



Tryouts 2025

# *Cheerleading Coaches*

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Dear Parent/Guardian and Student:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a part of the Cheerleading Program at Jacksonville Classical Academy. In this packet, you will find the following: JXC Cheerleading Department Rules, JXC Cheer Application, and the 2025-2026 JXC Cheerleading Contract.

It is important that you are aware of the high level of commitment that is required and the standard of excellence that is expected from each of the cheerleaders. Before completing this packet, please consider the following:

**CHEERLEADING IS A COMMITMENT** and requires mandatory after school practices and attendance at events, both during and after school.

**CHEERLEADING IS A FINANCIAL OBLIGATION** and requires costs for various items such as uniforms, camps, attire, competitions, and spirit gear.

**CHEERLEADING IS A PRIVILEGE** and requires a high standard in academic, behavior and social interactions. Cheerleaders are students first and athletes second and these three areas will be monitored throughout the season. This high standard of behavior also includes how cheerleaders portray themselves on social media.

Please read over the ENTIRE packet carefully.

**ALL CHEERLEADERS MUST HAVE ALL ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORMS COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO TRY OUT.** Directions and direct links to access these forms can be found on the school's website underneath "ATHLETICS" and then under "CHEERLEADING."

We look forward to meeting your child and getting to know them during tryouts!! - Hayes Havener

# Tryout Process & Info

- Tryouts will be held in the JXC Cafetorium on May 1st from 3:30pm – 5:30pm.
- Materials to learn will be sent out prior via email.
- Mandatory Tryout Clinic: Monday, April 28th-Wednesday, April 30th 3:30pm-5pm (Cheerleaders should come having already practiced the material).
- Tryouts are CLOSED to parents and friends.
- Drop Off/Pick Up: At the front office
  
- Check In: Upon checking in on May 1st, athletes will receive a tryout number and enter the gym. Tryout Dress Code: (NAVY SHORTS, WHITE SHIRT, WHITE CLOSED TOED ATHLETIC/CHEER SHOES AND HAIR PULLED UP IN A BOW).
- Groups will present a cheer, sideline routine, and dance in front of judges on tryout day.
- Individually, athletes will show their toe touch, a second jump of their choice, a stunt sequence (optional) and tumbling skills (round off is required and cheerleaders should be working towards a back handspring) in front of judges on tryout day.
  
- Tryout material videos will be posted by Friday, April 25th. Everyone must learn the CHEER, SIDELINE ROUTINE, AND DANCE.
  
- Announcement of Teams
  - Results of both teams will be posted via the website Friday, May 2nd.

**\*MANDATORY PARENT MEETING** for all families who make a team will be held Tuesday, May 13th at 5:30pm in the CAFETORIUM.\*

**\*MANDATORY sizing/fitting** for camp-wear and other spirit wear Tuesday, May 13th at 3:30pm in the CAFETORIUM.\*

# Athletic Department Rules

The Jacksonville Classical Academy Athletic Department has a NO TOLERANCE policy on drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and vaping. Any athlete caught with any of these products in their possession or under the influence of any of these products, on any school campus, will be removed from any JXC Athletic team for the remainder of the school year.

JXC policy for competing in athletic practice and competition, is athletes MUST be in all classes. If an athlete misses any class, without PRIOR administrative permission, they are ineligible to practice or compete that day.

Any athlete may be suspended from practice/games by JXC Administration when an athlete reaches 4 absences per season. All absences must be approved.

All athletes must maintain a C average in all classes.

Social media should be used in a positive manner towards coaches, teammates, and opponents.

Parents please read over all of the team rules with your student/athlete. Also, parents please help your child participate in a positive, hard working environment. If there is a problem that needs to be addressed please do it in the proper channels.

Athlete Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Sign Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Sign Name \_\_\_\_\_

# JXC Cheer Application

PLEASE RETURN TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY  
BY APRIL 21, 2025

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in fall of 2025: \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions/Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

What clubs or other sports do you plan to join for the 2025-26 School Year?

\_\_\_\_\_

Which Team or Teams are you trying out for? (Check ALL that apply)

Junior Varsity  Varsity

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## Essay Questions:

Please attach a separate piece of paper with your typed responses to the following questions. Answers need only be 2-5 sentences.

1. Why do you want to try out for JXC Cheer?
2. What are three contributions you can make to the JXC Cheer squad?
3. Keeping in mind that cheerleading is a year round activity, and takes quite a bit of time, what outside commitments do you have that may conflict with cheerleading?
4. What are your three best qualities that make you a great choice for JXC Cheer?

# Personal Skill Info

Please list any Cheer, Dance or Gymnastic Experience Below:

Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Level(s)/Team(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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The information below will help us know who has experience with stunting and tumbling.

Please know that most of these areas are optional for tryouts and will give you extra points, however are not a required factor to make a team.

## STUNTING EXPERIENCE

What stunting position are you most proficient at: (you may check multiple boxes)

Main Base  Instep (Side Base)  Back Spot  Flyer

Please check the stunting skills that you can perform proficiently.

Shoulder Sit  Prep  Extension

Prep Level Lib/Stretch/Arabesque  Extended Lib/Stretch/Arabesque

Basket Toss  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## TUMBLING EXPERIENCE

What tumbling skills are you most proficient at: (you may check multiple boxes)

Cartwheel  Round-Off  Standing Back Handspring

Round-Off Back Handspring  Other \_\_\_\_\_



# JXC Cheerleading Contract

## **MISSION**

- Promote and uphold school spirit, unity and pride.
- Represent the school to the highest degree.
- Set an example of good behavior and sportsmanship at all times (whether in uniform or not).
- Promote friendships with each other and with schools with whom we compete and perform with.

## **CHEERLEADER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

- To promote school spirit
- To cheer at every game, pep rally, competition
- To participate in other special events, as scheduled
- To be ready at the specified time prior to the start of a game, in the appropriate uniform
- To be at practice on time and ready
- To follow the FHSAA School Cheer Safety Rules when stunting
- To support all decisions of the coaches

## **ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

- Each cheerleader is required to maintain a 2.0 GPA. Grades will be monitored by the coaches and if there should be a failing overall grade in any subject at any time, the cheerleader will be asked to attend tutoring and not participate in practices or games until the grade is brought up to a passing grade.

## **APPEARANCE/UNIFORMS**

- Uniforms must be kept neat and clean. Loss of any part of the uniform must be replaced by the cheerleader. Only JXC issued uniforms may be worn.
- Make up must be natural.
- Gum chewing is not permitted while at practice or during games.
- No jewelry is permitted to be worn during practices, games or performances.
- No visible tattoos
- Uniforms are to be returned clean and placed in a clear labeled plastic bag when the season is over.
- Only bottled water may be in the cheer performance area.
- No other food or drink is allowed when cheering on the track for football or in the stands for basketball. Snacks can be eaten during half-time.

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## ATTENDANCE/ABSENCES

- ABSENCES CAN BE THE DOWNFALL OF A GREAT CHEERLEADING SQUAD! If an athlete misses any class, without PRIOR administrative permission, they are ineligible to practice or compete that day. Attendance is MANDATORY at all practices and games, as we do not substitute members when performing. Your team is counting on you for stunting, dances and lines when at games. All absences, both excused and unexcused and tardies will be recorded.
- Illness or other extreme emergencies are the only valid reason for missing practices or games.
- Illness with a doctor's note, preplanned JXC events or death in the family will be the only excused absences.
- Absences due to work schedules or other sport commitments are NOT excused
- Attendance at a game or practice without appropriate shoes or uniform will be considered an absence, as you will not be able to perform.

## CHEERLEADING CONDUCT

- Cheerleaders are representatives when on campus and are the ambassadors for Jacksonville Classical Academy while away. Cheerleaders represent JXC on and off the field.

### As a Jacksonville Classical Academy Cheerleader, I will:

- Maintain and uphold the reputation of the JXC Cheerleaders through conduct, attitude and spirit.
- Be courteous, polite, friendly and have a smile for EVERYONE.
- Display good sportsmanship at ALL times.
- No use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, including e-cigs and vape pens. This will NOT be tolerated and removal from the squad will be immediate.
- Display proper behavior when cheering and not use foul language at any time during games, practices, or camps.
- Display proper behavior in class, to include being on time, not skipping and not cheating.
- Follow school dress code
- Attend all practices, games, competitions and school functions.

Every attempt will be made to discipline fairly and equally to make consequences of actions known ahead of time. Parents will be informed of all disciplinary situations. A reoccurring offense or negative/uncooperative attitude will result in the benching or dismissal of the cheerleader.

# JXC Cheerleading Contract

## COACH CONTACT

- All cheerleaders must use the app, TeamSnap if selected for a team. This is our main means of communication and it is expected that you keep up on all information that is posted in our TEAM SNAP group. Cheerleaders and coaches can also post albums of cheer events, games and pep rallies to this group. Families are also encouraged to join, as information is posted often. Questions and concerns can also be privately messaged to the coach, if needed.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- It is expected that all cheerleaders maintain a positive social presence on ALL social media apps. Remember that you are a role model to our student body.

*\*Coaches reserve the right to make changes/additions to the rules as needed. In addition, if you have any questions or concerns, please respect the following chain of command: Coach Hayes - Head Cheer Coach, Coach Smith - Athletic Director, and Mr. Barker - Principal\*\**

*\*2024-25 Grades, absences, and discipline infractions will be checked by the coaches to ensure your student meets eligibility for the team.\**

# JXC Tryout Agreements

## TRYOUT AGREEMENT

I have read the guidelines for the Jacksonville Classical Academy Cheerleading Tryouts and have discussed its implications with my student athlete. I consent to having my student tryout for the Cheerleading Team and to meet all tryout requirements. I have reviewed my student's academic performance and understand the enormous time and financial commitment required to be a member of the Cheerleading Program. I believe that my student will be able to participate in Cheer and still successfully achieve the expected GPA. My student has no health restrictions that would be aggravated or make him/her unable to participate in all cheerleading activities, including but not limited to: lifting, basing, flying, tumbling, jumping, running and conditioning.

## TRYOUT RESULTS AGREEMENT

I understand and accept the tryout process and its requirements for the JXC Cheer Team. I have discussed the tryout process and its implications with my student and have prepared my student for any and all team placement decisions. We accept that all decisions of placement and acceptance on the JXC Cheer Team are final.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Full Name - PRINTED \_\_\_\_\_

Cheerleader Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Full Name - PRINTED \_\_\_\_\_