***Hobbs Schools Cheerleading Constitution***

1. ***PURPOSE***

Being a Hobbs Cheerleader carries a tremendous responsibility. It is an experience that can teach the team members the values of self-discipline, commitment and sacrifice. It is understood that being a Hobbs Cheerleader is something to be proud of. It takes a lot of work, but is very worthwhile and rewarding. Rules are set up to ensure the participant’s safety and well-being and to promote a positive image of the High School, Freshman, and Middle Schools. When wearing the uniform, each member is no longer an individual, but a representative of the entire school district. Each cheerleader’s behavior influences the reputation of Hobbs High School.

1. ***MEMBERSHIP***

All Hobbs Cheerleaders will be governed by the eligibility rules set by the New Mexico Activities Association. Included in the handbook is the following:

1. Use of Semester Grades Only – Scholastic Eligibility will be determined by semester grades (6/9 week marking period grades will no longer be used).  BUT, if a student is deemed ineligible at semester, he/she will be able to gain eligibility at the next marking period.
2. NO F’s – A student must have a 2.0 GPA and NO F’s in order to be eligible to participate in activities/athletics.  This is a change from the past where a student was allowed one F.  Note that the cumulative provision can still be applied to gain eligibility.

III. Try***-Outs***

1. Each individual will be required to learn and perform all material taught at the cheer clinic. The material will include a cheer, sideline dance and 3 jumps. Cheerleaders will be chosen by a panel of judges. **All results are final!**

**IV. *Participation Requirements:***

1. Each member will have proof of passing a physical examination, proof of insurance, a parent permission form, and athletic code of conduct form signed and turned in before being able to participate on the squad.
2. All cheerleaders will help in community projects that the coach deems worthy.
3. Hobbs Cheerleaders, this includes Freshman and Middle School, must participate in summer camp, practices, scheduled games, football homecoming, and Eagle Night. **Leaving early from any schedule games or events, will not be allowed. The only exception is for any school sponsored activity, such as choir, band, student council, etc.** HHS Varsity and JV Cheerleaders must participate in: summer camp, practices, all Homecoming events, Holiday Tournament, Eagle Night, scheduled games, banquets, mini-camps, and work sessions.
4. The Varsity team and mascots will cheer for Varsity football games, boys and girls Varsity soccer, Varsity volleyball, and Varsity girls and boys basketball games. The Varsity squad will be the only squad that will travel to out of town games.
5. Junior Varsity squad members will cheer for JV football games, Varsity football games, Varsity volleyball, girls and boys Varsity soccer, and boys and girls JV basketball games.
6. No member will miss a game unless excused for a medical reason or given prior permission by the coach. If a game is missed, then it may result in the member being benched or suspended. M***issing more than 5 games is reason to be dismissed from the squad for the rest of the school year.*** Each member is also required to attend all scheduled practices, Un-excused absences will result in game suspensions.
7. **Each member should understand that it is not possible to be a member of anything whose practices, games or recitals conflict with their responsibility as a cheerleader.**
8. Any cheerleader that is academically ineligible will be immediately dismissed from the squad.
9. Any member who is late to practice will be disciplined as the coach deems necessary. Consistent lateness to practices or games may be grounds for suspension.
10. Any cheerleader may be disciplined at the discretion of the coach and principal for such actions which are deemed inappropriate. This includes inappropriate behavior in and outside of school, and on social media (this includes any inappropriate pictures or comments made or sent to anyone else). Inappropriate behavior **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**
11. A squad member must be in attendance for classes on the day of a scheduled game or event **at least half a day** or she/he may not be allowed to participate in that game/event. If the absence is for medical reasons, then they must have a doctor’s note excusing the absence. If a cheerleader is too ill to come to school on the day of a game or event, then she/he should not cheer.
12. Being suspended from school for any reason will be an automatic dismissal from the squad. Any squad member assigned On-campus Suspension will be subject to multiple game suspension and any other consequences deemed necessary by the coach.
13. Cheerleaders will abide by the rules in the Secondary High School Discipline Handbook at all times.
14. Cheerleaders will abide by the rules stated in the Hobbs Athletic Code of Conduct.
15. ***Uniforms & Financial Obligation***:

1. Each Cheerleader will be issued uniforms provided by the school. If an article of any uniform is lost or damaged, then that member becomes financially responsible for replacement cost of the item.

2. Fundraisers will be done at the discretion of the coach.

3. All Cheer Coaches/Booster Clubs must obtain and fill out the fundraising form before any fundraiser may begin.

4. All funds raised by the cheerleaders must be turned in to the activity account at each school.

5. Cheerleaders will not handle any money dealing with the Booster club

6. Middle school, Freshman and JV cheerleaders will be required to purchase the following: Summer camp tuition, socks, shoes, bloomers, camp apparel, hair ribbons, cheer shirts, and any other equipment deemed necessary by the cheer coach.

 7. High School cheerleaders will be required to purchase the following: Camp tuition,

 camp apparel, socks, bloomers, camp apparel, under armor, hair ribbons, and other

 equipment deemed necessary by the coach.

1. ***Commitment Clause***
2. ***Cheerleading requires commitment and dedication. This is a yearlong commitment therefore any cheerleader that quits the squad will not be allowed to try out for the squad the next year.***
3. ***Every member of the Varsity, JV, and Freshman team will receive a grade for cheerleading. If any cheerleader fails to abide by the rules and guidelines set forth by the Hobbs Cheerleading Constitution and Code of Conduct, your grade will be affected.***
* ***Please know that disciplinary issues as well as an extended number of absences from practices and games; whether excused or unexcused including any medical, or being dismissed from the squad will affect tryout scores for the following year.***

**Please sign and return this form only.**

**I have read the rules and regulations thoroughly and am prepared for the financial obligation and time commitment being a Hobbs High School Cheerleader will require. I will abide by the rules stated in by HOBBS CHEERLEADING Constitution for the 2019-2020 school year.**

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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