

Iraan-Sheffield ISD Cheerleading Policy and Procedures

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1) Why ISISD Cheerleading Exists:

- To create: spirit, pride, and loyalty in school activities.
- To promote: positivity, unity, dedication, and respect.
- To build: comradery among each other, students, fans, and community.

2) Mission:

- Iraan- Sheffield ISD Cheerleading promotes school spirit, cooperation, good behavior, sportsmanship, friendship, self-discipline, and lifelong values and skills.

3) Duties and Responsibilities:

- Cheering at all football games and district basketball games (This includes all playoff games for both sports, all pre-game activities, all four quarters of the game, and any necessary halftime activities assigned by the sponsor.)
- Plan, schedule, participate in pep rallies/sendoffs and Homecoming/Spirit Week.
- Decorate halls, make signs.
- Attend all scheduled practices.
- Appropriate conduct and sportsmanship at all times (this includes while participating in any form of social media).
- Learning all cheers, chants, and dances.
- Following directions of the sponsor(s).
- Attending cheerleading camp.
- Cheering or participating in any event deemed necessary by the sponsor(s) or administration. (i.e. fundraisers)
- Clean up after events.

4) Discipline and Character Expectations:

- Cheerleaders are admired by many and viewed as leaders of the school, therefore it is extremely important that they maintain excellent conduct and set fine examples at ALL times, in uniform or other attire.
- Cheerleaders will abide by the Student Handbook, Student Code of Conduct, and Extra-Curricular Handbook.
- Be respectful, courteous, and friendly to all, including but not limited to; administration, school faculty, officials, sponsor(s), and each other.
- The sponsor(s) will communicate expectations to the squad and if expectations are not met, disciplinary actions will be required.
- The sponsor(s) and school administration will handle all discipline problems in a professional manner.
- Cheerleading is a privilege, not a right.
- There are events that could cause dismissal from the squad based on the seriousness of the violation of the rules set forth by Iraan-Sheffield ISD.
- If you are on the cheer squad and dismissed or choose to remove yourself, then you are ineligible to participate the next year.

5) Uniforms:

- All cheerleaders are responsible for the care and appearance of their uniform and equipment.
- Uniforms must be clean and pressed.
- Cheerleaders must be in complete uniform, or other attire determined by sponsor(s), when representing the school and on game days.

6) Tryout Information:

- Tryouts are open to all students entering 7th through 12th grades.
- All candidates must have a permission slip signed by parent/guardian to tryout.
- Candidates and parents must sign that they have read and will abide by the rules and expectations outlined in this constitution.
- A panel of qualified judges will score the cheerleaders based on their performance of the required elements and will count as 50% of the final score.
- Teacher evaluations will also be administered and will count as 30% of the final scores.
- Student vote will count as 20% of the score.

7) Cheerleading Criteria and Squad Selection:

- A maximum of twelve cheerleaders and one mascot will be elected for high school.
- A maximum of 6 cheerleaders and one mascot will be elected for the junior high.
- Selection decisions are final.
- **Refusal to participate on the junior varsity will make you ineligible to tryout the following year. Seniors will have the option of being on the junior varsity if they are not in the six highest composite scores. Seniors will sign a pre-tryout waiver if they do not want to be considered for the junior varsity squad.**

8) Officers:

- Captain and/or Co-Captain will be selected by sponsor(s).
- Duties will be designated by sponsor(s).
- The captain(s) will assist the sponsor(s) in planning activities, organizing practices and pep rallies, specifying uniforms or attire to be worn at events, and assisting communications between the sponsor(s) and the squad.
- **ALL DECISIONS MUST BE CLEARED THROUGH THE SPONSOR(S). CAPTAIN(S) DO NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECISIONS WITHOUT SPONSOR APPROVAL.**

9) Financial Requirements:

- Costs vary from year to year and we are trying to cut cost wherever possible, but candidates and parents should be aware of the expense. Currently the estimated cost is \$700-\$800. Additional expenses may occur as well.
- In the event that a squad member does not raise enough money to cover their costs, it is the cheerleader/parents responsibility to make a payment for any outstanding balance. These costs are estimates based on year to year averages.
- Fundraisers are used to defer as much of the cost as possible.
- On the occasion that a cheerleader raises more money than is needed to cover their costs, extra money will be evenly distributed among all other members who participated in the fundraiser.
- Refunds will not be issued due to dismissal, voluntary or otherwise, from the squad.

10) Eligibility:

- Cheerleaders must maintain eligibility according to TEA/UIIL regulations in order to participate in any extracurricular activities.
- Cheerleaders must have a physical and **Policy and Procedures** on file with the athletic department.

11) Transportation:

- Cheerleaders are expected to ride school transportation or other authorized vehicles to away games.
- With proper documentation cheerleaders may ride home with their parents.

12) Squad Communication/Responsibility:

- There is a process for resolving issues within the squad. If a cheerleader has a problem, that cheerleader is to bring the issue to the sponsor(s). The sponsor(s) will then work with the squad to minimize the impact of the problem. Many matters are based on miscommunication and the sponsor(s) can facilitate better communication.
- In order to teach responsibility and to promote good communication skills, each cheerleader will have the responsibility to inform the sponsor(s) of any previously planned commitments, appointments, or extra-curricular activities that may conflict with practice times or games.

Notice:

This document is intended to set out basic rules and regulations for this organization. It must be understood that any situation not specifically covered by this document will come under the authority of the organizational sponsor and/or campus administrator. This document shall not supersede the Iraan-Sheffield I.S.D. Student Code of Conduct. Students who are on a school sponsored activity, or are representing Iraan-Sheffield I.S.D. in any manner are subject to these policies.

This document and all of its rules and regulations will become effective once cheerleader/mascot has been elected and will remain in effect until the following year's tryouts.

Parental Permission and Consent Form

I have read and fully understand the rules and regulations that will govern my daughter/son as cheerleader or mascot representing Iraan High School/Junior High School during the 2017-18 school year. I agree to abide by the Iraan-Sheffield I.S.D. Cheerleading Constitution. I also understand that any rules or regulations that are broken will be handled accordingly by the sponsor or ISISD administration.

I further understand that this is an extra-curricular activity and that attendance to all practices (including summer practices), games, special functions, summer camp, and fundraising activities is a requirement of the elected cheerleaders and mascot.

I understand that we will be responsible for all cheerleading expenses.

I give my consent for my daughter/son, _____, to be a cheerleader/mascot for Iraan-Sheffield ISD during the 2017-18 school year.

Parent's Signature

Date

I, _____, understand and accept the responsibilities of being a cheerleader/mascot for Iraan-Sheffield ISD. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in the Iraan-Sheffield ISD Cheerleading Constitution. I understand that there are consequences that could result in my removal from the squad.

Cheerleader/Mascot Signature

Date

