



## **Needham Junior Cheer Attendance Policy**

Attendance is essential to the success of each season. Due to the nature of the sport, a practice missed by one cheerleader has significant impact on the squad, particularly on that cheerleader's stunt group, who are unable to stunt without every member present. It also takes away from others when a coach must step out during practice and teach what was missed. Cheerleading is a unique sport in which each athlete's safety is dependent upon teamwork, trust and responsibility of the whole squad.

For the reasons listed above, attendance at all practices is mandatory.

Any absences must be excused by the head coach **BEFORE** practice is missed. In the case of illness, please contact your coach to discuss if your daughter is well enough to attend practice, sit and observe. Illnesses that include fever or vomiting would require missing practice.

We understand that things may come up throughout the season. However, if attendance is an issue for a cheerleader, it will result in the cheerleader being sidelined at games and/or removed from the competition routine.

Our cheer season is a short season and we ask that you take the above into consideration and understand the commitment needed for our teams to be successful.