



Football and Cheer

Family Participation Agreement - Cheerleading 2018

COMMITMENT:

Cheerleading requires commitment. The practice and game schedule must take precedence over your other sports/activities. One cheerleader's absence negatively impacts the entire squad. Commitment to your squad is expected and a missed practice due to other activities will be considered an unexcused absence. This is a team sport! Every cheerleader is expected to participate at the position that the coach determines is best suited for them. The coaches make these determinations based on what is most beneficial to the squad as a whole. Cheerleaders may be asked to hold lifts, spot lifts, tumble, go up in lifts, etc. as is needed for the team!

PAPERWORK:

No child will be allowed to practice until ALL mandatory paperwork has been turned in – There will be no exceptions! In order for your child to participate you must provide a copy of birth certificate, recent photo, medical clearance form (provided by the league) and June of current year report card on or before the first night of practice.

PRACTICE:

Practice begins on or about August 1st at a Joe Fosina, Field from 5pm to 7pm Monday to Friday thru the month of August. After Labor Day, the practice schedule from September through December is three times per week Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Practice days, times and locations are subject to change throughout the season. The head coach/team mom of each team will provide his players with a practice schedule or check our web-site at nrytl.com. Cheerleaders must be dropped off at practice on time and parents are expected to arrive to pick them up their 15 minutes before the end of each practice. Cheerleaders must be in the appropriate practice attire. No Jewelry. Hair pulled back away from their face in a ponytail. Included in this season paid in full registration is a FREE Practice shorts/tops, additional attire will be available for purchase.

CHEERLEADING SEASON:

When the football season starts in September, the games are played on Sundays. Game times will be distributed during the week preceding each game. Games may be played as early as 8:00 a.m. and as late as 4:00 p.m. Parents are responsible for having their children there at least one hour before game time and provide transportation home immediately following the game. Attending all games is mandatory. Cheerleaders are expected to cheer every Sunday at their football game. It will be determined that any cheerleader who chooses to end their season after county competition and does not attend the additional games and practice, has quit and she will be removed from the roster and will not be honored at the awards dinner.

The possibility exists that a team may be involved in post-season cheer, up to and including through December 31st. If, in fact a team makes the Regional level of play, they may have the opportunity to attend Nationals in Orlando, Florida (Disney World). Nationals will take place first week of December. The dates will vary based on the team you are representing. Each family is responsible for the expenses incurred, i.e. hotel, transportation and airfare.

COMPETITION:

The cheerleaders participate in a County competition in October; if they place 1st, 2nd, and sometimes 3rd, they will earn a spot to compete at the Eastern Regional Championships which may require a hotel stay. Placing 1st or 2nd will automatically send your team to Nationals in December to compete at the ESPN Wide World of Sports at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. All participants and coaches must purchase the Pop Warner Disney package with a requirement that all expenses be paid upfront within a week of the victory. All expenses listed above are your responsibility. The league will



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do their best along with your participation to fundraise in an attempt to defer any costs that may be incurred for the participant moving on to represent NRTYL and the Eastern Region at Nationals.

**They will also be attending the Empire State Competition. The location of the competition will be announced during the season. It is usually held in upstate NY and the trip will incur expenses for each family, i.e. hotel, transportation depending on location.

UNIFORMS:

The cheerleaders will receive one uniform. There will be dates set up for uniform pick up and sneaker sizing. If you want the correct size for your daughter, you must have your daughter present on the date specified. You will be required to purchase sneakers, socks, briefs and warmer-up (approximate total of additional expenses)

VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Being a 100% volunteer organization, NRYTL requires every family to donate their time to the Organization. Each family will be assigned a time slot to assist in the snack shack, at the fundraising table or any field related responsibility.

ADULT CODE OF CONDUCT:

In order to uphold the goals of Pop Warner and ensure that all participants have the benefit of a safe and fun learning environment, all parents, guardians and other adults and attendees of Pop Warner events, including but not limited to practices, competitions, and banquets, must behave accordingly in a respectful, courteous and sportsmanlike manner at all times.

Additionally, all participants and parents MUST wait a minimum of 24 hours after a game before addressing issues with any coach or manager. This is done in an effort to allow for a "cooling" off period. The coach is NOT expected to speak with you prior to the 24-hour cooling off period.