

**TRYOUT PACKET
2023-2024
TEAM CONTRACT**



PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY!!!!

First Step, Please scan the QR code and complete your online application. Once this is completed we will email you to verify and send the tryout material videos. The following information is your tryout application packet. Every page in this packet must be signed and put together in the folder that was provided and brought with you on April 27th, the second day of clinics.

The folder will consist of the following:

- On the front of your folder, you will need a **4x6 or 5x7 photo of yourself** to be used as a reference in the tryout process. (no filters)
- You will need to go to **RegisterMyAthlete.com**, register and fill out the information as found on the site. Follow the prompts & upload your report card. If selected a member of the team physicals must be done before summer practices start.. **You will not need to pay any fees through register my athlete. *Remember to select Competitive Cheer for the 2023-2024 season.***
- The next page is the **Cheer Agreement Form** which must be signed by parent(s) and Athlete.
- The Taylorsville Cheer Contract is next. **Please read this along with your parent(s) and sign the signature sheet**. Please put the signature sheet in your folder and keep the contract for your reference.
- After the contact signature sheet, you must put a copy of your **3rd term grades**. **Remember, you must have a 2.5 GPA**. On gradebook, click on the progress tab and print grades or ask your school counselor for a printout.
- Hand out recommendation link to 2 teachers and 1 coach from the current school year. These will need to be done thru google form and submitted before you tryout on Friday.
- If you are selected as a member of the THS Cheer Team, you will be required to have a physical examination.

**Online Application due—April 26th!
Tryout Folders due April 26th!
Clinic attendance is mandatory!
BEST OF LUCK!!!**

CHEER TEAM TRYOUT AGREEMENT FORM

Name _____ Current Grade: 8 9 10 11

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____

3rd Term cumulative GPA _____ 3rd Term CPA _____

Dear Parents and Interested Students:

Thank you for your interest in trying out for the Taylorsville Cheer Team. Prior to tryouts, it is important that we inform you of the many responsibilities and the commitment involved in being a member of the

Cheer team. **There will be a mandatory meeting for the new team a week after tryouts. The meeting will be held in the Aux Gym, May 5 approximately 6pm. The new member and at least one parent or guardian must be in attendance.**

As a member of the team, athletes will be required to attend a great deal of games, events, competitions, practices, and other team activities. **Social plans, family trips, and job schedules must be scheduled around these events and will not be considered excused for non attendance.** Because this is a team, attendance is vital to enable the team to perform their duties at these events to the fullest. Please list any potential conflicts and attach them to your tryout folder.

In addition, once making the team, athletes will be required to attend all classes and maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher at all times during the season. Cheerleaders who make the team are committed from April 2023-June 2024 and may not quit.

Each Cheerleader will be responsible for covering the costs of uniforms, camp, and other miscellaneous incidentals. **The approximate cost for the entire year is \$1,700. \$1,200 is out of pocket & \$500 must be fundraised. If we qualify, the cost for nationals is an additional \$1,700. We will do numerous team & individual fundraisers throughout the year to assist with the cost of Cheer Fees and Nationals.**

As a member of the cheer team, athletes can look forward to the opportunity for personal growth, leadership development, and involvement in many different and exciting activities. **ATTITUDE, DEDICATION, AND ENTHUSIASM** in cheer and school are just as important as the physical skills involved. Please discuss these considerations, evaluate your priorities, and if you consent, sign below.

Thank you,

Taylorville Cheer Team Coaches

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

TAYLORSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CHEER CONTRACT

ARTICLE I— PURPOSE

Section —Name

The group shall be known as the Taylorville High School Cheer Team.

Section 2—Purpose

This group shall support the goals and objectives of Taylorville High School. Academic, citizenship, and behavioral performance by the members will be expected to motivate the entire school community. Membership shall encourage individual and group initiative, achievement, and service. These goals will be met by such qualities and activities as:

- A. Performing during games, halftimes, assemblies, and at other athletic events or school and community functions as appropriate.
- B. Develop character, good citizenship, good sportsmanship, and positive leadership skills.
- C. Promote the school community by participating in activities.
- D. Support and uphold the rules, policies, and traditions of Taylorville High School and the cheerleaders.
- E. Maintain personal standards and performance consistent with the purpose and goals of this organization.
- F. Work while learning from and collaborating with other groups and organizations of

- Taylorville High School.
- G. Attend all football and basketball games and any other required school and/or athletic events set forth by the coaching staff.
 - H. Compete in all designated team cheer competitions.
 - I. Uphold the rules and regulations of the UHSAA (Utah High Schools Athletic Association) and the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS).

ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1—Eligibility

The team will consist of approximately 20-50 members who have satisfactorily passed all requirements and who continue to maintain eligibility.

- A. Cheerleaders must have a 2.5 or higher 3rd quarter GPA. A 2.5 GPA must be maintained during the entire season.
 - 1. Probation will result for any quarter GPA between 2.0 and 2.49 Dismissal will result for any quarter GPA below 2.0.
 - 2. According to the UHSAA, any student receiving an F in any 2 classes is ineligible for the entire following quarter.
- B. Cheerleaders must be full time students at Taylorville High (a minimum of 4 academic classes).
- C. If an opening occurs prior to summer camp, an alternate may be selected from the unpublished list established by the judges & coaches at the time of tryouts. D. Cheerleaders may be freshmen, sophomore, junior, or senior.

Section 2 – Tryouts

Tryouts to select the team for the following year shall be conducted during the 3rd or 4th quarter as designated by the coach. This will take place after a meeting has been held for prospective members to explain the requirements for membership.

- A. Tryouts are closed and shall be conducted by the coach and judges. B. The coach shall select the judges for the tryouts.
- C. Former members desiring another year of participation must tryout. D. Tryouts will consist of teacher recommendations, cheer clinics, and tryouts. E. Following tryouts, new members are required to register for the cheer team class, and attend all team activities, practices, performances, and competitions. F. A Junior Varsity/White Team and Varsity/Blue Team will be selected. We will hold auditions for competition routines.
- G. Team parents also make a commitment to the team.

Section 5 – Performances & Competition Routines

The group may or may not perform all members. This decision will be made by the coaches. Tryouts for positions on the performing and competing teams will be conducted under the following guidelines.

- A. All Cheerleaders may tryout. The coach and/or judges will choose the performing or competing team based on performance, knowledge of the routine, and execution of stunts, tumbling & technical elements.
- B. All Cheerleaders will tryout for competition routines.
- C. Cheerleaders not chosen for a particular routine will be considered alternates and are required to attend all practices and performances. In addition to knowing all parts of the routine. Junior Varsity Cheerleaders will be considered for competition teams and used as alternates when deemed necessary.
- D. The number of cheerleaders chosen for selected routines will be at the discretion of the coach and/or outside choreographers.
- E. The coach has the authority to select an alternate to take the place of a member

who has not been performing to the best of their ability. For example: low jumps, injury, attitude problems, low grades, lack of routine knowledge, stunting issues, attendance etc.

F. Routine placement is based on skill set, performance, confidence, and consistency.

G. Whenever possible, all members of the team will perform.

H. White Team & Blue Team will both have competition routines and may combined for other competition routines.

ARTICLE III – RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 1 – Absences

A. If a cheerleader is sick or injured, they will still be required to attend practice but not participate. Communication with the coach is key and if the sickness is contagious, they should stay home. A doctor's note will excuse the absence. Members will be responsible for learning missed material. Severe injuries that require long-term healing must be accompanied by a doctor's note! Every practice is **mandatory**. It is the coach's discretion if an absence will be excused. The coach may excuse the member for the following:

1. Extreme personal illness requiring hospitalization.
2. Death in the family
3. Wedding in the family

B. If a cheerleader is absent within 7 days prior to the performance of a routine, or game they may be dropped from the performance, regardless of whether the absence was excused. This decision is to be made by the coach on an individual basis.

C. Two unexcused absences per term will result in probation.

D. Three unexcused absences per term will result in dismissal.

E. When a team member misses practice the entire team is affected.

Section 2—Tardies

A. All members must be willing to practice at designated times.

B. Members not present within 15 minutes of the designated starting time for practices and performances **with no communication** with coaches will receive an unexcused absence.

C. A member being late for a practice, game, or activity will be given 1 tardy. D. A tardy may also be given for not wearing the correct practice clothes or being unprepared for practice or performance. (Parents bringing forgotten materials to practice must do so before warm up ends.)

E. If tardies become an issue the team will run laps for every minute a member is late.

F. The tardy schedule per grading period is as follows:

1. 5 tardies=1 unexcused absence=probation

G. Tardies may be worked off at the discretion of the coach.

Section 3—Probation

Probation is a 4 week period where a cheerleader is not allowed to perform or cheer at any event. During this time, the cheerleader must attend and participate in every practice, performance, and meeting, but is not allowed to wear the uniform. A member can be on probation only once during the year (the "year" is defined from tryouts to the end of the following school year). If a cheerleader does anything else that would result in probation,

dismissal will result. A cheerleader may be put on probation under any of the following circumstances:

- A. Two unexcused absence
- B. Five tardies in one term
- C. Violation of any "Rules of Conduct"
- D. An attitude that is considered detrimental to the organization or the team
 - a. 1. A warning will be given 2. Parent meeting 3. Probation
- E. Receiving between a 2.0 and 2.49 GPA
- F. Receiving an F in any 2 classes
- G. Any other reason deemed necessary by the coach

A probation contract will be signed by both the team member and the parent. This contract will remain on file with the coach. Each team member's probation will be handled on a case-by-case basis and may involve administration when needed.

Section 4-- Academic Probation

- A. Academic Probation will result if any team member receives an F at any given time during the academic school year.
- B. Grades will be checked every 2 week and a tracking sheet will be given to those receiving an F in any class.
- C. The team member receiving an F will have 2 weeks to get the grade up. D. The AP Tracking Sheet will track absences, tardies, and missing assignments. E. Failure to raise the grade or complete the tracking sheet may result in being spaced out of a routine, game, or performance.

Section 5—Rules of Conduct-Applicable at ALL TIMES!

- A. All standards of the Taylorsville High School Policies must be upheld. B. No drinking, smoking(cigarettes, vapes, weed, weed pens, cigars), attending parties or clubs where alcohol or drugs are used, "sluffing", dishonesty, disregard of any regulations in the contract, or immoral or unlawful conduct is allowed.
- C. Commendable conduct in the halls, classroom and outside of the school (**including Social Media**) will be exhibited at all times.
- D. Negative speak of cheer team business, teammates or anything cheer related on social media, in class or otherwise will not be tolerated.
- E. The forming of cliques, gangs, or groups within the team will not be tolerated. F. Relationships between teammates must remain respectful and professional. G. No distracting or offensive tattoos. Piercings must be taken out during practices, performances, games, and competitions. A plastic spacer may be worn, for practices only. If you are wanting a new piercing, please confirm with the coaches first to make sure you are within healing time.
- H. Hair color must be of a natural hue for appearances, games, performances, and competitions. Verify with the coach if considering a certain color.
- I. Unhealthy dieting, use of laxatives or improper behavior with respect to nutrition and weight loss is strictly prohibited.
- J. Cheerleading is a vigorous, physical activity and may carry a high risk of injury. Safety awareness will be highly emphasized by coaches in order to eliminate that risk and safety guidelines must be always followed.
- K. Any violation of one or more rules of conduct will be brought to the attention of Administration and is cause for probation and/or immediate dismissal.**

Section 6—Decisions Concerning the Group

- A. A new governing rule or major change **may** be discussed and voted on by the cheer team members as a complete unit.

- B. The coach will have the final authority over all decisions and actions. The coach will coordinate with the officers when the situation warrants.

Section 7—Overnight and Bus Trips

- A. When the group travels to perform, all members must travel to and from that destination on the designated vehicle. There are no exceptions.
- B. All overnight activities must be cleared by the coach and an adult chaperone(s) must be present.
- C. When at away games athletes must sit as a team and still follow all rules and expectations.
- D. We will have a mandatory team meeting prior to leaving for Nationals to discuss rules and expectations.

Section 8—Outside Activities

CHEER MUST COME BEFORE OTHER OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING JOBS!

Members are advised not to hold any offices in school because of the extra time commitment involved with Cheer. Work, studio, cheer gyms, and other extracurricular activities must not interfere with the scheduled practices in the summer and during the school year. Outside competitions are not allowed during our competition season (October-February) as per UHSAA. Each member will be given at least 2 weeks advance notice of calendar changes or added events.

ARTICLE IV—CLASS, PRACTICE, GAMES, PERFORMING, AND TEAM ACTIVITIES

Section 1— Games & Performances

The following rules shall govern all games and performances:

- A. Cheerleaders are required to attend all football and basketball games and any other games designated by the coach(es).
- B. Cheerleaders are required to perform at all designated halftimes and assemblies. C. Team members who are not performing or cheering are required to be present in their day uniform.
- D. Cheerleaders should be at the appointed place at the appointed time or he/she will receive a tardy.
- E. Cheerleaders shall be dressed in proper attire for games and performances. Failure to do so will result in tardies being given.
- F. Cheerleaders will not talk, chew gum, eat food, have cell phones on, use headphones, or do any other distracting things during practices, games, or performances. This also applies to those not actively cheering on the floor.
- G. Acrylic nails and jewelry will not be worn at any practices, games, competitions, or performances and are in strict violation of the NFHS rules. Tardies will be given for noncompliance.
- H. Nail polish, other than clear or neutral tones (no white), isn't allowed for any performance and will result in tardies. Toe nail polish is acceptable.
- I. Cheerleaders are required to epitomize sportsmanship. No taunting cheers will be tolerated, even if the student body is participating.
- J. Cheerleaders will attend school on game days.
- K. Strict discipline will be followed at all times as well as all "Rules of Conduct."

Section 2—Class and Practice

- A. The following rules will govern all practices:
- B. All cheerleaders will be in attendance to all practices unless excused by the coach(es). See attendance rules and expectations.

- C. During all practices, members are to wear the designated practice outfit.
Noncompliance will result in tardies. On practice days where no assigned outfit has been provided, acceptable gym/cheer clothes are required. Members are not to wear school or street clothes. Athletic shoes must be worn at all times.
- D. If there is a disagreement or problem, it will be settled by the coach(es), involved parties, or by the group in private and not in the eyes of the public or other students. E. When members are learning cheers or dances, the teacher will be respected. F. Cheerleaders will not talk, chew gum, eat food, or do any other distracting things during practices.
- G. No visiting with outside friends, girlfriends or boyfriends during practice. Friends, girlfriends or boyfriends are not allowed at practice.
- H. Work is not an excuse for missing or being late to any practice or performance. I. No jewelry or acrylic nails will be worn during classes or practices. The member will not be allowed to participate while wearing either. Tardies will be given.
- J. No cell phones will be used during practices unless specifically requested by the coach(es).
- K. All cheerleaders are required to attend the mandatory practices in the summer. Notification PRIOR to try-outs is required for summer practice excusal.
- L. Cheerleaders must wear appropriate footwear during practices (Cheer Shoes) and bring their own ankle weights for conditioning.

Section 3– Uniforms

- A. Wear uniforms only when deemed necessary by the coaches or team officers.
- B. Only current members are allowed to wear uniforms
- C. Each Cheerleader is responsible for the care, upkeep, and condition of their uniform. If any piece is lost or damaged the Cheerleader will be responsible for replacement and will not participate until it is replaced.

Section 3—Team Activities

- A. The importance of bonding on and off the gym floor is vital to the team's success. Our hope is to create trust and a memorable experience for each cheerleader through tradition and team bonding . Throughout the year cheerleaders will participate in different bonding activities, team dinners, holiday parties, retreat, and service activities. All events will be on the calendar in advance and attendance is required.

ARTICLE V- FUNDRAISING/FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

Section 1--Financial Commitment:

Each member will be required to pay a tentative total of \$1,200 and Fundraise \$500, As well as \$1700 for Nationals.

- A. Students on Fee waiver, please notify the financial secretary.
- B. Payments must be made or fundraised for by due dates. Nationals Fees are due by Feb.
- C. Once the Spend is approved fees will be set and payments can be made.
- A. **Team Fundraisers:** Parents and Cheerleaders will participate in the following team fundraisers: Maverick, USANA, Car Wash, Mini Cheer, and more.
 - a. If a member and their parents do not participate they may be required to work additional shifts at other events.
- B. Fundraised money is property of the school and cannot be refunded or rolled over to

the next year, as per Granite School District policy.

ARTICLE VI – ORGANIZATION

Section 1 – Elections/Team Officers

- A. Officers will be elected for the coming year by the majority vote of the new cheerleaders and coaches.
- B. The elected officers of this organization may include some, if not all of the following:
 - a. Captain
 - b. Co-Captain
 - c. Spirit Captain
 - d. White Team Captain
 - e. Performance Coordinator
 - f. Promotions Manager
- C. Failure to fulfill duties as an officer, failure to comply with team rules and participation in behavior unbecoming of an officer may result in termination of that individual's service. This is a decision made by the Coach and Administration. In such a situation, there may be an election by the entire team to fill the vacancy of the officer.

ARTICLE VII – LETTER POLICY

Section 1 – Lettering

- The policy established for a Cheerleader to receive an athletic letter is as follows:
- A. Cheerleaders must perform/participate in 80% of activities for the year.
 - B. Cheerleaders must uphold rules and regulations of the Cheer Contract
 - C. A first year of participation will receive a CHEER pin and a BAR.
 - D. A second and third year of participation will receive additional BARS.
 - E. When the Cheer Team attends State, each member participating in competition will receive a STAR.
 - F. Pins will be given out for Nationals
 - G. Pins will also be given for 4.0 term GPA's.
 - H. Lost pins will not be replaced by coaches

Taylorsville High School
CHEER TEAM CONSTITUTION

CHEERLEADER AND PARENTS
CONTRACT AGREEMENT FORM

As a student and parent in membership with the 2023-2024 Cheer Team, we have read the Cheer Contract and understand that our student will be governed by the above rules and regulations. Failure to do so will result in immediate dismissal from the team.

We are fully aware of the responsibilities involved in being a member of the Taylorsville High Cheer Team. We realize that there are financial and time commitments that must be made in order for a successful team. Membership as a Cheerleader requires total commitment, and our signatures indicate that we are committed to support the Cheer program at Taylorsville High School.

Student Name

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

TENTATIVE 2023-2024 Cheer Team Budget

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|---|---|
| Cheer Fees, -Includes: Custom Warmups, Practice wear, Team Bags, Accessories, and Banquet, Pins & Gifts. | \$400 |
| Uniform Fee -includes: Travel Shoes, Competition Shoes, Cheer Uniform, Poms (2) | \$650 |
| Camp Fee -includes: Cheer Camp, Meals, Technical Training, Team Bonding and more. | \$345 |
| Choreography Camp | \$75 |
| Competition Choreography, Music, Guest Teachers, Competition prep. Competition Fees. Rental Fees, Competition Material, Gameday equipment, Transportation, Assistant Pay and more. | \$230 |
| TOTAL: | \$1,200 (Out of Pocket) \$500 Required Fundraising |
| California Nationals Trip Competition Fees, Gear, Transportation, Hotel Accommodations, Meals & Disneyland | \$1700 (Could be less but not more!) |

2023-2024 Payment Schedule

July \$425
August \$425
September \$425
October \$425

Nationals Payment Schedule

November \$425
December \$425
January \$425
February \$425

*Fundraising: Cheer Fees and Nationals Trip Fees may both be fundraised. If you have fundraised more than needed for the year the amount will be added to the Team Account and not rolled over to the next year per Granite School District Policy. *There are NO refunds on any money that has been fundraised. Absolutely no refunds after school starts on August 14, 2024. If you are dismissed or chose to be excused from the team, you must pay any dues of items that cannot be returned that includes the cost of nationals.

Tentative Fundraising Plans

| Fundraiser | Goal per Athlete | What We Raised 2022-2023 | Team/Individual |
|--|--|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| May Double Good | \$200 | | Individual |
| May-Oct Maverick & USANA | Decide Hours Worked | | Individual |
| Taylorsville Dayzz | Decide Hours Worked | \$1800 | Individual |
| August Carwash | 10 Tickets each \$70-100 | \$1300 | Team |
| August Clothing Drive | \$100 30 bags each 10-15 lbs a bag | \$1600 | Team |
| Fall Taylorsville Spirit Gear | Clothing available for purchase for kstaff, parents, & students | | Team |
| October Halftime performance Football & Basketball | 5 mini cheerleaders \$150 (minus the cost of tee's) | \$1800 | Team & Individual |
| FA Christmas Recital | | | Individual |
| Sweethearts | | 5,000- 7,000 | Team & Individual |

*We are always open to new fundraiser ideas. We will fundraise until we hit our goal or as long as team members need it. Individual Fundraisers are optional.

Tentative Practice Schedule

Spring

- May 8- May 26 Monday & Wednesday 6-7am & Friday Practices 6:30-8 am
(Freshman will be excused earlier for school.)
- Start Fundraising

Summer

- June 5th-June 29th Monday-Thursday 6-10am
- June 15th-17th UCA Overnight Camp (Mandatory)
- Taylorsville 4th of July Parade
- July 31st-August 4th Champion Week
- July 31st 6:30-9am and August 1st-4th 6:30-9am
- August 5th Car Wash
- August 7th-10th Practice 7-9am

Fall

- Practices will be on Cheer day mornings & class period, all Fridays
- Saturday practices will be added as needed October/November ●
Basketball Season preparation
- Volleyball Games

Winter

- Competition Season begins. Saturday practices as needed ● 6:30am practices, Fridays & some Saturdays will continue until Nationals ● 2 USA Competitions, Divisionals, State
- Basketball Season
- Nationals

Spring 2023

- Tryouts
- Showcase