



IUPUI CHEERLEADING 2011 - 2012

This is a privilege and a visible position. Appropriate behavior is required, and earns the respect of the student body, athletes, administrators, alumni, and the community. Becoming a member of this squad is a commitment, and should be treated as one.

The role of cheerleader and dancer, at IUPUI, is to proudly represent the University at basketball games, University events, and other community activities. Our goal is to boost school spirit, promote good sportsmanship, and to develop positive crowd participation. Cheer squad activities will focus on "leading" cheers and promoting school spirit.

All cheer squad members are expected to adhere to the standards of academics, athletic performance, moral conduct, and responsibilities set forth in these rules, as representatives of Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

This organization and its members shall not discriminate against anyone for reasons of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability, or status as Vietnam-era or special disabled veterans.

I. Tryouts and squad selection

The cheer coaches, athletic department, and the university reserve the right to refuse a tryout or a position on any cheer to any person for reasons of academic deficiencies, physical liabilities, or past performances.

A. Squad members will be selected on the following basis.

1. Registered student at IUPUI, full or part-time, in good academic standing
2. Attitude, enthusiasm
3. Appearance
4. Cheerleading or dance skills
5. Interview

B. The squad will be judged by a panel selected by the coach. The panel will submit its recommendations to the coach at the conclusion of tryouts.

C. Squad members will be required to tryout in the spring for the following fall season. The coach may choose to hold an additional tryout in the fall, or add additional squad members.

D. Squad makeup will be determined at the conclusion of tryouts and the coach reserves the right to add additional squad members as needed. Positions within the squads may change as the season progresses, and/or cheerleading skills are further evaluated.

II. Responsibilities

A. **Practices and games are required!** Missed practices affect everyone on the squad. Unexcused absences will result in game or event suspensions. Repeated unexcused absences will result in dismissal from the squad. Two unexcused absences will result in a verbal warning; the third unexcused absence will result in dismissal from the squad. All absences require a 24 hour notice PRIOR to the absence. Any consideration to this rule will be at the coaches' discretion. A doctor's note will be required for any illnesses or injuries that prevent you from attending practices, events, or games.

B. On time arrival is required. You must notify, prior to the tardy, the coach if an emergency arrives. Repeated tardies will result in dismissal from the squad. This will be determined at the discretion of the coach.

C. If you are injured, **you are still required to attend practices.**

D. Injuries require written reports from the IUPUI trainer.

- E. Work is not an excuse to miss any scheduled practices.
- F. Menstrual cycles are NOT an excuse to miss practices, events, or games.
- G. It is your responsibility to notify the coach if you will miss practice. You may not send messages with another person.
- H. All squad members are required to have a completed physical, medical history, and medical insurance form on file. These physicals must be given at IUPUI by the University medical staff. Date of the physicals will be announced. This is a mandatory obligation.
- I. Squad members are required to cheer at all scheduled games, tournaments, pep rallies, public and community events, alumni programs, and University functions as designated by the coach.
- J. Spirit Squad members will not represent IUPUI at camps or clinics, business or commercial, or community functions without prior approval from the coach.
- K. All squad members must provide the coach(s) a class schedules, with name included, within two weeks of each academic semester. If your classes change, you are required to provide an updated schedule. It is understood that you must academically eligible to participate.

III. Conduct

Selection to the squad bears a greater responsibility as representative of IUPUI, than a non participant. The following rules will apply to squad members.

- A. Smoking and smokeless tobacco are banned during practices, or at any function that you are representing IUPUI. In or out of uniform
- B. No alcohol beverages will be consumed during or in transit to or from any function that you are representing IUPUI.
- C. Abusive or profane language will not be tolerated.
- D. The unlawful possession, use, dispensation, distribution, or manufacture of controlled substances will result in appropriate discipline, up to and including dismissal from the squad. This includes while attending, in transit to or from, or representing the University, or any other time.
- E. Squad members shall not engage in any activities will cause undue embarrassment to the University or the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. This includes online representation (Facebook, Myspace, youtube, Twitter, etc.) of yourself that depicts you in compromising or incriminating situations. Any media that will embarrass the squad, the University, or the coaching staff, could result in disciplinary action including dismissal from the squad.
- F. Conduct that opposes a healthy lifestyle or eating habits will not be tolerated. Any conduct that endangers other squad members will not be tolerated.
- G. While attending events as a representative IUPUI, your attention should be given to that event and its attendees.
- H. Discipline or removal for any of the above offenses are at the coach(es)', athletic department, or the University's discretion
- J. **Hazing by members of IUPUI student organizations is strictly forbidden.** Hazing activities are defined as "any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off university premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule."

Such activities may include but are not limited to the following: use of alcohol; paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks; quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips, or any other such activities; wearing of public apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts or buffoonery, morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and any other activities which are not consistent with academic achievement, the regulations and policies of IUPUI/Indiana University, or applicable state law."

IV. Personal Appearance

A. Squad shall be well groomed. Male squad members may not attempt to grow facial hair during the season, and hair styles shall be clean-cut appearance. Female squad will wear hair with sides up or ponytails and uniform hair bows. Female squad members are required to wear make-up and lipstick while in uniform.

B. Jewelry is not allowed. Body piercings are not allowed while attending practice or games, while in uniforms, or while representing IUPUI. No visible tattoos.

C. Each squad member is responsible for the proper care of their uniform. Uniforms must be worn in the manner that they were intended to be worn. **Cheer shoes may not be worn outside.** Any lost or damaged uniforms shall be replaced immediately at the student's expense.

D. Uniforms may not be loaned to anyone not affiliated with the spirit squad. This includes practice uniforms, t-shirts, game uniforms, or any "squad" apparel.

E. Squad members shall be dressed uniformly at all events.

F. Uniforms that are provided by the University are owned by the University. Fundraising does not permit you to keep uniforms that are provided by the University. All parts of the uniforms must be returned, in usable condition, at the conclusion of the season. Procedure for returning the uniforms shall be determined at a later date. A deposit will be required for uniforms. The deposit may be returned to the participant if the return of the University property takes place within **SEVEN** days of the end of the season, dismissal from the squad, or upon request of the coach.

G. Students not returning uniforms, will be placed on an Administrative List. Uniforms must be returned by the end of the semester, or the student must pay to replace the any or all parts of the uniforms. Your uniform deposit will be forfeited.

H. All cheerleaders shall arrive to the venue of events "Game Ready".

V. Travel

A. When the University is providing transportation to an event, alternate transportation will not be allowed. Squad members must travel with the squad to and from events. No exceptions. If a squad member misses provided transportation, alternate transportation is not allowed.

B. An itinerary shall be prepared and provided to each squad member when traveling. The itinerary shall include departure times, arrival times, and other pertinent information.

C. The NCAA rules govern the squad size for pre-season and post-season tournaments. The coach will determine which squad members will be traveling to these tournaments.

D. Squad members that are selected to travel to an event are expected to act responsibly.

VII. Financial Responsibility

A. Fundraising activities are mandatory. If you do not attend fundraising events, you will be expected to pay your portion of raised monies. Fundraising is to benefit the IUPUI Cheerleading Program; any and all monies that are raised belong to the program. The coach will determine the budget for the program. Under NO circumstances will fundraising monies be refunded.

B. Each member is responsible for a \$200.00 uniform deposit. The deposit is refundable given that cheer apparel is returned in good condition and within time granted. Fundraising monies may NOT be used to cover the uniform deposit. See uniform release agreement.

C. Fundraising does not permit a participant to keep ANY issued items. All items that are issued to a participant belong to the IUPUI Cheerleading Program. It will be at the coach(es) discretion if participants will be allowed to "keep" any the items issued.

D. Most expenses are paid for by fundraising and the University. However, some costs may be the responsibility of the team member. For example, additional clinics, camps, apparel and/or travel expenses.

VIII. Medical Issues

A. Each spirit squad member must have a physical, complete medical history questionnaire and proof of medical insurance on file with the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. Physicals must be completed at IUPUI Training Office each year. Dates for physicals will be determined.

B. All injuries incurred while at practice or while representing IUPUI, at official IUPUI functions must be reported to the training room for examination. IUPUI will make every effort to cover cost of medical expenses after the injured person's medical insurance has covered its allowable amount. If the proper procedure is not followed, IUPUI or the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics shall not be responsible for expenses. IUPUI or the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics will not be responsible for injuries that are incurred outside of official practices or official events.