations of the athletic program as set forth by the Baldwin-Whitehall School District Athletic Handbook. In addition, cheerleaders will be expected to follow the guidelines set forth by the cheerleading coaching staff.

**Every Baldwin middle and high school cheerleader needs to have a physical. Physicals will not be authorized earlier than Sat., June 1, 2024 and shall be effective, regardless of when performed during a school year, until the next May 31st.**

**\*\*MANDATORY PHYSICAL TURN IN DATE TO HEALTHY ROSTER BY JUNE 10, 2024\*\***

The cheerleader's primary purpose is to support athletic events and facilitate school spirit. Please keep in mind the importance of the obligation that you have made to devote your time and efforts to cheerleading.

## I. Purpose

- A. A cheerleader's first responsibility is to their academic program. The educational process should not be compromised by participation in cheerleading.
- B. Each member of the squad has the responsibility to uphold, reflect and to project the goals and ideals of your school, Athletic Department, and the school district.

## II. Academics

- A. Cheerleaders will abide by the Eligibility Rules in the athletic handbook.
- B. All cheerleaders must be passing their 4 core classes (Math, Science, Social Studies, English) with a 60% in order to be eligible to cheer. The Athletic Director will contact coaches each week about grades.
- C. If a cheerleader becomes academically ineligible, they are to meet all grade requirements before participating in any cheerleading events.

## III. Attendance

- A. Practice and game schedules will be distributed by your coach. Keep in mind- all schedules are subject to change based on outside factors.
  - a. Cheerleaders will cheer for football, girls & boys basketball, and Varsity home wrestling. Cheerleader attendance at games is required unless a doctor note is provided.
- B. Cheerleaders must attend 4 or more periods of the school day to participate in practice or games.
- C. Cheerleader absences need to be discussed with a coach prior to the day of that missed practice or event- unless an urgent medical need or family emergency arises.
- D. Excessive absences will result in disciplinary action that may lead to game suspension or team removal.
- E. You must attend ALL practice and games, even if you are injured or unable to cheer.
- F. Cheerleaders will ride the bus to and from any game that a team bus is provided.
- G. Your responsibility to the team is not fulfilled until the completion of the last game of your season. This includes playoff games.

#### **IV. Behavior**

- A. Respect all rules and school policies and exemplify manners of good sportsmanship.
- B. If you are placed in detention, ISS, social probation, you may not attend practice or cheer until that obligation has been met.
- C. All cheerleaders MUST treat each other and the coach with respect. A display of disrespectful behavior will result in disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the coach.
- D. If a cheerleader or a cheer parent has questions for the coach, ask the coach. If a parent needs to speak to a coach about an issue, please allow a 24 hour cooling off period and a meeting (in person, via phone, etc.) can be arranged.
- E. If a cheerleader is removed from the team or quits during the season, they are **NOT** permitted to try out the following year.
- F. No cheerleader may practice, stunt, or tumble without a coach being present.
- G. All practices are closed. Pictures/ videos uploaded to Cluster App for all teams!

#### **V. Uniform**

- A. In-school outfits will be planned for Game Days for ALL teams. You **MUST** be in the correct outfit to be able to cheer that game!
- B. You will be responsible for ALL uniform pieces issued to you. If not returned at the end of the season, you are responsible for the cost. This includes pom poms at the high school level.

#### **VI. Concussions/ Serious Injuries**

- A. Baseline concussion testing is encouraged for all cheerleaders.
- B. In the case of a concussion or serious injury during the season, a doctor's note is needed for clearance and participation.
- C. Absences in the case of concussion or serious injury will not count towards missed practices or events.
- D. If you are attending a game with an injury, you are to dress in team warm ups and sit with your coach not directly with the team.

#### **VII. Cheerleading Booster Information**

- A. Once a cheerleader makes a team, the cheerleader is responsible for ordered season gear. The cheerleader will receive items once they come in.
- B. A booster meeting will follow tryouts for fundraising information, season costs/ payments, board elections, etc.

**Please print, sign, and return the following on:**

- (Middle School) Monday, March 25
- (High School) Tuesday, April 2

I have attended the parent meeting or spoken directly to the coaches and I have been made aware of the responsibilities for the upcoming season.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Cheerleader Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade and School Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**I have read, and agree to, the Baldwin Cheerleader Contract and understand the expectations of the cheerleaders, parents, and coaches in the Baldwin MS and HS cheerleading program as stated at the meeting on March 18, 2024.**

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Cheerleader

Date

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Parent or Guardian

Date

**Please check the appropriate line or lines.**

- I am trying out for the Middle School Squad (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- I am trying out for JV (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- I am trying out for Varsity (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- I am interested in the Competitive Team (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

## Cheerleading Tryout Information 2024-2025

<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL</b> <i>Rising 7th-8th grade</i>	<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL</b> <i>Rising 7th-8th grade</i>
Day 1 - March 25	Day 2 - March 26
TIME - 6:15 - 8:30 pm	TIME - 6:30 - 8:30 pm
LOCATION - McAnnulty E.S	LOCATION - McAnnulty E.S
ATTIRE - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● purple athletic tee</li> <li>● athletic shorts</li> <li>● athletic shoes</li> <li>● hair pulled up</li> </ul>	ATTIRE - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● plain black athletic tee</li> <li>● plain purple or white shorts</li> <li>● athletic shoes</li> <li>● hair pulled up in a bow/ribbon <i>(coaches will have extra!)</i></li> </ul>

All cheerleaders and parents must exit the building upon completion of tryouts. Successful candidate tryout numbers will be posted on all BHS Cheer social media accounts on **Wednesday, March 27.**

<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b> <i>Rising 9th-12th grade</i>	<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b> <i>Rising 9th-12th grade</i>	<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b> <i>Rising 9th-12th grade</i>
Day 1 - April 2	Day 2 - April 3	Day 3 - April 4
TIME - 6:15 - 8:30 pm	TIME - 6:30 - 8:30 pm	TIME - 6:30 - completion
LOCATION - McAnnulty E.S	LOCATION - McAnnulty E.S	LOCATION - McAnnulty E.S
ATTIRE - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● purple athletic tee</li> <li>● athletic shorts</li> <li>● athletic shoes</li> <li>● hair pulled up</li> </ul>	ATTIRE - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● white athletic tee</li> <li>● athletic shorts</li> <li>● athletic shoes</li> <li>● hair pulled up</li> </ul>	ATTIRE - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● plain black tee</li> <li>● plain purple or white shorts</li> <li>● athletic shoes</li> <li>● hair pulled up in a bow/ribbon <i>(coaches will have extra!)</i></li> </ul>

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All candidates for both middle and high school will be judged, on the final date of their tryout process, by outside judges who have been employed by UCA. Scores will not be discussed or reviewed post-tryouts; all scores are **final**. Good luck to each of our candidates!

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