

## ~ EMYA CHEER CONSTITUTION ~

**PURPOSE:** Shall be to promote and uphold team spirit, to develop a sense of good sportsmanship among squad mates, and to build a better relationship between all athletic organizations. Cheerleaders will participate in all football related activities within this organization.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Cheerleading squads are determined by cheerleader's age and are divided into five different age groups; 5-6 mighty mites, 7-8 mini mites, 9-10 mites, 11-12 midgets, and 13-14 juniors. Should there not be enough cheerleaders to make a squad, some squads may be combined together to make one big squad.

**UNIFORMS:** Cheerleaders will wear the uniform decided on for that year. They should be kept clean and in excellent condition. (Please follow your care instructions on uniform tags.) Shoes also should be kept in neat condition. Please wipe them down after every game/event.

**PRACTICES:** Cheerleaders are to attend ALL practices unless there is a valid reason such as being sick, death in the family, or absence that has been pre arranged with the coach. Please let coaches know of any absences ASAP.

-Practices will be on a regular schedule. (Ex. M and Th from 6 to 7:30)

-Practices will always be supervised and structured.

-No practice will be conducted outside of park grounds.

-Practice dress attire includes tennis shoes, shorts and t-shirt or sweats and hair out of face. **ABSOLUTELY NO JEWELRY!**

-Extra practices may be added for cheer competition. If more than two of these practices are missed it is up to the coaches' discretion whether the cheerleader is allowed to participate in competition.

-ALL practices, scheduled and added, are approved first through the cheer director.

**GAMES:** Cheerleaders are expected to attend all games. If there is going to be an absence, please notify your coach **ahead of time** (whether it is a week before or an hour before) so proper arrangements can be made.

-Please be on time to all games.

-Wear proper uniform, shoes and hair bow.

-**ABSOLUTELY NO JEWELRY!**

**FUNDRAISERS:** All cheerleaders are asked and expected to participate fully in organized fundraisers. These are how we raise money for uniforms, homecoming decorations, parade float decorations, the awards banquet, our end of the year parties, and any other events that may arise.

**PROBLEMS AND ISSUES:** If for any reason a problem or issue arises, please see your squad's head coach to resolve the matter. If they are not able to resolve the matter that coach will bring it to the attention of the cheerleading director. If still not able to be resolved, the cheerleading director will bring it in front of the EMYA board and it will come to a resolution.

### **EXPECTATIONS:**

#### **What is expected of cheerleaders:**

-100% participation in all activities

-To attend all practices, games, and events your squad is participating in unless emergency, sick or prior arrangements have been made

-Respect coach, assistant coaches, and team moms

-Respect each other

-When in uniform, be on best behavior (ALL EYES ARE ON YOU)

-Participation in all fundraisers

-Dress appropriately for practices

#### **What is expected of parents:**

-Bring child to all practices and games ON TIME

-Remind cheerleader that coaches are in charge

-Remind child to respect others

-Help child participate in all fundraisers

-Make sure your child is dressed appropriately for practices

-Keep uniforms clean and neat

#### **What is expected of coaches:**

-To be on time for all practices and games

-To teach cheerleading to the best of their knowledge

-To respect cheerleaders and parents

-To make decisions based on what is best for the squad