

UPT CHEERLEADERS

PREAMBLE

We, the cheerleaders of the University of Pittsburgh at Titusville, hereby propose the foundation and organization of the cheerleading squad, whereas the following articles herein shall be recognized as the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of the board membership.

ARTICLE I, NAME

The name of this organization will be the UPT Cheerleaders.

ARTICLE II, ADVISOR

The advisor shall be a person who is willing to dedicate her/his time to meeting the needs of the UPT cheerleaders.

ARTICLE III, COACH

The coach will be the person with a background in cheerleading who is willing to dedicate her/his time to teaching technique and sportsmanship fundamentals of cheerleading.

ARTICLE IV, MEMBERSHIP

Section I: Any person who is a full time student at the University of Pittsburgh at Titusville with at least a 1.75 GPA. Persons with a GPA of less than 1.75 will be placed on probation.

Section II: Cheerleaders will participate in a minimum of three fundraisers and two community service projects throughout the course of the cheerleading season.

Section III: Cheerleaders will fully support and actively participate in fundraisers as well as any other social events.

ARTICLE V, GOVERNING BODY

- Duties of the Governing Body
 - Advisor / Coach
 - Designated by Vice President of Student Affairs, or his/her designee
 - Must attend all social events or appoint replacement
 - Must work with coach, president, and be available for consultations with officers and members of the cheerlead squad
 - Must attend meetings, unless otherwise informing president of forthcoming absence
 - Must attend all practices, games, fundraisers, and any other social event.

- Shall provide guidance and appropriate supervision to all members of the cheerleading squad
 - Must instruct and teach the fundamentals of proper technique, sportsmanship, and unity, with an emphasis on safety
 - Will oversee budget and all purchases, as well as all fundraisers and social events, including signing off on all vouchers and allocation requests
- President
 - Shall be a full time student of University of Pittsburgh at Titusville
 - Shall be an active member of the cheerleading squad
 - Shall be elected by the previous year's squad
 - Must attend all meetings unless otherwise informing coach of forthcoming absence
 - Must maintain a 2.0 Cumulative GPA or higher.
 - Vice President
 - Shall be a full time student of University of Pittsburgh at Titusville
 - Shall be an active member of the cheerleading squad
 - Shall be elected by the previous year's squad
 - Will act as president in the president's absence
 - Must attend all meetings unless otherwise informing president of forthcoming absence
 - Must maintain a 2.0 Cumulative GPA or higher.
 - Secretary/Treasurer
 - Shall be a full time student of University of Pittsburgh at Titusville
 - Shall be elected by the previous year's squad
 - Must attend all meetings unless otherwise informing president of forthcoming absence
 - Will assist with the development and organization of fundraisers and social events
 - Must maintain a 2.0 Cumulative GPA or higher.

ARTICLE VII, PRACTICE

Practice will be held at least, but not limited to, two times per week in the preseason, and at least, but not limited to, one time a week during the season.

All cheerleaders **MUST** attend practice unless attending class or work. Any absence, including class or work, must be pre-approved by the coach.

Two unexcused absences will result in elimination from the UPT cheerleading squad.

Cheerleaders are not permitted to practice or perform with any other cheerleading groups or teams during the academic school year, unless approved by the Advisor/Coach.

ARTICLE VIII, CHEER TIME

Cheer time is deemed as follows:

- All home basketball games

- Designated activities in which active participation is required

Attendance is MANDATORY unless otherwise pre-approved by the coach.

Two unexcused absences will result in elimination from the UPT cheerleading squad.

PURPOSE

It shall be the purpose of the UPT Cheer Squad to promote and uphold team spirit and to support good relations in the community and between teams and squads during events. Our goal is to work in harmony with the team coach/advisor and school administration.

ELIGIBILITY

Acceptance of a candidate shall be on the basis of ability, the coach's agreement, acceptance of the squad rules, and without prejudice of race, creed, or color.

All students making the squad must have a physical completed by the campus physician during September each year. It is the student's responsibility to ensure he/she arranges a time for the physical exam when the physician is on campus. Failure to get the physical examination with the campus physician will result in the student paying on his/her own for a physical before practicing with the squad.

MEMBERSHIP

The UPT Cheerleaders are a co-ed squad. The regular squad will consist of a maximum of 20 cheerleaders. Additional members may be admitted to fill regular squad positions as they reach performing proficiency, vacancies occur, or temporary positions (in the event a regular cheerleader is unable to perform his/her cheerleading duties). **Members must participate for both the fall and spring semesters of the athletic season. If a member drops off the team voluntarily at any time during the academic school year (fall or spring semester) they forfeit any rights to the squad and will be required to write a letter of application for the following year, if they wish to tryout again.**

TRYOUTS

The format of the tryouts will be decided by the coach/advisor and will be held in a fair and open manner conducive to allowing each candidate to show his/her best abilities and potential.

CAPTAINS

There will be one captain and one co-captain, chosen by the UPT Cheerleader Advisor/Coach.

Captains should set an example by being on time for practice, acting as a peacemaker, keeping the crowd cheering and the squad in proper formation during games, and showing no partiality within the squad.

Captains will be required to register with the United States All-Star Federation (USASF), the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators (AACCA), and the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) to be familiar with the most up-to-date rules and regulations of cheerleading. They must also complete designated proficiency tests related to the sport of cheerleading.

UNIFORMS

Cheerleaders in uniform or wearing any item of squad or team identification must always conduct themselves in a manner becoming to UPT.

APPEARANCE

For safety reasons, jewelry or watches will not be worn with uniform.

Uniforms must be kept clean at all times.

Makeup should be natural and not excessive, and all hairstyles must be neat and secured up out of the face, not needing attention while performing.

FUNDRAISING

Every cheerleader will participate in every fundraising event. Money raised will be used to fund additional expenses during the year.

Donations to charity projects may be agreed upon by the squad and approved by coach/advisor.

All fundraising activities will be approved by the majority of the squad and with the approval of the coach/advisor.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Every reasonable attempt will be made to avoid situations likely to lead to such action through squad discussion and positive encouragement, by example, and by finding ways and means to correct negative trends.

A cheerleader may be suspended from games/events for the following reasons: unexcused absence, excessive absences or tardiness, Grade Point Average (GPA) falls below 1.75 or failure to abide by squad rules and regulations.

A cheerleader may be dismissed from the squad for the following reasons: excessive and irreconcilable disruptive influence on the squad, conduct likely to bring the squad or team reputation into disrepute (such as use of alcohol or drugs), and as otherwise deemed necessary by coach/advisor.

I have read the above rules and regulations of the UPT Cheer Squad Organization and I agree that, by becoming a member of the UPT Cheer Squad, I will abide by all rules and regulations or I may be suspended or removed from the UPT Cheer Squad at any time the coach deems it necessary.

Name & Signature

Date