

MYERSTOWN PANTHERS *cheerleading*

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Attendance Policy

The Myerstown Panther Cheerleading organization adopted an attendance policy during the 2026 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.

This year we are adapting a demerit policy. (Please see demerit page for examples and consequences.) Attendance is taken at the exact time practice starts. For example if practice starts at 6, attendance will be taken at 6 so please plan to arrive 5mins early.

You are expected to attend every game and practice. The only acceptable excuse for missing a game or practice is as follows; illness(with a doctor's note) and or family emergency. If you are ill and will not be attending a game or practice you must call a coach to report your absence. Doctors note must have: illness, date and when your child can return to practice. As per BACYL's policy more than 1 missed unexcused game will immediately disqualify your child for competition and because competition is mandatory for MPC, this will remove you from the team.

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. If a family vacation is planned your coach must be given at least 1 week notice and a vacation form must be filled out. As per BAYCL policy, vacations do not count as excused absences. School affiliated events may be excusable if given notice and at discretion of the board. Mandatory practices start in August.

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.



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