

2020-2021 Cheerleading & Mascot Tryout Application & Informational Packet



Read the FULL PACKET before filling out the ONLINE APPLICATION:

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Parent Meeting on Monday, March 9th at 5:30 PM in the MHS Seminar room

All paperwork (application, signed agreements, and physical) should be completed and turned in by **March 23rd, 2020 to the Athletic Office (MHS)/Mrs. Nelson (J105) or Marietta Middle School front office.**



Marietta High School Cheer



Marietta High School Cheer is a fun and rewarding program that is a time-intensive, financial, and lifestyle commitment for the student **AND** parent. Cheerleaders are student leaders and athletes who exemplify and promote school spirit, pride, and sportsmanship. We expect our cheerleaders to be good examples within the school and community throughout the entire year. Those who are selected are held to higher standards of behavior on and off campus and must remember that participation in cheer is a privilege, not a right. All rules and regulations as stated in our Cheer Constitution, as well as the AACCA, NFHS Spirit, and GHSA guidelines, will be followed. Please read and understand every page before making a decision to tryout.

Attached you will find all of the necessary information needed for students that are interested in trying out for mascot or cheerleading at Marietta High School. Be sure you read the packet in its entirety and fill out the online application at <https://forms.gle/K5jE9Fe2odSAHRSAA> or use the QR code on the front page. Make sure you put the correct email address because tryout videos will only be shared with the email provided.

GHSA Eligibility & Physicals

- GHSA Eligibility will be verified once applications are received.

A physical must be on file (using the correct form below) to participate in tryouts. Anyone with a current physical on file with the school system, for the 2019-2020 school year, will be able to tryout with their current physical, if not you will need to submit one to the school/athletic trainers by March 23, 2019 on the form linked below.

FOR THOSE THAT DO NOT HAVE A PHYSICAL AT ALL http://www.marietta-athletics.com/uploads/1/2/4/8/124854200/19-20_new_mcs_physical_fillable.pdf

All candidates that are selected must obtain a new physical dated on or AFTER April 1st to be valid for the 2020-2021 season, which includes summer camp and practices. We recommend all selected candidates to get new physicals on April 27th at the MHS Physical Night hosted by our athletic trainers.

2020 - 2021 Season MHS Physical Night – April 27th, 2020

- Physicals for the 2020-2021 school year (All Selected Candidates will need)
- \$20 - open to all students
- Be sure that all information and signatures are completed on the correct physical form
- The insurance portion must be completed on the physical form. If you need to purchase school insurance, it is \$8.00.



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Team Selection Process

Basic skills required for all squads

- Ability to listen to and follow instructions
- Cheer motion knowledge and skill (placement and sharpness)
- Voice volume in cheering (cheer/chant and being loud)
- Rhythm in dancing (must be able to dance to a song with the correctly taught motions and stay on the beat)
- Learning memory (must be able to learn multiple cheers and dances and memorize them, then be able to perform them in front of an audience)
- Jump knowledge and skill (height, flexibility, and motion sharpness are factors)
- Tumbling including back tuck - not required but will be taken into consideration

Judges score sheets will focus on criteria below.

Cheer/ Chant:

- Motion Technique & Sharpness
- Voice Projection
- Showmanship
- Spirit

Jumps

- Form & Execution

Band Chant & Dance

- Timing
- Motion Technique
- Rhythm and Motion
- Showmanship
- Voice Projection - Band Chant

At the conclusion of tryouts, the highest 45-48 performing cheerleaders with appropriate numbers at each position (bases, flyers, spotters, etc...) will be selected as Marietta High School Cheerleaders. As with all sports at Marietta High School, the primary focus of the program is the performance level of the Varsity team. The Varsity Cheerleading team's primary goal is to perform as well as possible at the GHSA Game Day Invitational each February. All other goals are secondary and will be accommodated in the best manner possible on a year to year basis.

Football Sidelines

After tryouts, Football Sideline squads will be assembled under the following conditions:

- The number of sideline squads will depend on the number of the cheerleaders representing each grade level, out of the top 45-48.
- As seniors are not eligible for JV teams, in any sport, all seniors within the top 45-48 candidates selected, will be members of the Varsity Football sideline squad.
- Should the number of Juniors create a squad too large for Varsity Sidelines, the coaches will assign the juniors with the lowest scores at tryouts to the Junior Varsity Football Sideline.



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During the football season, practices will have 2 functions

1. Each squad will have a portion of practice dedicated to their individual football sideline needs
2. The entire cheerleading team will work on skills and rehearse the Game Day routine. Each cheerleader will be competing to earn a place on the Varsity Game Day squad.

Game Day /Varsity Basketball

At the beginning of the basketball season, the Varsity Coach will select the top cheerleaders at each position and create the Varsity Game Day team (24 cheerleaders + alternates). The Varsity Game Day team will become the Varsity Basketball Sideline squad.

- Grade level will not be a determining factor when choosing the Varsity Game Day team.
- If one is chosen for the Game Day squad and chooses not to participate, it will conclude their cheer season at that point and they will be removed from the squad.
- Those who do not make the Varsity Game Day team will be placed on the Sub-Varsity Basketball sideline squad.
 - Senior considerations:
 - Any Senior who **is not selected** as a member of the Varsity Game Day squad will have the option to continue to Cheer as a member of the Varsity Basketball Sideline squad (each Senior must inform the coach of their intentions before the Game Day Squad is assembled).
 - Any Senior who **is selected** to be a member of the Varsity Game Day squad but chooses not to participate has violated the Cheer Constitution and is effectively removing themselves from the program at that moment. Any such cheerleaders are not eligible to letter and may not participate in other school sports/activities until after the GHSA Game Day Invitational.

Lettering Policy:

- Any cheerleader who completes the season as a member of the Varsity Game Day Team will letter, regardless of grade level
- All Junior or Senior cheerleaders who complete the entire season in good standing will letter.



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Mascots: (Mascot candidates will tryout after Spring Break)

All candidates wishing to tryout for Mascot must be a sophomore, junior or senior for the upcoming school year. Mascots must be at all clinic practices to prepare a skit that is no longer than 2 minutes. Skits must be school related, entertaining, and be performed alone. You may use any props you desire, however, set up and break down time will be limited to 1 minute each. All mascot candidates will wear a white t-shirt and black shorts of your own. Once you have turned in your completed application, you will learn the performance cheer and you will be assigned a specific tryout date with the judges.

MHS Mascot Tryout Information

Spirit On: On tryout day you will need to spirit on with lots of energy and excitement before you begin your skit.

Skit: You will be responsible for preparing a skit with a prop or props. The skit must be between 2-3 minutes long. You may have music in your skit but you will be responsible for bringing a copy of your music to tryouts. You will be performing your skit with the Mascot's head on.

Cheer: You will learn one cheer to perform for the judges. You will perform your cheer with exaggerated motions and extra silly moves.

Improvisation Dance: After your skit you will have to improv some dancing to whatever music happens to come on. You will have to improv to the music for 30 seconds.

Other Improvisations: You will have to draw 1 improvisation idea from a hat. There could be different emotions that you will have to act out or it could be game situations. You will have to demonstrate for the judges how you would interpret what you have drawn.

Mascot Evaluation: Your performance score will be compiled of each judges' total scores averaged together.



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Important Tryout Dates

Attendance is important. If there is an issue, please speak with or email a coach. The tryout material will be shared electronically with the candidates that have met all requirements for tryouts and attend the Mandatory Clinic. Prospective cheerleaders should practice material throughout the week to be prepared for mock tryouts.

Monday, March 23rd

Friday, March 27th

Wednesday, April 1st

Thursday, April 2nd

Friday, April 3rd

Applications and Forms due

Tryout Material will be emailed out to candidates

Day 1 – Tryout Clinic & Skills Checks:

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm - MHS Performance Gym

Pack a snack and water bottle for breaks

- Numbers will be drawn and tryout groups assigned

Day 2 – Skills Check & Open Gym - Review Day

3:00 -5:00 pm - MHS Aux. Gym

Day 3 – Tryouts – Aux. Gym

4:00pm until finished

You may want to bring a water bottle, but there are also water fountains. Make sure if you have an inhaler or other medical requirements that you bring those with you to tryouts

Tryout Attire: Hair must be pulled back into a ponytail and out of your face at all times. Nails should not be longer than fingertips. **ABSOLUTELY NO ACRYLIC OR COLOR ON NAILS, NO JEWELRY, or NO SPACERS!**

Clinic:

- Comfortable shorts
- t-shirts/tanks (No spaghetti straps or midriff shirts)
- sports bra
- cheerleading/athletic shoes

Tryouts:

- Dark colored cheer shorts (Black, Navy)
 - No Spandex
- White T-Shirt or White Tank Top with NO LOGO's or anything printed or cheer related wording.
- Sports Bra - straps should NOT be visible.
- Hair needs to be up in a ponytail
- Cheer or athletic shoes with no-show socks.

Results

Once participants have been selected for each team, the results will be posted on the Marietta High School athletics webpage by 11:00 PM. A link with a code to join the team's band app for team communication from coaches, will be given during tryout week.

There will be a MANDATORY FITTING after school on April 15th followed by MANDATORY PARENT MEETING at 5:30 on April 15th 2020 in the seminar room. BE SURE TO PAY ATTENTION TO FEES & PAYMENT SCHEDULE ON PAGE 8 & 9



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Marietta Sideline Cheerleading 2020 Estimated Costs:

The following is an ESTIMATE of costs for personal items needed by each cheerleader. All fees are non-refundable. If a cheerleader quits or is removed for any reason, a refund cannot be issued. **PARENTS, please review the costs and arrange to make payments in full, and also to immediately communicate with a coach about finances.** Returning cheerleaders will not have to replace items that have been purchased in previous years, as long as everything is still in good condition and still fits appropriately, and will, therefore, lower the costs. **No items will be ordered until paid. Note that it take up to 6-8 weeks for all items to arrive which is why it is imperative to meet due dates and deadlines, so that all items arrive on time for camp and the season.**

Mascot/Cheer Expenses include (prices reflected on the following chart):

- **UCA Cheer Camp** - Great Wolf Lodge, LaGrange, GA - Cheerleaders will be attending a 4-day, 3- night overnight camp. Includes lodging and 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 3 dinners. Cheerleaders will have bonding opportunities as well as time to enjoy the waterpark. Cheerleaders will be evaluated on learned material as well as get the opportunity to earn spirit awards, and compete in the camp's Game Day Competition against other teams attending that camp.
- **Practice & Uniform Essential Apparel** - Uniform and apparel fittings will be held in April. Payment for items ordered from vendors are due at the time the order is placed. Fleece and cold weather accessories will be purchased in July. Payments will be due at that time.
- **Game Day Choreography +Props & Stunt Clinic** – Stunt Clinic and Choreography for the Game Day Competition will be held in the summer before UCA Camp. ALL CHEERLEADERS will learn the choreography and the fees will be fundraised by ALL CHEERLEADERS by participating in our supporter T-shirt fundraiser. This shirt will serve as our Team Travel shirt and everyone must participate.
 - Stunt Clinic will be held at Stingrays Gym - Marietta Location
 - Game Day Choreography will be held at Marietta High School
- **Fundraising Fees** – In the event that a student and family would like to opt out fundraising, they will pay the profit goal of \$200 for each cheerleader. The Mini clinic/Booster Club Fundraisers and Spirit Item Fundraisers will count towards Fundraising Fees.



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Returning Cheerleaders will not have to replace items that have been purchased in previous years as long as everything is still in good condition. taxes will be added to items purchased from Varsity Fashions. **Bolded**, apparel & accessories, are not from previous years and must be purchased if you are a returning members. All NEW members must purchase all items unless listed not required.. **Mascots may purchase warm ups, practice wear and backpacks, if they choose to.**

Varsity		Junior Varsity		Freshman	
Rental Fee/Mascot Fee	\$125/\$50	Rental Fee	\$125	Rental Fee	\$125
Camp	\$400	Camp	\$400	Camp	\$400
Practice/Campwear	\$159	Practice/Campwear with Sports Bra	\$176	Practice/Campwear/ Sports Bra	\$166
Bows	\$55	Bows	\$30	Bows	\$45
Backpack	\$63	Backpack	\$63	Backpack	\$63
Req. Accessory Package <i>all cheerleaders must order</i>	\$130	Req. Accessory Package <i>all cheerleaders must order</i>	\$130	Req. Accessory Package <i>all cheerleaders must order</i>	\$130
Shoes		Shoes		Shoes	
Bloomers		Bloomers		Bloomers	
Midriff		Midriff		Midriff	
Poms		Poms		Poms	
Warm-Ups	\$172	Warm-Ups	\$172	Warm-Ups	\$172
Rain Jacket	\$50	Rain Jacket	\$50	Rain Jacket	\$50
Fleece & Cold Weather Accessories* (Football)	\$75	Spirit Leggings (optional but preferred)	\$44		
Estimated NEW to Program Cheerleader Totals	\$1229 +taxes	Estimated NEW to Program Cheerleader Totals	\$1190 + taxes	Estimated NEW to Program Cheerleader Totals	\$1151 +taxes
Estimated Returning to Program Cheerleader Totals	\$1116 +taxes	Estimated Returning to Program Cheerleader Totals	\$1077 + taxes		
Megaphone (not required)	\$61				
Bra (not required)	\$26				
Leggings (not required)	\$28				
<u>Fundraise or Pay Out of Pocket</u>		<u>Fundraise or Pay Out of Pocket</u>		<u>Fundraise or Pay Out of Pocket</u>	
<i>Fundraising Fee</i>	\$250	Fundraising Fee*	\$250	Fundraising Fee	\$250
Stunt Camp/Game Day Choreography/Shirt	\$230	Stunt Camp/Game Day Choreography	\$230	Stunt Camp/Game Day Choreography	\$230
	\$480		\$480		\$480



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Payment Schedules by squads: The day after sizing a link will be shared to you to purchase items directly to Varsity Fashion's online portal. Once the link has been emailed, you will have 2-3 days to make payment. All other payments must be paid on the assigned date using the Revtrak (online credit/debit card system) or paying with cash/ money order. Money Orders are to be made out to **Marietta High School Cheer. NO PERSONAL CHECKS**

Varsity:

- **April 15th - Payment Estimate: \$359-422 + taxes**
 - \$159 - 222 +taxes - Practice/Campwear and Backpack - Varsity Fashions
 - \$200 -Camp Deposit - Revtrak or *Cash/Money Order*
- **May 15th : Payment Estimate: \$385-439 + taxes**
 - \$130 - 184 + taxes - Poms, Midriff, Bloomers, Shoes, and Legging/Bra (if wanted) - Varsity Fashions
 - \$255 - Remaining Camp balance & Bows - Revtrak or *Cash/Money Order*
- **June 15th : Payment Estimate: \$125 - 186 + taxes**
 - \$61 +taxes - *Megaphone - if needed*
 - \$125- Uniform Rental Fee - Revtrak or *Cash/ Money Order*
- **July 15th : 247 - 297 + taxes**
 - \$172- Warm Ups - Varsity Fashions
 - \$75 - 125 Colder Weather Gear & Rain Coat(if needed) - Revtrak or *Cash/Money Order*

Depending on if you are a NEW or a RETURNING cheerleader, the estimated total cost will be between \$1116 - 1229 plus taxes. -- this cost does not include the Opt- Out Fundraising Fee or the Opt- Out Choreography/Stunt Clinic Fee

Junior Varsity:

- **April 15th - Payment Estimate: \$376 - \$439 + taxes**
 - \$176 - \$239 +taxes - Practice/Campwear and Backpack - Varsity Fashions
 - \$200 - Camp Deposit - *Cash or Money Order*
- **May 15th : Payment Estimate: \$360 - \$404 + taxes**
 - \$130 + taxes - Accessory Package (Poms, Midriff, Bloomers & Shoes) - Varsity Fashions
 - \$44 + taxes - Leggings (if purchased) - Varsity Fashions
 - \$230 - Remaining Camp balance & Bows - *Cash or Money Order*
- **June 15th : Payment Estimate: \$125**
 - \$125 - Uniform Rental Fee -Revtrak or *Cash/Money Order*
- **July 15th : 172- 222+ taxes**
 - 172 Warm Ups - Varsity Fashions
 - \$50 Rain Coat - if needed - Revtrak or *Cash/Money Order*

Depending on if you are a NEW or a RETURNING cheerleader, the estimated total cost will be between \$1077 - 1190 plus taxes. -- this cost does not include the Opt- Out Fundraising Fee or the Opt- Out Choreography/Stunt Clinic Fee

Freshman

- **April 15th - Payment Estimate: \$429 +taxes**
 - \$229 - Practice/Campwear & Backpack - Varsity Fashions
 - \$200 -Camp Deposit - *Cash or Money Order*
- **May 15th : Payment Estimate: \$375 +taxes**
 - \$130 - Poms, Midriff, Bloomers & Shoes - Varsity Fashions
 - \$245- Remaining Camp balance & Bows - Revtrak or *Cash/Money Order*
- **June 15th : Payment Estimate: \$125**
 - \$125 - Uniform Rental Fee - Revtrak or *Cash/Money Order*
- **July 15th : \$222 + taxes**
 - 172 Warm Ups - Varsity Fashions
 - \$50 Rain Coat - Revtrak or *Cash/Money Order*

Freshman cheerleaders' estimated total cost, will be between \$1151 plus taxes. -- this cost does not include the Opt- Out Fundraising Fee or the Opt- Out Choreography/Stunt Clinic Fee



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Fundraisers: Participation in fundraisers are required. It is not an optional activity. Failure to participate will result in 2-4 demerits. Parents may also pay the price of the profit goal set by coaches or booster club. ALL cheerleaders are expected to give their BEST to ALL of our fundraising efforts. **It is impossible to expect our organization to stay current and be able to offset costs while also providing banquets, gifts, t-shirts, pink items, paint, signs, etc when there is no money to purchase them.** Fundraising requires EVERYONE! If you don't participate it is also impossible to think that you will reap the benefits of those who do. Notes will be kept of all fundraising participants. Those that go beyond will receive incentives based on their fundraising efforts. Please note that there may be other fundraisers added throughout the year at the coaches and MHS Cheerleading Booster Club's discretion depending on budget needs that may require additional volunteer hours and/or additional monetary commitment.

1. *Supporter Shirt – (April 15th - May 15th)*

- a. This fundraiser will serve as our Team Spirit Shirt & Competition shirt. The back of the shirt will consist of 20 megaphones that hold a message from family, friends or business sponsors for each Cheerleader (ex: Good Luck, Sally! Love Aunt Deb)! Each message costs \$20.
- b. A minimum of 14 megaphones, for each cheerleader, must be sold to cover the shirt, Game Day Choreography, and stunt clinics for all cheerleaders. All other profit fees will go toward the organization's general fund for props that may include signs, flags, poms and Sub-Varsity teams Game Day meals and extra meals for UCA Overnight Camp.

2. *Blue Devil Mini Cheer Camp (June 9 -12th)*

- a. Cheerleaders must work camp all week and recruit at least 2 campers.. For every paying camper (up to 4), recruited for, the cheerleader will receive a \$50 credit towards her fundraising fee. Maximum of four campers/\$200 will be credited. Please note that cheerleaders will only receive credit if camper specifically lists cheerleader name on the registration form (hardcopy or online) -no exceptions.
- b. Cheerleaders may select to pay the Opt Out Fee \$100 instead of recruiting two campers, the \$100 will go towards the student's fundraising fee. All cheerleaders are required to physically participate in the Blue Devil Mini Cheer Camp –even if they elect to pay a Fundraising Opt Out Fee if applicable and noted below.

3. *Corporate Sponsorships & Booster Club Fundraisers*

4. *Spirit Items & Organizational Fundraisers:* All cheerleaders are required to sell spirit items such as Homecoming and Pink Out shirts. Minimum sale goals will be established by coaches.

Summer Practice - Cheerleaders will have events and practices throughout the summer. Every cheerleader will receive a YouTube link that will have all of the cheers, dances, and chants for each squad that must be learned in its entirety. Any cheerleader who has not memorized all material will not be prepared to participate in the first game of the season. Each cheerleader is encouraged to get with a buddy over the break to help with the material if extra help is needed.

Summer Workouts - Information will be given once teams are selected. Weight training and conditioning dates are being arranged.



Marietta High School Cheer Cheer Tryout Application Checklist

PAPER CLIPPED TOGETHER... NOT STAPLED!

- ___ A current physical on file with the school district
- ___ A copy of the student's Fall 2019 semester report card
- ___ Parent & Cheer Candidate Agreement
- ___ Cheerleading Policies Agreement Form
- ___ Explanation of Inherent Risks form
- ___ Online Application (use link or QR code)

<https://forms.gle/K5jE9Fe2odSAHRSAA>



**ONLY TURN IN THE REQUIRED FORMS ON THIS CHECKLIST
DO NOT TURN IN THE ENTIRE PACKET**



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Parent & Cheerleader Candidate Agreement

Cheerleader's Name: _____ Grade: _____

All candidates trying out must turn in this agreement

I understand if my child is a selected candidate for the Marietta High School Cheer team of the 2020-2021 season, he/she has to attend all scheduled events, including practices, games, pep-rallies, fundraisers, competitions, community service, etc. Some events may cause for excused absences from school such as traveling and community events. It will be the student's job to make arrangements with teachers as a student athlete. I also understand that there will be practices in the summer, camp in July, choreography, and Back to School practices. I am aware that coaches can also call a Saturday or an after school practice at any time. I am prepared for my coach(s) and my teammates to train me to enhance my skills.

Parent Initials: _____ **Candidate Initials:** _____

I understand the hard work and dedication required to be a member of the Marietta High School Cheer Team. I am aware of the significant number of events that might be scheduled throughout the year. I will be 100% committed to the team and to the school. I want to be a part of this program, and I understand the expectations that are required of me to maintain my position on the team. I will do my part in elevating school spirit, maintaining a positive attitude, being a positive role model, respecting my coaches and teammates, participating in community-wide events, etc. as a member of the Cheer Team.

Parent Initials: _____ **Candidate Initials:** _____

I am aware that cheerleading is a year-round sport. Cheerleaders will cheer in outdoor and indoor environments. Coaches will follow GHSA rules and the ruling of athletic trainers when it comes to extreme heat/cold and inclement weather. The focus for the 2020-2021 season will be enhanced sideline cheerleading and raising school spirit. If students' participation declines, they will be removed from the squad and will not be able to tryout for the next season. If the participant is a senior and dismissed they will not be able to participate in any cheer related activities, including senior night, banquet, tryouts for the upcoming team.

Parent Initials: _____ **Candidate Initials:** _____

I understand that cheerleaders will have to learn cheers and dances on their own time outside of practice and have them ready to clean (not learn) at practices. During the summer, I understand that I may be required to submit improvement videos to the coach showing proficiency.

Parent Initials: _____ **Candidate Initials:** _____

I understand that any disrespect to my coach, other coaches, teammates, other teams, administrators, school and game officials, will not be tolerated, at any time. If I demonstrate any type of disrespect, I understand there will be consequences to my actions, which may include expulsion from the team..

Parent Initials: _____ **Candidate Initials:** _____

I am aware of the financial commitment for the 2020-2021 Cheer season. I am aware that there could be additional expenses for the cheer team-including, but not limited to, entry fees, travel fees, meals, fundraisers, community service projects, uniform incidents, etc. I also understand that if I do not fulfill my goals in fundraising, then I will be responsible for paying the remaining fundraising fees or the allocated minimum goal of profit. I may opt out of fundraising and pay the fundraising fee, if I choose.

Parent Initials: _____ **Candidate Initials:** _____

I understand that if I am a member of an extracurricular activity, including an outside cheerleading program, all MHS events (i.e. games, choreography, appearances, competitions, etc.) are mandatory. I understand that conflicts with an outside-of-school/cheer event, including ALL GHSA games and Game Day competitions, are not allowed. In regards to the GHSA Game Day Invitational competition, all Varsity Basketball cheerleaders will be active competing members. If I am a returning member and make the team, I understand that the position I held this past season may not be the position I will hold for next season (backspot, base, flyer, etc.).

Parent Initials: _____ **Candidate Initials:** _____

All candidates trying out must turn in this agreement.



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CHEERLEADING POLICIES AGREEMENT FORM

I, as parent/guardian of the cheerleader candidate below, have read and fully understand the rules and regulations, which will govern my child if chosen to represent Marietta High School as a cheerleader. This includes the financial responsibilities, payment deadlines, and mandatory dates listed below. I also understand that this is an extracurricular activity and that attendance at ALL practices, games, performances, camps, and fundraisers are requirements of the elected cheerleaders. While the Marietta High School cheerleading program provides flexibility concerning family needs, college trips, and academic enrichment opportunities, it should be understood that game participation will be limited when practices are missed. Cheerleaders are considered athletes and will be treated as such. This means being committed to your school, coach, squad, and yourself.

Cheerleaders are encouraged to communicate with their coach as soon as possible when learning of academic needs that will bring about a conflict. I also understand that if my child is chosen as part of an MHS cheerleading squad and is later dismissed from the program for any reason, I will receive no financial restitution. I hereby give my consent to the student mentioned below to participate in cheerleading tryouts, and, if chosen, to participate as a member of an Marietta High School cheerleading squad for the upcoming year. My child will participate in all required fundraisers during the upcoming cheerleading season.

I, as parent/guardian of the cheerleader candidate understand that my child will have to follow the rules and guidelines of Marietta City School Athletics and the Marietta High School Cheerleading Constitution, in which explains procedures and the Merit/Demerit System. Constitutions will only be given to students that have been chosen to be a participant of the organization.

IMPORTANT DATES

Specific squad & In-season dates/details will be given once candidates are selected

We commit to...	Dates	Times
Apparel Fitting	April 15 th	2:45 pm
Parent Meeting – Apparel/Camp Payment #1 Due	April 15 th	5:30 pm
Family & Friends Sponsor T-shirt Fundraiser	April 15 th - May 10 th	----
Payment #2 Due	May 15 th	----
Mini Blue Devil Camp Fundraiser	June 9 -12 th	8:45 – 1:30pm
Preseason Conditioning	April- July	----
Payment #3 Due	June 15 th	All Day
Cheer Camp: Stunts	July 14 th - 15 th	9am - 1pm
Cheer Camp: Game Day Choreography	July 16 th - 17 th	All Day
UCA Cheer Camp – Great Wolf Lodge, LaGrange, GA	July 20 th - 23 rd	Pay Online
Outerwear Payment #4 Due	July 15 th	----
All Season Practices & Games	August-March	----
Fundraisers	Sept- December	TBD
GHSA Game Day Invitational	February 2020	TBD

Name of Athlete: _____ Grade (2020-2021) : _____

Signature of Athlete: _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date _____



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EXPLANATION OF INHERENT RISKS FOR CHEERLEADING

Candidate's Full Name:

Cheerleading is an exciting, time-consuming sport that involves flyers, bases, and spotters. Flyers are lifted into stunts by the bases, with the safety-oriented spotters when needed. Bases and spotters are responsible for catching the flyers when the stunts come down. Cheerleading also requires forceful motions, tumbling, voice projection, and jumping. The cheering area varies greatly from one location to another, inside or outside. Because of these conditions inherent to the sport, participating in cheerleading exposes an athlete to many risks of injury. Those injuries include, but are not limited to: death, paralysis due to serious neck and back injuries, brain damage, damage to internal organs, serious injuries to the bones, ligaments, joints, and tendons, and general deterioration of health. Such injuries can result not only in temporary loss of function, but also in serious impairment of future physical, psychological, and social abilities, including the ability to earn a living.

In an effort to make cheerleading as safe as it can be, the coaching staff will instruct athletes concerning the correct techniques for stunts and rules of cheerleading. It is vital that athletes follow the coach's skill instructions, training rules, and team policies to decrease the possibility of serious injury. We have read the information above concerning the risks of cheerleading. We understand and assume all risks associated with trying out, practicing, and cheering at games/competitions. In signing this form, we assume the inherent risks of cheerleading and waive any further legal action by our heirs, estate, executor, administrator, assignees, family members, and ourselves.

Signature of Athlete _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____