

**New Berlin Eisenhower High School
Varsity Cheerleading Constitution 2023-2024
Enforced by Cheer Booster Club**

Cheerleader:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Email: _____

PREAMBLE

New Berlin Eisenhower Cheer Boosters and the coaching staff establish this constitution.

SECTION I

Uniforms

ARTICLE 1

As the cost of maintaining and replacing cheerleading uniforms continues to rise, the cheerleading squad members will be assessed an annual uniform fee (see fee sheet). This fee will be used to replace uniforms as needed and is non-refundable.

Parent/Guardian initial here: _____

ARTICLE 2

All uniforms must be **CLEANED** and returned in the same condition as received at the beginning of the season. If uniforms are not cleaned, cheerleaders will be assessed a \$5.00 fee for the cleaning of the uniform. The Uniform Coordinator must approve the condition and quality of the uniform before it is considered returned. The uniform should always be taken care of according to cleaning instructions, so it looks fresh and neat at all times.

Each cheerleader is responsible for the uniform that the cheerleader signs out and if a different size is needed, it must be exchanged with the Uniform Coordinator only. Do not switch pieces with another cheerleader as you will still be responsible for the numbers you signed out. Do not loan the uniform to any persons(s) especially non-cheer team members. All flaws should be repaired through the Uniform Coordinator, and all alterations should be requested through the Uniform Coordinator. *The directions on the cleaning guide must be followed.* This will be provided with uniforms.

Parent/Guardian initial here: _____

ARTICLE 3

If any article of the uniform is lost (such as a shell, liner or skirt), damaged, or not returned, the person responsible will be required to pay the replacement cost for it, determined by the uniform rep from Varsity at the time of replacement. This will be addressed with the athletic director and be added to the student's fees through the office if not paid. **A late fee of \$5.00 per day will be charged to cheerleader's account if uniform isn't turned on the requested date or if arrangements have not been made prior to uniform return date to return it at an alternate time.**

Parent/Guardian initial here: _____

ARTICLE 4

All cheerleaders are required to purchase their socks, shoes, warm-ups, bodysuit, poms, sweatshirt, bundies, camp/nationals/state clothes and bows as determined by the coaching staff. Refer to financial obligation (Addendum A)

Parent/Guardian initial here: _____

SECTION II

Dismissal

ARTICLE 1

Any cheerleader who quits or is dismissed during the year for disciplinary reasons forfeits any money earned through fundraisers and will NOT be able to collect money from her cheerleader account. No further participation is allowed. All owed money is due at this time. **Any balance remaining will prevent the cheerleader or future siblings the ability to tryout until the balance is paid.** The school may charge your student account the unpaid amount. At the time of dismissal, a Discharge form will be signed by the cheerleader, parent, and coach documenting reason for dismissal, uniform return checked off and any notes related to the situation.

Parent/Guardian initial here: _____

ARTICLE 2

Upon Dismissal (or quitting) the cheerleader is entitled to only the funds that she (and her family) have personally deposited into the cheerleaders individual account. This would include the installment payments but does NOT include any fundraised money or earned money from any fundraisers or events. You cannot receive a refund for more than what you deposited.

Example 1:

Deposited by check \$ 600.00, you then earned \$ 700.00 from fundraisers – For a total of \$1300.00. You used from that account \$400.00 on "cheer" related items. This will leave at time of dismissal or quitting a balance of \$900.00 in your account. As you cannot earn/make money on this account you could only receive a refund of \$600.00 which is what your family deposited into the account. Anything above that would go back into the booster club account.

Example 2:

Deposited by check \$ 600.00, you then earned \$ 100.00 from fundraisers – For a total of \$700.00. You used from that account \$650.00 on "cheer" related items. This will leave at time of dismissal or quitting a balance of \$50.00 in your account. Your refund from your account would be \$50.00

Parent/Guardian initial here: _____

ARTICLE 3

Any cheerleader who quits or is dismissed during the year must return the clean uniform within one week of leaving. Failure to comply will result in notification to the Athletic Director and School Administration, and the replacement cost will be added to the student's school account.

Parent/Guardian initial here: _____

SECTION III

Finance

ARTICLE 1

Cheerleading involves many costs, some that are based upon what is ordered individually by each cheerleader, and others to maintain the program (i.e. coaching salaries, buses, competition fees, etc.) In prior sections of the Constitutions, you were asked to initial any items that pertained to costs.

It is important to realize that cheerleading is an expensive sport and for the team to continue operations, timely payments must be made. Individual accounts will be set up for each cheerleader. As costs are incurred, or individual fundraiser money is earned, it will be posted to their account. Due dates for payment will be noted and a copy of the account balance will be provided to the cheerleader/parent at any time upon request. Any questions on the information posted to the individual accounts should be directed to the Booster Club Treasurer.

Parent/Guardian initial here: _____

SECTION IV Fundraisers

Participation in “Team Fundraisers” is mandatory for all cheerleaders unless noted. Participation by family members is requested, as these fundraisers will not be successful without adequate help. Parent participation is mandatory for all those with an asterisk.* All that participate in a given team fundraiser will benefit from it. If a parent or cheerleader does not participate, they may be assessed a fee per activity for not participating and WILL NOT benefit personally from the proceeds.

ARTICLE 1

A. Team Fundraisers - Cheerleaders and their families are expected to participate in team fundraisers. These are designed to offset team costs. Our primary fundraisers include:

1. Summer Youth Camp (July 10-13)
2. Battle of the Bows Cheer Competition* (Feb)

Additional fundraisers/events may be added. (See Addendum C)

Parent/Guardian initial here: _____

B. Individual Fundraisers – Cheerleaders and their families also have the opportunity to participate in fundraisers that directly benefit the individual cheerleader to help offset the cost of this sport. Some of these include: 50/50 raffles, flamingos, football squares, fan shirts, concessions etc.

Additional fundraisers/events may be added. (See Addendum C)

Parent/Guardian initial here: _____

SECTION V Volunteer Obligation

ARTICLE 1

A. Volunteer Requirement- All Booster Club members assume the responsibility to contribute to offsetting costs and the success and enjoyment of the cheer program via volunteering. One parent per booster club family is required to sign up for ONE volunteer position as CHAIRPERSON / COORDINATOR per season. Positions will be provided by boosters at the beginning of each season. Examples include coordinating fundraisers, assisting with team administration, organizing spirit apparel, planning end of year banquet, etc. **This requirement is in addition to attending/working at the Battle of the Bows Cheer Competition.** Parents who do not fulfill at least ONE volunteer requirement per season will be assessed a charge of \$200 to cheerleaders account paid to general cheer boosters fund. (See Addendum C)

Parent/Guardian initial here: _____

Addendum A

Financial Obligations

Cheerleading is an expensive activity. It is important for both squad members and their parents to understand that there are some major expenses, especially for first year squad members. Be assured that all these items will be well worn and that the instructional camps and tumbling classes pay off in performance quality.

Listed below are the expected financial obligations of a first-year cheerleader. An asterisk (*) indicates annual recurring expenses for all members. Families should plan on these anticipated amounts for the 2023/2024 season. Please keep in mind that fundraising is strongly suggested to help offset the costs.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES* based on team requirements	Varsity (Game & Comp NEW)	Varsity (Game & Comp Returning)	Varsity (Game Only New)	Varsity (Game Only Returning)
Tumbling Classes* (<i>Mandatory June - February</i>)	375	375	0	0
Stunt Classes*	45	45	0	0
Uniform Usage Fee*	25	25	25	25
Warm Up Jacket, Stadium Jacket, Pants	230	As needed	230	As needed
Bundies, Midriff/Liner	50	As needed	50	As needed
Shoes* (<i>cost per pair</i>) <i>Comp 2 Pairs- 1 new</i>	170+ Adidas	As needed	90+ Adidas	As needed
Poms	45	As needed	45	As needed
Bows* (<i>purple, white, pink, possible comp</i>)	35	15	15	15
Backpack with embroidery	90	As needed	90	As needed
Practice Wear*, Team Sweatshirt*	125	125	125	125
UCA Summer Camp*	200-600	200-600	0	0
Competition Choreography/Music*	250-335	250-335	0	0
Eisenhower Athletic Fee-Direct to IKE	120	120	120	120
Subtotal	1700-2185	1200-2185	775+	575+
NHSCC Orlando, FL** estimated (<i>registration, hotel, airfare, apparel, food, coach travel</i>)	1100	1100	0	0
Total	2800-3285	2300-32855	775+	575+

*Additional costs may be incurred for competition overnight stay, optional competition apparel and team building activities and as needed for lost/ damaged items, and the addition of game tumbling.

**Attendance to the NHSCC will be determined each season.

Financial Obligations (continued)

FEE SCHEDULE deposits required	Varsity (Competition & Game)	Varsity (Game Only)
June 15 account <u>balance</u> required*	600	600
July 15 deposit required	300	"as needed"
September 11 deposit required	300	"as needed"
December 1 account <u>balance</u> required for Nationals travel (TBD)	1000	N/A

*On June 15 account balance required for all cheerleaders is indicated above. For returning cheerleaders with a balance in their account from previous season, a deposit must be made to bring balance to indicated amount.

**On a "as needed" basis. If attending camp will advise up front what is needed.

Example: If a returning cheerleader has \$200 in their account, a \$400 deposit must be made before June 15 to bring balance to \$600.

Expenses (as estimated in Addendum A) are deducted from cheerleader accounts as they occur. All other costs will be requested on a "as needed" basis. **Uniforms and clothing will NOT be ordered or distributed until initial June 15 balance requirement has been met. Late orders may result in item unavailability or additional cost at the responsibility of the cheerleader.** All camp deposits and fees will be deducted at the beginning of the season. There are no refunds or exchanges for apparel, accessories, tumbling, camp and travel deposits and fees.

*****Important!! Athletes will NOT be allowed to participate if their account is more than 2 weeks past due or without a payment plan approved by the Booster Board with regular payments being made by the parents.*****

All accounts must be up to date (\$0+ balance) before tryouts for the next year. It may take 2 months or more after the end of the season to get all pending invoices required to close and refund cheerleader accounts.

This form must be returned on the first day of tryouts. Signatures from both the student trying out, as well as one of his/her parents indicating that this sheet has been read, that the above expenses are understood and that the responsibility for them has been accepted.

Parent(s) Signature _____ Date _____

Cheerleader Signature _____ Date _____

Addendum B
Elite Tumbling Policies

Elite Tumbling provides tumbling coaching at Eisenhower as requested and scheduled by coaches. Athletes must sign a waiver provided by Elite Tumbling to participate. Monthly tumbling rate will be determined by the class rate and the number of classes the coach schedules for the month. There is not an option to select partial participation during a month. Athletes will be charged for an entire month of tumbling regardless of if they attend the class or not. Classes missed due to illness, injury, other obligations, work, other, are not refundable within that month. Classes canceled due to school closing, or by Elite Tumbling may be credited as a makeup class the following month. An athlete with a sustained injury and doctor’s note indicating inability to participate in tumbling will be allowed to withdraw from the next scheduled month(s) of contracted tumbling classes. Elites Tumbling Policies subject to change.

MANDATORY tumbling will be required for all competition cheerleaders as indicated by coaches June - February or through the end of season.

OPTIONAL off-season tumbling may be available on a monthly basis from March - May. Above policies apply.

I have read and understand the above policies. I understand that monthly tumbling fees will be deducted from cheerleader’s account when mandatory tumbling begins. I understand that if cheerleader attends the first tumbling class of the month during optional off season tumbling that a monthly tumbling fee will be charged to cheerleader account. I understand that no money will be refunded by Elite Tumbling or by Eisenhower Cheer Boosters for missed tumbling classes.

Parent(s) Signature _____ Date _____

Cheerleader Signature _____ Date _____

Addendum C Fundraisers & Volunteer Obligation

BOOSTER CLUB 2022-2023 EVENTS & VOLUNTEER POSITIONS: *Subject to revisions*

TEAM Fundraisers:

- Youth Summer Camp: July 10-13
- Battle of the Bows Cheer Competition: TBD – 2/3/23
- Ferris Bueller’s Day Off: TBD
- 50/50 raffles –Basketball & Baseball

Individual Fundraisers:

- Concessions
- Flamingos - July/August
- Football Squares
- Fan Shirts
- Other

Community Service:

- Community Service Coordinator
(Community service efforts to be determined)

General Boosters Assistance:

- Team Building Events
- End of Year Banquet
- Senior Night (Banners, Sashes, Flowers)
- Locker Decorations, Homecoming Garters, Nationals Gift Bags, State Snack Bags, Nationals/State Door Signs

A sign up will be provided at the beginning of the season with all volunteer position opportunities available. Positions are subject to change. Not all individual fundraisers may occur dependent upon volunteers needed to coordinate. New ideas are always welcome.

I understand that I must be available to participate in all the above-mentioned TEAM fundraisers and community service efforts. If I do not participate for any reason I will not receive the benefit of proceeds.

Cheerleader Signature _____ Date _____

I understand that I must be available to participate in all the above-mentioned TEAM fundraisers. If I do not participate for any reason my cheerleader will not receive the benefit of proceeds. I also understand that one parent per cheerleader is required to sign up for ONE of the above-mentioned volunteer positions as CHAIRPERSON/COORDINATOR per season. Positions will be provided by boosters at the beginning of each season. This requirement is in addition to attending/working at the Battle of the Bows Cheer Competition. **If I do not fulfill this volunteer obligation I understand that my cheerleader’s account will be charged \$200, per the New Berlin Eisenhower Cheer Booster Club Bylaws,** to be paid to the general cheer boosters fund.

Parent(s) Signature _____ Date _____