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Cheerleading Tryout Packet 2025

April 15th: Tryout Registrations Due

April 23rd: 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 15th – 4:30 to 5:30pm – location will be sent via REMIND closer to the date

There will not be an informational tryout meeting this year. Registration Packet and \$50 tryout fee will be turned in any time between 4:30pm and 5:30pm. Location will be sent via REMIND the week prior. Please review the tryout information in this packet including squad rules/expectations, tryout requirements, and other important information.

Tryout Dates:

Wednesday, April 16th: Instructional tryout dance video will be available on the website

Thursday, April 17th: Instructional tryout cheer/chant video will be available on the website

Wednesday, April 23rd: **4:00 – 6:00pm – Tryouts**

Sunday, April 27th: Squad Selections will be sent via REMIND

Tuesday, April 29th: MANDATORY booster club meeting for parents of selected cheerleaders –
BHBC at 7:30pm 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.

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 16th. The videos for the cheer and chant will be available April 17th. 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 who are trying out for the Competition Team will also be judged on tumbling. Candidates are eligible to tryout for the Competition Team if they have mastered a back handspring and have higher tumbling skills. All Competition candidates should have stunting experience. 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: 6th, 7th, and 8th 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 2025 season. There will be one mandatory Choreography Camp during the summer (June 16th – 17th).* 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 6th, 7th, and 8th grade cheerleaders. The squad size will vary based on talent and skill levels assessed at tryouts and is determined by the competition coach. **Candidates are eligible to tryout for the Competition Team if they have mastered a back handspring and have higher tumbling skills.** *The competition squad will practice twice a week and participate in competitions on Saturdays and Sundays during the 2025 season. There will be a mandatory Choreography Camp during the summer in addition to two weekly practices.*

Tryout Results:

Tryout results will be sent via Remind on April 27th by 9:00pm. 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 @jrhoyato25 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 @jrhoyato25 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 15th. Drop off will be between 4:30 and 5:30. Location will be sent via REMIND.
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 15th.
7. Guardians of selected cheerleaders must attend the Booster Club meeting on April 29th.

*For additional questions, please contact Laura James & Ni'Cole McCrae at HSHoyaCheer@gmail.com and HoyaCoachMcCrae@gmail.com *

Required Physical

All cheerleaders **selected** for the 2025 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 10th, 2024 (must be current within a year). This form must be completed, signed by an M.D. or D.O. and turned into your Team mom by June 10th (for sideline cheerleaders) or June 11th (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 15th Tryout paperwork deadline, drop off between 4:30-5:30pm
 - Tryout Registration Packet due (found on website), copy of Q3 grades
 - \$50 tryout fee is due
- 📢 April 16th Instructional tryout dance video will be available on the website
- 📢 April 17th Instructional tryout cheer and chant videos will be available on the website
- 📢 April 23rd Formal Tryout 4:00 – 6:00pm HHS Small Gym (specific info will be sent out prior)
- 📢 April 27th Tryout results will be sent via Remind by 9:00pm

Additional Dates for selected cheerleaders:

- 📢 April 29th MANDATORY Post Tryout Booster Club Meeting, 7:30pm @ BHBC room 291
- 📢 May 6th Used Uniform Sale – Burnt Hickory Baptist Church at 5:30pm
- 📢 May 6th Varsity Uniform Fitting – Burnt Hickory Baptist Church at 5:30pm
- 📢 June 10th First Summer Sideline Practice
 - will continue throughout the summer on Tuesdays
 - Physicals due for sideline cheerleaders
- 📢 June 16th-17th MANDATORY Sideline Camp 9:00am – 2:00pm @ Stingray NORTH
- 📢 TBD First Summer Competition Practice
 - Comp practices twice a week during the summer
 - Physicals due for competition only cheerleaders
- 📢 TBD 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.

2025 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 29th 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.

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