



West Haven
SEAHAWKS

Expectations, Rules, Attendance Policy and Travel Policy

The Ray Tellier Midget Football and Cheerleading League would like to offer you and your daughter a high quality cheerleading program. We are proud to field competitive cheerleading squads. Your daughter will learn cheers, stunts, and dance routines.

Please address any problems or concerns with your head coach first. If a resolution cannot be made, the problem will then be brought to the attention of the Assistant Cheer Coordinator, then the Cheer Coordinator. If needed, the League President will be informed of the issue.

Attendance Policy

Practices and games are considered MANDATORY. Some stunts cannot be safely done with absent team members so attendance is important. If your child incurs three unexcused absences, she will be dropped from the roster with no refund. This will be strictly enforced. Excused absences include illness, religious services, and graded school events. All absences to practice and/or games MUST be called to the Head Coach prior to the beginning of practice/game. If not, it will be considered an unexcused absence.

Uniforms

Practice uniforms consisting of a t-shirt and shorts are provided by the league. These will be worn at two practices per week during the month of August, and at each practice once we move indoors. Cheer sneakers must be worn to every practice.

The league also provides the use of a skirt and shell top to each cheerleader. Each child (parent) is responsible for purchasing their own uniform accessories (cheer sneakers, socks, bodysuit, skivvies). This will be used as the official team uniform. Every effort will be made to obtain these items at a reasonable cost. All cheerleading squads will dress alike from top to bottom, unless prior permission for special circumstances have been approved by the Cheer Coordinator.

NO UNIFORM AND/OR PRACTICE UNIFORM WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL REGISTRATION IS PAID FOR IN FULL. There will be a day set aside for uniform and accessory sizing and ordering. If a cheerleader is not dressed in the proper uniform, she will not be allowed to cheer during that game. Uniforms must be clean and neat and shoes will need to be cleaned before each performance. Accessories must be purchased in early August in order for you to receive them in time for the first game.

Games

We cheer for our football team every time they play...be it in 100 degree weather, pouring rain, or even snow. Cheerleaders should be prepared to cheer regardless of the weather. We will cheer in the rain if the boys are playing football in the rain!



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Practices

Times and exact location will be determined by the Asst Cheer Coordinator and Cheer Coordinator. Cheerleaders need to be on time for each practice unless there is a valid reason or prior arrangements have been made through the cheer coach, in accordance with our Attendance Policy. Remember, your child is a part of a team and the team depends on her presence at practices and games. Cheerleaders are expected to be at practice on time and ready to work. Cheerleaders are expected to behave appropriately at all times and will demonstrate respect to all coaching staffs and opposing teams. Parents are responsible for transporting their child to and from practices (and games). They are also required to pick-up their child immediately at the end of practice. It is best to arrive 15 minutes prior to the end of practice. This would be the time when vital team information will be relayed, if applicable.

Competitions

All teams will compete at the SCPW and State competition in late October. All competitive teams (JPW, PW, JM, M) have the chance to compete at Regional competitions if they place first or second in the SCPW competition. This will require travel to arenas in Massachusetts, and a bus will be provided for the cheerleaders competing. These competitions are mandatory. The dates will be made available as soon as they are provided by the SCPW and New England Region.

Travel Information

Your child will be required to cheer at all home AND away games. During the regular season, this may require travel to surrounding towns within the state of Connecticut, as far away as Danbury and/or Hartford. It is your obligation to make travel arrangements for your child to and from regular season games. During post-season, games may be held in MA or RI. Cheerleaders do not travel to Nationals in Orlando for football games.

The girls on competitive teams will also compete in both local and regional competitions, with the possibility of competing at Nationals in Orlando, FL.

Nationals are held the first week of December. Deposits for airfare are due no later than the night before Regional Competition, to ensure adequate time for group flights to be booked. The West Haven Seahawks League fundraises all year to help provide some assistance to all players and cheerleaders for National travel, however the bulk of the financial obligation is your responsibility. See the Ray Tellier Midget Football League Post Season Travel Policy for all rules, regulations, and responsibilities regarding post season travel.

All cheerleaders are expected to travel with the team to and from ALL competitions, unless prior written arrangements have been made for special circumstances with the Cheer Coordinator.



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By signing below, I am stating I have received a copy of, and agree to, the Expectations, Rules, Attendance Policy and Travel Information Document. These rules are supplemental to the National Pop Warner Adult and Participant Code of Conduct.

Cheerleader's Name _____

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____