

BBFC CHEER ATTENDANCE POLICY

Cheerleading is a team sport, and it requires commitment. Because we function as a TEAM, and everyone is necessary for our cheers and routines, attendance is MANDATORY at ALL practices, games, and events. Not only is attendance necessary, but BBFC requires that all cheerleaders report ON TIME to both practices AND games. If your cheerleader is late, the stunts, dances, or cheers cannot be practiced or performed safely. Please note that our season begins on **Monday, August 4, 2025**. It is important that we outline our attendance guidelines with you below.

Please read each area, then initial on the right, acknowledging your understanding of this policy. Please keep in mind that we are trying to improve the participation and level of talent of our program while still maintaining a fun and enjoyable atmosphere for our program as a whole!

<p><u>BBFC Practice Schedule:</u> <i>Below is a tentative practice schedule for the cheer season. We are still in negotiations with facilities on exact times. Any variations to this schedule will be distributed as soon as they become available.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I understand that practice starts on Monday, August 4th, 2025, scheduled at Maltby/Hornung/Scranton (subject to change at the discretion of the BBFC Board). ● Throughout the month of August (prior to the start of the school year), all FR, JV & Varsity Levels will practice 12 hours per week (four days per week). Instructional Level cheerleaders will practice six hours per week (three days per week). ● Once Brighton Area School district starts the school year, all FR, JV & Varsity Levels will practice six hours per week (three days per week). Instructional Level cheerleaders will practice three hours per week (two days per week). ● Outdoor Practices, if/when necessary, may run earlier than indoor practices. <u>Specific days and times will be communicated with parents once facilities are confirmed.</u> ● Depending on State, MHSAA, and BHS guidelines, indoor practices will be offered to all teams on a rotational basis. Our indoor facilities are at Hornung Elementary Gym, Maltby Intermediate School Gym/Cafeteria, and Scranton Middle School Gym/Cafeteria (always subject to change). ● For reference, a calendar of practices and events will be distributed prior to the beginning of our practice season by head coaches through online communication. Game Day schedules will not be available to parents until the middle to end of August. Games will be played on Saturdays at various times and locations beginning at the end of August. ● Additional required events, such as BHS Youth Night, Cheer Show-off, Dress Rehearsal, and the Cheerfest Competition will be communicated by head coaches as soon as the dates are received. ● All games are mandatory, even when the game day cheer team is scheduled to cheer for another color. Games are mandatory after Cheerfest. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Initials:</u></p>
<p><u>BBFC Attendance Requirements to Maintain Eligibility:</u></p> <p>An <u>Excused Absence</u> is when the Head Coach is notified by text/email/phone call <u>AT LEAST ONE HOUR BEFORE</u> the start of practice by the <u>PARENT or GUARDIAN</u>, indicating that their cheerleader will not be present at the event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All cheerleaders will be given three (3) Excused Absences for missed practices or games. ● On the 4th absence, Head Coaches have the discretion to decide to remove the cheerleader from competition material, as well as possibly sit out during a portion of/all of the next game. Not participating in practices limits the entire squad from effectively performing. <p>An <u>Unexcused Absence</u> is when the Head Coach is NOT notified as identified above.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All cheerleaders will be given one (1) unexcused absence for not following the proper notification process listed in this document. ● The second absence will result in a review of the policy with the parents to determine eligibility moving forward. 	
<p><u>Tardiness: Excessive tardiness may affect athlete eligibility.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I understand my responsibility as the parent is to ensure my cheerleader arrives on time for ALL practices and games. ● I understand that if my cheerleader is more than 10 minutes late to practices or games, she will sit out for portions of that week's game. ● I understand that if my daughter is required to sit out during a portion of the game, she is still required to be at the game fully dressed and on time. 	
<p><u>Participation:</u></p> <p>I have explained to my athlete that while at practices and games, it is required that they participate as a team member (unless an illness or injury prevents them from participating). This includes being prepared with hair appropriately pulled back, no hair color/dye permitted, proper attire and cheer shoes, and no jewelry, long nails/nail polish, or gum. No food is permitted at practice.</p>	

I understand that cheerleading is a sport. As a sport, attendance will be taken daily, and this will be monitored to ensure the above is being followed.

Cheerleader Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____