



# Myerstown Panthers Cheerleading Organization

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## **Attendance Policy**

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The Myerstown Panther Cheerleading organization adopted an attendance policy during the 2000 season. This policy has been very successful, therefore, we will continue to enforce it.

This policy was developed due to the attendance at practices and games being noticeably low. While we realize there are many other opportunities for children to be involved in sports, scouts, church groups, and other activities; the girls that were selected to become Panther cheerleaders must be able to make a firm commitment to fully participate in the activities of the organization. We hope that by enforcing this attendance policy we will obtain better attendance and that the members of the squad will be better able to trust in one another in order to perform an exceptional cheer routine.

It is a “three strikes you’re out” policy. The first strike will contain a warning; in which you and your daughter will be informed that it is indeed your first strike. The second strike will conclude being benched at the next practice or game. The third strike results in being dismissed from the squad.

You are expected to attend every game and practice. The only acceptable excuse for missing a game or practice is as follows; illness, doctor appointment, and family emergency. If you are ill and will not be attending a game or practice you must call a coach to report your absence. If we get to the practice site and we have not heard from you we will assume that you will be attending practice. If you do not show up and have not called you have an unexcused absence. You now have a strike; if you accumulate three strikes you will be asked to leave the squad.

Parents, the practice schedule has been received by you and your daughter upon obtaining your information booklet at the parent meeting. Please refer to the schedule before you make; hair appointments, shopping trips, sleepovers, birthday parties, etc., these activities are not acceptable excuses to omit yourself from practices or games. The only departure from these rules that we are going to accept at this point is “Meet the teacher” night that is scheduled before the start of the school year in the elementary and intermediate schools. If the school schedules another important event that affects the cheerleaders we will look at those as well. If a family vacation is planned your coach must be given at least 1 week notice and must be approved. If the proper steps are not followed you will be given a strike.

Of course, if unusual or emergency situations arise that are not previously covered we will deal with them on a case-by-case basis. These types of absences certainly cannot be avoided and the cheerleaders should not be penalized for them.