

## **GRESHAM YOUTH CHEER HANDBOOK**

Please write the first and last name of your athlete in the space provided:

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The GRESHAM YOUTH CHEER program (GYC) is a recreational program and is meant to be fun and bring energy to the games, while the athletes also learn the basics of cheerleading. This program runs alongside the Gresham High School (GHS) teams and helps bring unity to the community by allowing our youths to learn skills to help them further their ambition for a sport. The head coach of this program works closely with the head coach of GHS cheer to ensure that what is being taught will be helpful if a youth athlete decides to pursue cheer in high school.

### **FEES AND UNIFORM**

Parent please initial below acknowledging you accept and abide by the BELOW conditions.

Parents of athletes will have completed the Bonzi registration and paid the registration fee. I understand that there is a \$150 tumbling fee that will cover one hour of tumbling at practice throughout the season, this is to be paid through Bonzi and can be paid in monthly installments. There is also a uniform fee of \$221 that will cover a uniform package (Shell, Skirt, 2 bows, briefs, poms, long sleeve undershirt, Gresham Youth t-shirt, and cheer shoes) and will be paid through Varsity (a link will be provided). The athlete will not receive a uniform until it is paid in full and it does take up to 8 weeks for the uniform to be customized. The uniform will need to be worn by the second game of the season or the athlete will have to sit out.

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## CONDUCT/CHARACTER

Both Parent and Athlete please initial below acknowledging you accept and abide by the BELOW conditions.

There is a ZERO TOLERANCE for drugs, alcohol, swearing and tobacco. One violation can result in removal from the team. Cheerleaders must maintain a positive attitude and good behavior in school, the classroom, at practices, games and events, and around the community. The goal of a cheerleader is to entertain and keep the crowd pumped and excited. Cheerleaders are expected to always act in an appropriate sportsmanlike manner. Cheerleaders are expected to stay together as a squad at scheduled games and events, unless otherwise noted. Please initial both first and last name below acknowledging you as an athlete accept and abide by the above conditions. Conduct does apply to parents as well, please initial both first and last name below acknowledging you accept and abide by the above conditions.

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## ATTENDANCE

Both Parent and Athlete please initial below acknowledging you accept and abide by the BELOW conditions.

Attendance is encouraged for an athlete to be at all games and practices. If an emergency or pre-planned vacation occurs, please contact the head coach as soon as possible, so that they can inform team moms and/or coaches. A practice schedule will be given at least two weeks before practices begin. Game schedule does not get released until sometime in August and will be provided to parents as soon as possible and athletes are encouraged to attend all home and away games their cheer team is assigned too. Special arrangements can be made if a parent has multiple athletes within the Gresham Youth Cheer or Gresham Youth Football program.

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## UNIFORMS

Both Parent and Athlete please initial below acknowledging you accept and abide by the BELOW conditions.

All cheerleaders must buy their uniforms and have come to a fitting (due to customization) and there will be spirit gear available to purchase as well. These uniforms will be the property of the student and will be kept by the student at the end of the year. Cheer shoes are to be worn at both games and practices. Uniforms are not to be loaned out, No Exceptions. Those uniforms represent who we are. Cheerleaders are required to keep their uniforms in good condition, clean, and free of odors on a weekly basis.

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## ACCOUNTING/FUNDRAISING

Parent please initial below acknowledging you accept and abide by the BELOW conditions.

This is a recreational cheer program and we try to keep the cost as low as possible while providing tumbling and high quality uniforms and gear. We will provide some fundraising opportunities to help with the cost. IF FOR ANY REASON A STUDENT LEAVES THE SQUAD OR IS REMOVED FROM A SQUAD, THERE ARE NO REFUNDS.

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Parent and Athlete please initial below acknowledging you accept and abide by the FOLLOWING conditions: "I have read and agree to all sections outlined within the Gresham Cheer Program Handbook."

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