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## Cheerleading Tryout Packet 2024

**April 9<sup>th</sup>: Tryout Registrations Due** (drop off at BHBC in the back Children's Lobby From 5 to 6)

**April 16<sup>th</sup>: Formal Tryout**



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## Tryout Information

This packet includes tryout information for rising sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students in the Harrison High School District that are interested in cheering for the Harrison Junior Hoya Cheer Program (HJCP).

### Tryout Registration Drop Off:

**April 9<sup>th</sup> - 5 to 6pm @ Burnt Hickory Baptist Church in the Children's Lobby (back parking lot)**

There will not be an informational tryout meeting this year. Registration Packet and \$50 tryout fee will be turned in at Burnt Hickory Baptist Church in the back Children's Lobby any time between 5pm and 6pm. Please review the tryout information in this packet including squad rules/expectations, tryout requirements, and other important information.

### Tryout Dates:

- Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>:** Instructional tryout dance video will be available on the website
- Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>:** Instructional tryout cheer/chant video will be available on the website
- Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>:** **5:00 – 7:00pm – Tryouts**
- \*Wed, April 17<sup>th</sup>:** **5:00 – Competition Tryouts, if needed**
- Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Squad Selections will be sent via Remind
- Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>:** MANDATORY booster club meeting for parents of selected cheerleaders – BHBC at 6:00pm in room 291

Specific tryout information will be sent out via email the week of tryouts. This email will include your cheerleader's tryout time and number.

\*Parents will be notified the evening of April 16<sup>th</sup> if your prospective competition cheerleader will need to return on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Tryout Location:

**Harrison High School – Small Gym**

Cheer candidates must be dropped off at the gym entrance in the bus port, where they will sign in and get their tryout number in the lobby. This is a closed tryout and parents are not needed for check in.

### Tryout Dress Code:

- Cheer shorts with NO LOGO'S (navy or black)
- Solid white t-shirt with NO LOGO'S (no embroidery, prints, etc.)
- Hair up in a high pony with a **solid white bow** (NO LOGO'S)
- White cheer/athletic shoes with no show white socks
- No jewelry



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### Instructional Videos:

There will be NO instructional clinic this year. All instructional material will be available virtually on the website. The video for the dance will be available April 11<sup>th</sup>. The videos for the cheer and chant will be available April 13<sup>th</sup>. Cheerleaders will be responsible for teaching themselves the cheer, chant, and dance given the instructional videos.

### Tryout:

Cheerleaders will perform the tryout cheer, chant, and dance in front of a judge who will be recording a video. Candidates will be judged on jumps (toe touch and one optional jump), motion technique, knowledge, appearance, spirit, and skill. **Candidates trying out for the Competition squad will be judged on tumbling. Tumbling is required for competition with a minimum of a back handspring, but we are looking for higher level tumbling skills as well.** Cheerleaders will try out one at a time, not in groups.

### Eligibility:

To be eligible for tryouts, cheer candidates must reside in the Harrison High School (HHS) attendance zone, or be eligible to attend a HHS feeder school according to the Cobb County Board of Education Attendance policies.

### Sideline Squads:

The Junior Hoya Cheer Program consists of 3 sideline squads: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Each squad size will be selected based on scoring scales. Size will vary based on the talent level of each group's candidates. Sideline squads will support its corresponding athletic teams during the entire football season including playoffs. *Sideline squads will practice once a week (Tuesdays) and cheer at the Saturday football games during the 2024 season. There will be one mandatory Choreography Camp during the summer (June 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>).* There will also be multiple practices and team bonding activities over the summer.

### Competition Squad:

The Junior Hoya Cheer Program has one competition squad consisting of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade cheerleaders. The squad size will vary based on talent and skill levels assessed at tryouts and is determined by the competition coach. **A back handspring is a minimum requirement to be considered for the competition squad.** We are looking for higher level tumbling as well. Tumbling will be evaluated at tryouts. *The competition squad will practice twice a week and participate in competitions on Saturdays and Sundays during the 2024 season. There will be a mandatory Choreography Camp during the summer (July 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>) in addition to two weekly practices.*

### Tryout Results:

Tryout results will be sent via Remind on April 23<sup>rd</sup> by 5:00pm. Each cheer candidate will receive a text message with the list of candidates, by tryout number, that were selected for each squad. Make sure to sign up for the Junior Hoya Cheer Tryout Remind (text @jrhyoto24 to 81010).



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## Requirements for Tryouts

1. Fill out and submit the Harrison Junior Hoya Cheer Tryout Survey, found on our website <https://hoyajrcheer.webstarts.com>.
2. Sign up for the Tryout Remind Group: text @jrhoyato24 to 81010
3. You must complete and sign all forms included in the **Junior Hoya Cheer Registration Packet** (found on our website). These forms are to be turned in on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Drop off will be at BHBC in the back Children's Lobby from 5 to 6pm.
4. You must submit the \$50 **non-refundable** tryout fee with the registration packet. Make check payable to HJCBC.
5. You must submit a copy of ParentVue showing Q3 grades. Cheerleaders are expected to maintain high academic and behavior standards. Candidates must be passing all classes and have a conduct grade of "S" or higher.
6. Cheer candidates must obtain **two** teacher recommendations. Teacher recommendation form is found on our website <https://hoyajrcheer.webstarts.com>. **Cheerleaders must provide their teacher with the website link.** Recommendations are filled out electronically. Teacher recommendations are due April 9<sup>th</sup>.
7. Summer vacation plans need to be emailed to Laura James & Ni'Cole McCrae by April 9<sup>th</sup>. These are confirmed vacations that will result in your cheerleader being absent at any point this summer. Your cheerleader is expected to be at every summer practice unless excused by the emailed vacation plans. Dead Weeks are May 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. We will not practice during Dead Weeks.
8. Guardians of selected cheerleaders must attend the Booster Club meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

\*For additional questions, please contact Laura James & Ni'Cole McCrae at [HSHoyaCheer@gmail.com](mailto:HSHoyaCheer@gmail.com) and [HoyaCoachMcCrae@gmail.com](mailto:HoyaCoachMcCrae@gmail.com) \*

## Required Physical

All cheerleaders **selected** for the 2024 cheer season must have a current physical.

Each cheerleader is required to have a Medical Release/Physical Form on file for the upcoming season and should be dated no earlier than June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (must be current within a year). This form must be completed, signed by an M.D. or D.O. and turned in to your Team mom by June 4<sup>th</sup> (for sideline cheerleaders) or June 5<sup>th</sup> (for competition only cheerleaders). You CANNOT begin practice, go to camp or participate in any cheerleading activity without a physical on file with Harrison Junior Cheerleading Board. Physical forms are available on the website.



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## Important Tryout Dates:

- 📣 April 9<sup>th</sup> Tryout paperwork deadline, drop off at BHBC (back Children's Lobby) from 5 to 6
  - Tryout Registration Packet due (found on website), copy of Q3 grades
  - \$50 tryout fee is due
- 📣 April 11<sup>th</sup> Instructional tryout dance video will be available on the website
- 📣 April 13<sup>th</sup> Instructional tryout cheer and chant videos will be available on the website
- 📣 April 16<sup>th</sup> Formal Tryout 5:00 – 7:00pm HHS Small Gym (specific info will be sent out prior)
- 📣 April 23<sup>rd</sup> Tryout results will be sent via Remind by 5:00pm

## Additional Dates for selected cheerleaders:

- 📣 April 30<sup>th</sup> **MANDATORY Post Tryout Booster Club Meeting, 6:00pm @ BHBC room 291**
- 📣 May 9<sup>th</sup> Used Uniform Sale – Burnt Hickory Baptist Church at 5:00pm
- 📣 May 9<sup>th</sup> **Varsity Uniform Fitting – Burnt Hickory Baptist Church at 5:00pm**
- 📣 June 4<sup>th</sup> First Summer Sideline Practice
  - will continue throughout the summer on Tuesdays
  - Physicals due for sideline cheerleaders
- 📣 June 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> **MANDATORY Sideline Camp 9:00am – 2:00pm @ Stingray Allstars**
- 📣 June 5<sup>th</sup> First Summer Competition Practice
  - Comp practices twice a week during the summer on Wednesdays & Thursdays
  - Physicals due for competition only cheerleaders
- 📣 July 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> **MANDATORY Competition Choreo Camp 9am – 2pm @ Stingray Allstars**

\*Above dates are subject to change.

## Financial Information

All amounts are projected and represent estimated cost. Payment schedules will be provided to elected cheerleaders at the Post Tryout Booster Club Meeting after the squad has been chosen.

### **2024 ESTIMATED COSTS:**

**Estimated Sidelines Squad Cost: \$780\***

**Estimated Competition Squad Cost: \$1,300**

Total amount is different for each cheerleader depending on what she needs. The Financial Policy will be available at the April 30<sup>th</sup> Booster Club meeting for more specific information. Returning cheerleaders do not have to purchase all new items.

\*Estimated cost above does not include Varsity apparel.

**\*\*Tryout Registration Packet is found on our website\*\***

Questions: Laura James & Ni'Cole McCrae at [HSHoyaCheer@gmail.com](mailto:HSHoyaCheer@gmail.com) and  
[HoyaCoachMcCrae@gmail.com](mailto:HoyaCoachMcCrae@gmail.com)

