

# BORDERLAND CHEER AND DANCE

## Parent/Member Information and Team Standards

### Sponsorships / Product Sales / Additional Fees

Sponsorships/product sale credits must be used for participation in the program and **are non-refundable**. Your athlete may help pay the cost of their monthly membership fees and/or uniform expense through:

**Sponsorships:** from businesses/individuals. A Sponsorship form is available online. Donations may provide tax deductible benefits to the donor.

**Product Sales:** provided 2-3 times per school year to benefit the individual athlete.

**Additional Fees:** may include (but are not limited to): small prop for theme performance, hair bow and entrance fees for spectators at events/performances (Borderland athletes will receive free admission to program wide performances when wearing the official team uniform).

### Practices

Our school teams hold practices September- May and follow the Las Cruces Public School schedule (no school, no practice). Our gym teams may hold practice during LCPS breaks – check with your coach for schedule. **Practices are mandatory**. However, absences are excused when the head coach receives advance notification of athlete's absence. It is the coach's discretion whether an athlete with excessive absences will be allowed to participate in the next performance. Athletes **will not** be allowed to perform if absence is unexcused.

**Practice Attire:** Modest workout clothes, tennis shoes, hair out of face. **NO JEANS!**

**Water / Snack:** Parents, please send a water bottle (& healthy snack for school team members) with your athlete to all practices.

**Dismissal:** Athletes will be dismissed from practice within 10 minutes of scheduled end time. A coach will remain with athletes free of charge for up to 15 minutes after scheduled end time. After 15 minutes parents will be charged a late pick-up fee of \$1 per minute.

### Athlete Behavior

Athletes are expected to be kind and respectful at all times and will come to practice/events with a positive attitude. Under no circumstances will any type of hostile or antagonistic behavior be tolerated. Athletes will be ambassadors not only for his/her school but also the Borderland Cheer and Dance program he/she is a member of. Athletes agree to:

- Abide by the code of conduct/policies of the school/school district where practices are held.
- Abide by the instruction of the coaches and will not be disruptive during practices.
- Keep cell phones off/silenced and in backpack during practice.

### Demerits

A demerit system will be used to keep open communication between parents/guardians, athlete, coaches and program administration. Demerits will only be used when disciplinary action is needed and will be given in writing. This will give parents/guardians the opportunity to encourage their athlete to display kind, respectful behavior and positive attitudes. When an athlete receives 5 demerits a written warning will be given. When an athlete receives 10 demerits, he/she will be dismissed from the team. Demerit system is as follows:

- Unacceptable language (1)
- Improper Uniform/not dressed out (1)
- Disrespectful Behavior (2)
- Breaking School Policies (# depends on severity)
- Socializing during practice with non-team members (1)
- Excessive Unexcused Absences (2)
- Disregard for Instruction (2)

**I understand and agree to these standards:**

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Cheerleader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_