

Divinity Athletics Cheer Team Contract

As a participant in the Divinity Athletics Cheer competitive program, you/your child will receive instruction in cheerleading and tumbling.

Cheerleading includes cheer, dance, jumps, stunting, and presentation. Tumbling, an essential part of cheerleading includes building strength, coordination, muscle control, and flexibility. In addition, your child will learn the importance of self-confidence, work ethic, teamwork, goals, discipline, dedication, determination, and prayer and how these qualities relate to success in this program as well as life in general.

In return, you/your child agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this contract as follows:

I, _____ (parent(s) and/or guardian(s) and my child, _____, will read this contract in its entirety.

PLEASE INITIAL (PARENTS AND PARTICIPANT) ON THE BLANKS PROVIDED.

1. We agree to participate in the Divinity Athletics cheer program beginning June 1, 2024 and ending May 31, 2025.

2. We understand and agree that breaking this commitment has adverse effects on the rest of the team members. A broken commitment may prohibit the member from participating in the Divinity Athletics program for the following 2 cheer terms.

3. We understand the importance of team camaraderie and agree to do nothing that will undermine the camaraderie within any of the teams. We also understand that negative attitudes are "dead weight" and will not be tolerated.

4. We understand that behavior outside of Divinity Athletics is reflective upon the team and the program's image and agree to keep the program in our highest regards. Athletes/parents actions and behaviors outside of the gym can result in disciplinary action within the gym.

5. We understand that there will be a lot of hard work and sometimes athletes will have to practice, perform, and compete when we don't want to. However, we agree to always give 100% effort to the team & this includes attendance at practice.

6. We understand that competition makeup and hair must be uniform. The instructor will assign makeup and hairstyle.

7. We understand that all money paid to Divinity Athletics is non-refundable beginning with the first payment. Therefore, if a member is dismissed from the team, quits the team, or is put on injured reserve; all money paid to Divinity Athletics is forfeited including fundraising monies. If an athlete quits after paying for products that haven't yet been distributed those products will become property of the gym (practice wear, uniforms, etc)

8. We understand monthly tuition is due by the 1st of each month. Tuition will be deemed late after the 1st of each month and may result in a \$25.00 late fee charge.

9. We understand that Divinity Athletics is a business that has expenses, and we agree to pay all payments on time. Failing to do so are grounds for automatic dismissal from the program and will be turned over for collection.

10. We understand that the competitive Program is based upon a yearly fee, regardless of attendance, withdrawal, or dismissal from the team. All tuition and fees will be due for the entirety of the contract.

11. We understand that competition fees are part of the contractual obligation. Only members with a zeroed balance will be allowed to attend competitions!

12. We understand and agree that foul language, disrespect, fighting, any act in violation of the law, constant practice disruption, missing payments, excessive unexcused absences, missing a mandatory practice prior to competition, or missing any performance are grounds for automatic dismissal.

13. We understand that before a missed practice, an absentee request form must be submitted 7 days in advance (unless an emergency). The only absences deemed acceptable will be extreme illness with a doctor's excuse, fever or vomiting, extenuating issues approved by the coach, or death in the immediate family.

School sports or any other school function will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

14. We agree that all competitions are mandatory, and an unexcused absence will result in immediate dismissal. Payment responsibility will still be enforced. Competition fees will not be refunded for any reason.

15. We agree it is crucial to arrive on-time and fully dressed with full stomachs to competition.

16. We agree to wear the designated practice clothes and shoes to every practice, including no jewelry. Athlete's nails should also be kept trimmed short and false nails should not be worn for practice or competitions.

17. We understand that there may be added practices to prepare for competition.

18. We understand the importance of practice and agree to have no distractions from family and friends and agree to stay in the area of viewing unless directed otherwise by the coach. We also understand that some practices may be closed and designated view days may be set.

19. We understand and agree that withholding a member of the team from a practice, performance, or competition as a form of punishment punishes the entire team. Therefore, other forms of punishment will be enforced instead.

20. We understand and agree that complete practices are essential to the team's success. Therefore, just as coaches must do, doctor's appointments, family gatherings, etc. will be scheduled around team practices, performances, competitions, etc.

21. We understand that any photographs submitted to the Divinity Athletics Facebook page can be used for advertisement purposes and agree to release any photographs to be used in promotions as the business sees fit. We also agree that the gym may take photographs and video in the gym and at competitions and agree to release those for business promotion purposes.

22. We understand that line positions as well as stunt positions are determined by the coach with the team's best interest.

23. We understand that cell phones must be turned off and silent during practice (including breaks). Should a parent need to contact an athlete during practice they should communicate through the front desk staff.

24. We parents agree to keep a positive attitude at all times. We agree to a No Gossip Policy on the Divinity Athletics premises (gym, lobby, & parking lot), functions, and competitions! We agree to keep any negative comments to ourselves, including comments on social networking sites such as facebook, instagram, twitter, etc. Sites such as these will be monitored, and repercussions will follow as necessary.

*Gossip is defined as "any remark made about another child other than your own."

Consequences for disobeying the No Gossip Policy is as follows: a) Verbal Warning b) Parent not allowed to remain on premises during class time c) Child is immediately removed from the Divinity Athletics program.

25. We have read the Divinity Athletics handbook in its entirety, understand it, and agree to abide by its policies.

26. We understand that we will be responsible for travel expenses, making hotel reservations in a timely manner, and arriving at competitions as needed for our athlete to be a contributing team member.

27. We agree to register our athlete through USASF as an eligible participant when directed to do so and pay the USASF registration fee.

28. We agree that all fees for goods/services (to include choreography, shoes, uniform, etc) are due regardless of when we join the gym.

29. We understand that previous team placement does not guarantee subsequent team placement in future years. Athletes may be moved to lower teams to field the best teams for the gym.

30. We understand that team moms are volunteers serving to help our athletes. They are to be treated with respect and consideration.

31. We understand that there will be 3 mandatory fundraisers during the season and each athlete will be required to participate by raising \$100 profits due to the gym or pay \$100 to the gym. These fundraisers will occur in June, October, and January.

32. We understand that during the competitive season athletes will be fined via a charge to the account on file beginning on the 5th competitive season absence in accordance with the handbook.

We have read the parent participant contract in full. We understand and agree to its terms.

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE/DATE

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