



# 24-25 DREW JA CHEERLEADING

## Disciplinary Policy

To maintain consistency throughout the program and discourage repetitive behaviors that reflect negatively on the cheerleading program, the following Discipline Policy, along with the Code of Conduct, will be enforced during the 2021 cheerleading season. In one season, cheerleaders on multiple squads will have a point total that will be kept separate, one for each team. **The ownership and responsibility of the point system remain with the cheerleader.**

Each cheerleader will begin the season with 100 points. *A cheerleader will be removed from the squad if her point total falls below 60 points.* Point deductions will occur as follows:

### Practice (-5 points each)

- Late to practice
- Each incidence of wearing jewelry
- Each incidence of redirection at practice
- Use of an electronic device
- Missing practice (unexcused)

### Game (-5 points each)

- Wearing jewelry
- Each incidence of redirection on the sidelines
  - includes socializing in chant line, not present when 1<sup>st</sup> cheer is called, talking to people in the stands or at fence, etc.) or using an electronic device
- Wearing colored nail polish or artificial nails
- Chewing gum/eating/drinking at inappropriate times
- Forgetting required cheer items at the game
  - Includes cheer bag, raincoat, warm-up jacket/pants, sweatshirt, gloves, megaphone, water bottle, poms, etc.
- Not wearing hair as instructed to game
- Not coming dressed & ready to go for the game (including hair)

### INCIDENCE/CONSEQUENCE CHART

Incidence	Consequence
5 points (each occurrence)	Physical conditioning
10 pts (each occurrence)	Sit out 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of game
Over 10 minutes late to a game	Sit out 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of game
Over 20 minutes late to a game	Sit out 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter of game
Missing a necessary item at games	Sit out until item is received
40 points (total accumulation)	Removal from squad/program

### Multiple points for practice and/or game:

- -20 pts: Insubordination to a coaches or team mom
- -10 pts: Inappropriate language, gesture, or behavior
- -10 pts: Unsportsmanlike conduct
- -10 pts: Conduct that reflects negatively on the cheerleading program from the cheerleader or parent/guardian
- -10 pts: Misuse of social media



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## Excused practices:

- Sickness, quarantine, school-related events, death in the family, or deployment of a family member is excused.
- If you are sick and absent from school on the day of practice, you are excused from practice.
- School-related events are excused. However, all effort should be made to be at practice, even for 45 minutes. Example: A chorus concert is typically the same night as a practice. If the school event starts at 6:30, please come to practice from 4:30-5:15, then go to the concert.
- Absences due to an immediate family member in military service being deployed or on leave from The deployment will be excused.
- Any other reasons would be at the discretion of the coach.
- In any event of a missed practice, please notify your team mom before the practice so the coach can be notified in a timely manner (this does NOT excuse the practice).
- **All regularly scheduled doctor, orthodontic appointments, etc., should not be made at practice times and will not be considered excused.**

## Excused games:

Sickness, death in the family, and school-related trips are all excused. If you are sick, please notify the team mom as soon as you possibly can. Absences due to an immediate family member in military service being deployed or on leave from deployment will be excused.

## Additional Information:

- Notifying a coach of a known absence/tardiness in advance **DOES NOT** excuse the cheerleader.
- The coach will determine the number of points deducted will be determined by the coach on an individual basis, based on the severity of the infraction and previous offenses. Each point deducted is the decision of the coach and is non-negotiable.
- Infractions and deduction of points during the 2023 cheer season could be considered during tryouts for the 2024 season.
- Removal from the squad: if cheerleader falls below 60 points (accumulates 40 points) during 2023-2024 season. Removal from the program will result in not being able to try out for the 2024 season.
- Coaches will not discuss infractions made or deduction of points to anyone other than parents/guardians of the cheerleader.