

Franklin High School Cheerleading
Commitment Letter
2022-2023

Dear Players and Parents:

Parent Initial I _____(Player) sign this commitment letter as I am interested and committed to Cheering for the **Franklin Yellowjackets**. I make this commitment and agree that:

- _____ 1) I will have and show respect to my parents, coaches, teammates, opponents and referees.
- _____ 2) School is a priority. Cheerleading is not an excuse for missing school or in completing your homework. I (Cheerleader) will plan accordingly.
- _____ 3) I will not argue with the coaches. I will ask if I have a question, but understand the coaches have the final decision.
- _____ 4) On this team, I understand my cheering/performing time is earned and there is no mandatory amount for cheering/performing time that I will be given. I understand that the coaches will evaluate the team and each cheerleader accordingly. I understand that there are MANY factors to determine Cheer lines and placement in half-time performances. I may not agree or understand the coaches' decision regarding this, but I will RESPECT their decision.
- _____ 5) I agree to not bring outside distractions to this team, practices, and games. I understand that I may have disagreements with my teammates outside of Cheer and I agree NOT to bring those problems to this team, practices, or games. While at Cheer, I will treat my teammate with respect and not let my issues outside of Cheer hurt the rest of the team. I will keep my personal business with another cheerleader to myself. If I need to discuss a problem, I will discuss it with my parents or a coach. I will not share problems with other teammates.
- _____ 6) I will learn to accept constructive teaching and feedback.
- _____ 7) No single player is indispensable to the program.
- _____ 8) The only way for me to improve in life and in cheer is to work on my weaknesses.
- _____ 9) The word (can't) is in the dictionary but is not a word used in our Cheer Program.
- _____ 10) I will communicate! If I have any problems, I will let my coaches know, knowing they will do their best to help with any problems.
- _____ 11) I will be on time to practices and games. I will be ready to practice, perform and/or cheer at the start time. I will contact my coaches if I am going to miss practice and/or game. If I miss for any reason, including injury, illness, or school necessity will provide them with a reason as to why I can't be present and provide Dr. note as well.
- _____ 12) We made sure to review the 15-point dismissal system, as this is necessary to keep us all prepared at all time and to lead by example.

Parent
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- _____ 13) I will accept teaching from the coaches in a positive way. I will learn from my mistakes and from the mistakes of others by always paying attention.
- _____ 14) I WILL have as much intensity and concentration in practice as I will have in a game. My performance in a game reflects the way I practice. I will work hard during practice and understand that if I am not working hard, I may be asked to leave for the day.
- _____ 15) When on the field or court I will be always aware of games to know if our team is on offense or defense
- _____ 16) I will not argue with the referee or talk back to opposing cheer squad or respond to the crowd. I will NOT discuss a call with referees at any time. Only the coaches will discuss issues with the other cheer coaches and/or referees.
- _____ 17) Parents are NOT to coach their child during games or practices. Parents are to always keep their comments about the game positive and are not to express negative statements or gestures about Franklin High School Cheerleaders, Cheer Coaches or current Sport Athletes and their Coaches.
- _____ 18) I understand it is my responsibility to eat nutritious meals and to properly hydrate my body so as to prepare myself for games, as is between games as well as at practices.
- _____ 19) I will continue to work on my skills and maintain conditioning on non-practice days.
- _____ 20) I understand that I have been selected for this team and will make this team a priority in my life. I understand the coaches have made a commitment to this team as well. I make this commitment to the team and agree to the items listed above.
- _____ 21) We have zero tolerance policy for inappropriate, offensive or threatening social media posts, such behavior will result in immediate expulsion from the Cheer team/squad.
- _____ 22) All Cheerleader and/or Parents need to follow the chain of command. Refer issues with their cheer coach directly, or other cheer coach, if not resolved then go to AD-Athletic Director over Athletics, if not resolved then AP-Asst. Principal, then Principal
- _____ 23) I have thoroughly read and went over the 2021-2022 Expectations and Requirements with my child and agree to support them.

I _____ (Parent) have reviewed this commitment with my child and agree to support and assist my child in our commitment. As my child makes this commitment, I too agree to the items identified above.

Player

Parent

Signature/Date

Signature/Date

Print Name

Print Name