

OJW Cheer & Football Attendance Policy

Our goal is to provide a fun, safe, and supportive environment where every athlete can grow and succeed. To do that, we rely on consistent attendance and communication so each athlete — and the team as a whole — can thrive together.

This policy is built around communication. Please discuss any scheduling concerns with us as early as possible. We can accommodate most situations we know about in advance. Not showing up for practice without notice can leave your team in a difficult position if they are expecting you, and can compromise the safety of stunt groups and team routines.

Safety is our top priority, and the practice schedule is designed to give athletes adequate time to learn, practice, and perform as a team. Excess absences put both stunt groups and the entire team at risk.

Absence Approval Process:

For any pre-planned absences such as family vacations, special events, doctor appointments, school, or religious activities, an Absence Approval Form should be submitted in advance. Absences not pre-approved will be considered unexcused. Exceptions will be made for documented emergencies. Absences within two weeks of a competition will not be approved. Pre-scheduled absences must be submitted by (insert date of first mandatory practice)

Attendance Expectations and Consequences.

TWO Unexcused Absences from practice or game: Must sit out the first half of the next sideline/football game but be present and dressed to support the team.

THREE Unexcused Absences from practice or game: Must sit out the entire next sideline/football game but be present and dressed.

FOUR Unexcused Absences from practice or game: Must sit out the entire next sideline/football game but be present and dressed. May result in removal from further participation at discretion of cheer or football director. Parent will have an additional small dib to be completed before the end of season.

Athletes with **FIVE** total absences (excused or unexcused) may be removed from their stunt group, competition routine and/or from further participation at the discretion of the coaching staff. Parents will have additional (2) small dibs to be completed before the end of season.

Please note: No refunds or partial refunds will be given if an athlete is removed from a stunt group or routine or game due to missed practices, unexcused absences, or lack of participation.

Late Arrivals: Athletes arriving more than 15 minutes late may be marked as absent, as late arrivals disrupt instruction and can pose a safety concern during stunting and tumbling.

CHEERLEADING: Mini Cheer & Mega Cheer

Any athlete with absences within two weeks of a competition may also be removed from their stunt group or from the event.

Participation in Mini Cheer and Mega Cheer is **mandatory** for all cheerleaders. These are key performances that showcase each team's progress and are an important part of the season. If your athlete cannot attend either Mini or Mega Cheer, they will be excluded from the routine, as each participant's role is vital to the team's formations, stunts, and overall performance.

Injured Athletes

Injured cheerleaders are encouraged to attend practices and games to observe and stay engaged unless their injury prevents them from safely participating (such as in MegaCheer). Exceptions will be made for athletes who miss three or more practices with a doctor's note.

Our attendance policy is not about punishment — it's about team safety, communication, and respect. When we know in advance, we can plan around absences and ensure everyone's safety and success. Please reach out early and often — we are happy to work with you to make this a positive and rewarding season for every athlete.

Athlete Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Athlete Signature: _____

**Oxford Junior Wildcats
Absence Approval Form**

This form must be submitted in advance for any pre-planned absences (family vacations, special events, doctor appointments, school, or religious activities). All requests must be turned in no later than (first day of mandatory practice) for consideration.

Cheerleaders: Absences within two weeks of a competition (Mini Cheer or Mega Cheer) will not be approved.

Athlete Name: _____

Team(check one): ____ Mascot ____ Freshmen ____ JV

Coach: _____

Date(s) of Absence: _____

Number of Practices to be missed: _____

Please explain details of the absence:

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment

I understand that:

- Absences must be approved in advance to be considered excused.
- Unexcused absences may impact my athlete's participation in games, routines
- No refunds or partial refunds will be given if an athlete is removed from a stunt group, routine or game time due to missed practices.

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Coach/Director Use Only

Date Received: _____

Reviewed By: _____

☐ Approved

☐ Not Approved