

ASCC CHEERLEADING CODE AND CONTRACT

***ARTICLE I.* PURPOSE**

To promote school spirit, crowd participation, inspire the team and to inspire the squad, leading to qualities of leadership.

***ARTICLE II.* MEMBERSHIP**

1. The Squad will consist of five (5) and no more than twenty (20) members at any one time. Membership is from the tryout date through the end of Basketball season in the Month of March including play-off dates and games held during finals week or Semester Break. The Semester is defined as follows:

Beginning the first day of each Semester through the day before the new semester begins.

2. Each member shall carry a minimum of three (3) units and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better. Each member must in “good standing” of Chabot College. The Head Cheerleader will be required to carry six (6) units with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better and be a member in “good standing” with the College. If a member falls below a 2.0 or less than 3 units, they will be dismissed from the Squad. It should be noted that the Head Cheerleaders required units may be waived to 3 units at the discretion of the Advisor if the Head Cheerleader is in the last semester of his/her education.
3. Each member of the Cheerleader Squad shall earn one (1.0) unit /semester of credit for full participation in a full season which is comprised of both Football (begins August to December) and Basketball (begins November to March), for a total of two (2) units of credit. Costs for class to be borne by student.

***ARTICLE III.* TRYOUTS**

1. Clinics will begin the second week of April and continue to the date of judging. If there is complete Squad consisting of eight (8) or more members from the Spring Semester tryouts, the Fall Semester tryouts will be cancelled. Publicity must be in ample time for Chabot College students and high school students to receive this information. Applications will be available 30 days prior to the clinics.
2. All Chabot College students participating in the clinics and tryouts must have their status verified before they are eligible for tryout competition.
3. It will be at the discretion of the Advisor to determine if members of the present Cheerleading Squad will be required to try out for the following academic year.

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4. Judges shall consist of a minimum of three and maximum of 5 from the following:
 - Cheerleading Advisor, who shall act as Chairperson.
 - Vice President of Student Services or designated representative.
 - ASCC President or designated representative.
 - Athletic Coach or designated representative.
 - Public Information Officer or designated representative.
 - One instructor or staff person from outside of the College, appointed by the Advisor.
5. Clinics will be organized by the previous year's squad members with approved status.
6. Upon trying out, each individual will hand in a schedule of classes and outside work for the following Fall Semester.

ARTICLE IV. UNIFORMS

1. Since membership is for the entire academic year, any member that is dismissed or quits during this time, is responsible for full payment of their uniform accessories. Uniform items must be returned to the college. After being selected for membership, each member will pay for his/her own uniform accessories, including shoes. Uniform, including skirt/pants, vest sweater, and raincoat, will be provided by Chabot College.
2. It is optional for members of the Squad to wear their uniform to school on the day of the game or the first school day preceding the game on a weekend. The uniform and shoes must be clean and complete when representing the school.

ARTICLE V. PRACTICES

1. Practices will be held no less than two (2) times nor more than four (4) times per week. The times and days will be decided upon by the Advisor. It will be mandatory to attend all weekly practices at the scheduled time during Football and Basketball seasons. Member is required to notify Advisor of practice or performance no-shows prior to absences. Unless previously excused by the Advisor, each Cheerleader will be allowed 5 tardies and/or 3 no-shows (practices) per semester or 3 performance no-shows. Each tardy and each no-

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show will count as one demerit. After 5 demerits the member will be dropped from the Squad.

2. Any member leaving practice without previously being excused will be given a demerit.
3. Any member will be automatically dropped if under the influence of alcohol/drugs during practice or games. Failure to comply with rules and regulations of the school or ASCC will result in further action by the College.
4. If a member is dropped for any of the previous reasons, they will not be qualified to try out for future Cheerleading activities at Chabot College.

***ARTICLE VI.* GAMES AND EVENTS**

1. Members of the Chabot College Spirit Squad shall perform at all pre-season and league games, rallies, tournaments and other varsity sports events as needed. All home games are mandatory. All members will be required to attend any activity pertaining to Cheerleading assigned to them by the Advisor, whether or not prescheduled.
2. Failure to attend all home games will result in suspension of the member. All members are required to arrive at all games 45 minutes prior to the starting of the games, unless otherwise specified by the Advisor for special practices. Additionally, members must be in place before the start of the second half (arriving at least two minutes before the start of the second half). They must provide half-time performances coordinated with the Advisor, Dean of Physical Education or Designee and the Head Cheerleader.

Transportation

Each member is responsible for providing their own transportation to home games and practices. It is their responsibility to get to and from Chabot College. They are to know the times, locations and any other information relevant to games, practices and events.

Transportation will be provided to members for all out-of-town games. Members will be required to ride a bus or van to and from location unless specifically excused by parent (s) if under 21 years of age, to the Advisor in advance of departure. If excused by Advisor Chabot College and Advisor is not liable for member. If member attends event with own transportation, member must be excused prior to event by Advisor.

***ARTICLE VII.* HEAD CHEERLEADER (ALSO CALLED CAPTAIN)**

1. The Captain shall be directly responsible to the Cheerleading Advisor.

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2. The selection of a Captain will be either accomplished by all members if 5 or more, on the previous year's Squad voting by secret ballot, along with the Cheerleading Advisor or be the previous year's co-captain. If for some reason, less than 5 members are remaining, then the Captain will be chosen by the Cheerleading Advisor, after review of current and new squad members' cheering experience. Co-captain shall be picked jointly by the Advisor and new Captain.
3. Responsibilities will include:
 - The ordering and distribution of uniforms.
 - The coordination/teaching of routines and cheers.
 - The making of signs advertising home games.
 - The coordination of fundraisers and outside events.
 - The coordination and preparation of calendars of events.
4. The Captain will be required to work one hour per day for a five-day work week in the Office of Student Life as assigned by the Advisor for the purposes of coordinating activities, typing, paying bills, messages to and from the Squad and general leadership of the Squad. The hours are to be arranged according to his/her class schedule and status for remuneration.

ARTICLE VIII. CHEERLEADER ADVISOR

1. The Cheerleader Advisor is directly responsible to the Dean of Physical Education for the activities of the cheerleaders.
2. The Cheerleader Advisor will be responsible for:
 - Overseeing Cheerleading practices.
 - To coordinate and direct practices making suggestions on movements, formations, lines, choreography, and performance.
 - Has final say on music.
 - Will handle any conflict which may arise.
 - To coordinate half-time shows.
 - To act as chairperson for cheerleading tryouts.
 - To reprimand and/or suspend any Cheerleader not following the Cheerleading Code.
 - In certain instances, choose Captain.

ARTICLE IX. RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF SQUAD MEMBERS

1. Members are expected to be dedicated to Squad activities. If obligations at home, school or work interfere with Cheerleading responsibilities, then the member will be asked to decide what commitment will come first. If it is other than Squad activities, then the member will be asked by the Squad, Dean of Physical Education, or Advisor to resign.
2. When Fundraising Events are organized, all members must bring the proceeds to the Office of Student Life to be deposited into the Cheerleader Trust Account.

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All proceeds from this account must be used for Cheerleading activities for the entire Squad.

3. Advertisement must be shared and assisted by all members such as sign painting, balloons, confetti, etc. The duties and responsibilities will be assigned to the Squad by the Head Cheerleader. Lack of cooperation will be considered an absence. To publicize an event, the following may be done: brochures, flyers, banners, signs, Weekly Bulletin, Spectator, TV Studio, Radio Station and Daily Review.
4. All squad members will be responsible for their own medical insurance coverage.

Article X. **REPRESENTATION**

1. Members are expected to be mindful of the respected image they represent as Cheerleaders of Chabot College and both while in uniform and out of uniform, avoid situations which may tarnish this image.
2. Members are expected to remain in good physical condition throughout the season.

Whereas, I have read the foregoing statements in the ASCC Cheerleading Code and Contract and will abide by the terms stated.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

W# No: _____

Date: _____