

# **PARENT & ATHLETE POLICIES**

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1. Practice- You must be at all practices on time, properly dressed with all necessary equipment. This means no jewelry and hair up. NO GUM. Practice clothing is to be related to Riot Xtreme Cheer. No practices will be excused without prior approval at least 2 weeks in advance. **Financial agreement with the gym will still need to be met regardless of removal from the squad. All unpaid charges will be referred to a professional collection agency or small claims court.** The coach has the right to give consequences for late arrival to practices and the coach will decide those consequences. Any absence for any Riot Xtreme Cheer event must be APPROVED 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE EVENT.
2. Absences- NO ABESNCES FOR COMPETITIONS! Being absent for competition will result in immediate dismissal from any Riot Xtreme Cheer team and you will be held liable for all expenses listed in your contract as well as a contract termination fee of \$500 per athlete. **Excused absences:** Death in family, serious contagious illness and required school functions that affect his/her grade. **Unexcused absences:** injury, birthday parties, transportation issues, work schedule and vacations.
3. Drug Policy- We have a ZERO TOLERANCE FOR DRUGS. If any athlete is suspected to be under the influence they will be required to be drug tested. If tested positive athlete may be put on probation or removed from the team altogether.
4. Competition- No one is guaranteed the right to compete. The coach will select those who he/she feels will best represent Riot Xtreme Cheer at any and all functions. **Parent Note- Please do not complain about which team your son or daughter is competing on, which bases he/she may have or may not have, etc.** The coaches have to make decisions on what is best for the team and not what is best for a particular individual. If your son or daughter feels that he/she should be doing something different in a routine, the he/she should discuss the issue with the coach who can provide the reasons behind the current placement as well as what the athlete should work on to improve his/her skills so that they are consistent. Consistency is everything.
5. Ability- You're athlete is required to maintain the ability level that was exhibited at tryouts. Executing less than will result in re-evaluation and new team placement.
6. Fundraising- Each team member is expected to support our booster club with events. Parents are not required but encouraged to help out. Our booster club does their best to host gym wide bonding events as well as our amazing end of the year banquet and can use all the help and support to ensure our gym can keep doing these fun activities. Personal and gym fundraisers are now available for those wanting to participate (see "Fundraising" page).
7. Commitment- The cheerleading season is not over until our end of season banquet. You must be totally committed to this activity. Remember work is not an excuse to miss practice. At competition time, we may need to add practices and it is your responsibility to be at those practices. Lack of commitment may result in your dismissal from the team or your athlete temporarily being taken off mat.
8. Transportation- You are responsible for all transportation to and from competition.
9. High School Squads- If you are on a high school squad, we ask that you make Riot Xtreme Cheer the first priority.
10. Sportsmanship- Our cheerleaders represent us and our community and must conduct themselves with "good sportsmanship." Foul language and inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. Riot Xtreme Cheer athletes must treat their teammates, coaches and team parents with respect at all times.
11. We do not allow uniforms to be worn outside of Riot Xtreme Cheer approved events.
12. Cheerleaders in each team must stay together at competitions and support each other. There will be a fine of \$50 for not attending any of the other team's competition performances.
13. Amount of travel- Following tryouts, Riot Xtreme Cheer will determine the amount of competitions for each team (see competition page).

**Any members that break any of the above rules may be asked to leave the facility, asked to leave the event, or asked to leave the program without receiving a refund on any fees collected by Riot Xtreme Cheer. Those members will still be required to finish financial responsibilities for the remainder of the season.**