



**2026 Season Attendance Contract: Football and Cheerleading**

As the parent/guardian, I understand that my athlete’s consistent attendance is essential for their safety, team cohesion, and overall program success. I agree to ensure that my athlete attends all scheduled practices and events throughout the 2026 season.

**Panthers’ Attendance Expectations**

- Athletes are expected to attend every scheduled practice and event regardless of weather
- Absences are considered unexcused unless the parent/guardian notifies the head coach.
- All absences—excused or unexcused—must be communicated in advance whenever possible.

**Parent/Guardian Communication Requirement**

- A parent/guardian must notify the head coach or team parent prior to any absence.
- Failure to provide advance notice may result in the absence being classified as unexcused, regardless of reason.

**Excused absences**

- Evaluated on a case by case basis but may include:
  - Illness or injury preventing participation
  - Death in the family
  - School-sponsored academic events or performances (including band/orchestra)
  - Religious holidays or observances
  - Pre-scheduled family vacations (must be communicated in advance)

*Please note: providing notice does not automatically guarantee that an absence will be excused*

**Unexcused Absences**

- At the discretion of the head coach
- The reason for the absence does **not fall within the “excused” categories**
- The parent/guardian **fails to notify the head coach or team parent in advance**
- The athlete chooses to miss practice for **non-essential or optional activities**, including but not limited to social events or other sports/recreational activities

**Consequences**

- After three (3) unexcused absences, the athlete’s status will be reviewed by the coaching staff
- Cheerleaders who accumulate more than three (3) unexcused absences:
  - Will not be eligible to participate in competitions for the remainder of the season
  - Are still expected to attend all practices and games
- Consequences may include reduced playing time, limited participation, or further disciplinary action.
- If a cheerleader or football player has one (1) **unexcused** absence a week, OR more than one (1) **excused** absence **within the same week**, they are required and expected to attend the game but will not be eligible to participate

This attendance policy is strictly enforced to ensure the safety, preparedness, and fairness of all athletes and team members.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to the program.

Athlete’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_.