

IHS Cheer Manager Application Packet 2019-2020

Dear Potential IHS Cheer Family,

We are excited that your child is interested in being a part of our cheer program. We want to make sure you are aware of the time and energy it takes to be an Independence High School Cheer Manager. As cheer manager, you are part of the IHS Cheer Team and held to the same standards and expectations as cheerleaders. Our expectations of the cheer team are higher than for others and we take our service to the school very seriously. We expect our cheer team to be leaders with outstanding conduct, spirit and attitude, both on and off campus.

As stated in the FISD Cheerleader/Mascot Code of Conduct & Guidelines, *“A candidate’s parent(s) or guardian(s) must attend a mandatory orientation meeting scheduled by the cheer coach prior to tryouts.”* If one cannot attend the meeting due to extenuating circumstances, the parent must meet with Coach Slade prior to the tryout packet deadline to review the meeting presentation.

Candidates selected to be a cheer manager are expected to make a commitment to the activity for the full cheerleading year. **IHS Cheer Team must give 100% and complete their commitments and responsibilities to IHS cheerleading at all times.** IHS Cheer Team will have additional duties which they will be required to perform throughout the school year. Within this packet there is a tentative list of cheerleading events but it is not exhaustive. A great amount of time and energy will also be asked of the parents/guardians in providing transportation to some of the activities and in other miscellaneous functions during the year.

It is very important that the IHS Cheer Team attend the practices and functions which are listed. The absence of any member affects the productivity of the entire squad. Consequences for missing these activities are detailed in the FISD Cheerleading Constitution

We also HIGHLY encourage all cheer team parents to join our Booster Club. The booster club provides many opportunities to our cheer team including scholarships for seniors! Booster purchases items for the cheer program, is in charge of all the fundraising, assists with homecoming, pink out and the community parade, as well as host the holiday party and year end banquet. As you can see, they do a lot and need the support of all parents! Cheer team members whose parents are not booster club members are not eligible for game day meals, booster gifts or scholarships their Senior year.

Please discuss the expectations and obligations of being an IHS Cheer Manager with your son/daughter. We hope that you agree that Independence High School Cheerleading is a worthwhile organization. Cheerleading helps students to form friendships, enrich communication, and develop group dynamics skills and responsibility. It also gives them countless opportunities to foster leadership skills that will prove beneficial later in life. With your support, we can work together to make this year at IHS a successful and memorable one. We look forward to meeting each of you during the coming year. If at any time you have questions, please do not hesitate to email me!

We hope we answered all of your questions this evening; however, in the event you need further information please contact the coaching staff.

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IV: Erin Lester
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Freshman: Jennifer Foster
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Independence HS

Cheer Manager Addendum

2019-2020

Section I: Tryouts (Not Applicable to Cheer Manager)

Section II: Selection Process

Cheer Managers will be selected on the basis of their grades, disciplinary history, teacher recommendations and answers to the questionnaire. Cheer Managers applicants must get three teacher recommendations. Recommendations are due with the application packet. Students with previous ISS or OSS disciplinary action will not be eligible. Students that have failed more than one six weeks will also not be eligible.

Section III: New Squad Meeting

New Squad Meeting, March 18th:

- This is the first **required** meeting for all candidates that make an IHS cheer squad.
- This meeting will be in the flex lab (A202) at 6 p.m.
- Important dates will be discussed.
- One parent **and** the new cheer team member must be present.

Section IV: Summer Camp (Optional for Cheer Manager)

Please read the **FISD Cheerleading/Mascot Code of Conduct & High School Guidelines** in its entirety as this contains specific information regarding summer camps.

Summer camp is a **mandatory** requirement to be a part of the IHS Cheerleading/Mascot program. This will be a great experience for all the cheerleaders to bond and interact as well as learn exciting new material to use in the upcoming year. All cheerleaders must be present. This is optional for Cheer Manager.

UCA Camp
Date: July 23 - July 26
Location: TCU
Cost: \$395 per cheerleader

Section V: Financial Obligations

Please read the **FISD Cheerleading/Mascot Code of Conduct & High School Guidelines** in its entirety as this contains specific information regarding financial obligations. Financial obligations for Cheer Manager consist of the purchase and monogram of the Cheer Manager shirts. Two shirts are required for the year, the cheer manager may choose their own shirts with approval from the Coach(es). Other occasional costs may arise and optional items will be available for purchase.

*****It is the responsibility of the parent to communicate with the sponsors if there are concerns making payments on time PRIOR to tryouts.***

Section VI: Performance Tryouts (Not applicable to Cheer Manager)

Section VII: Undesirable Conduct, Probation, and Dismissal

Please read the **FISD Cheerleading/Mascot Code of Conduct & High School Guidelines** in its entirety as this contains specific information regarding undesirable conduct, discipline, probation and grounds for dismissal.

All rules become enforceable the day the Cheerleader/Mascot/Cheer Manager is selected and remain in effect until the end of the next audition cycle. All students must also abide by the Code of Conduct for Extracurricular Activities involvement as stated in the Frisco ISD Student Handbook.

*UNDESIRABLE CONDUCT and PROBATION:

- Academic Probation:
 - For grade probation, UIL and TEA “No Pass-No Play” requirements will be enforced.
- While on probation, the cheerleader:
 - Must attend all practices as scheduled.
 - May not participate in any cheer performance, contest or activity.
 - May not wear the uniform to school the day of the game or to an activity.

*GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL

- Please read the **FISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct for Middle and High Schools** in its entirety as this contains specific information regarding purpose, jurisdiction, conduct expectations, and disciplinary policies.
- Please read the **FISD Cheerleading/Mascot Code of Conduct & High School Guidelines** in its entirety as this contains specific information regarding financial obligations.
- A Cheerleader/Mascot/Manager will be automatically dismissed from the squad for the following reasons:
 - Any member who receives a suspension for a total of three incidents will be removed from the squad for the remainder of the school year.
 - Cheer team members will attend all practices, school games, pep rallies and other scheduled events or activities as notified by their sponsor(s). The accumulation of 3 UNEXCUSED absences from one or a combination of the aforementioned activities will result in immediate removal from the team for the remainder of the school year.
 - Any member who is expelled from school will be removed from the squad for the remainder of the school year.

*Additional details regarding individual campus disciplinary systems will be outlined in the campus program addendum. Details regarding these policies are at the discretion of the campus administrator and cheer sponsor. Campus disciplinary decisions are final and are not grounds for the formal grievance process.

Calendar at a Glance

*These events are all mandatory. Any absences will have to be approved by the coaches or the member will receive a strike. This is NOT an exhaustive list. **Events, INCLUDING PRACTICES, will be added and/or changed as needed** but you will be given advance notice.*

March

New Team Social 3/8 @ 5:30. Location TBD
Mandatory New Team Mtg 3/18 @ 6 in A202
Mon/Wed. afternoon practices begin 3/25 @ 4:30

April

Mon/Wed. practices @ 4:30 – 6:30
Varsity – Special Olympics 4/24
Mandatory Fittings 4/29 @ 4:30 in A206

May

Mon/Wed. practices @ 4:30 – 6:30
Aloha Pep Rally (ALL team performs) Last week of school

July

Practices July 17- July 19 (Time TBD)
UCA Camp @ TCU 7/23-7/26

August

Afternoon practices Aug 5-14
The Rumble - (Date TBD)
Convocation
Mon/Wed Practices 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.**
*** Practice will also be held at 6:30 a.m. on pep rally days*

September

Thursday/Friday night games
Weekly Practices
Heroes for Children Walk/Run

October

Thursday/Friday night games
Weekly practices
Gary Burns Fun Run
All Homecoming/Pink Out Activities
Competition Team tryouts
Competition Team practices

November

Thursday/Friday night games
Weekly practices
Knight Madness
Frisco Community Parade
Tues/Thursday Basketball games
Competition Team practices

December

Weekly practices
Tues/Thursday Basketball games
UIL Team practices
Team Holiday Party

January

Competition Season
Competition Team practices
Tues/Thursday Basketball games
Visits to elementary schools to advertise for clinic
Visits to middle schools to recruit

February

Tues/Thursday Basketball games
Weekly practices
Visits to middle schools to recruit
Lil Knights Cheer Clinic Fundraiser
Banquet (possibly in March, depending on when spring break falls)

March

Tryouts – Seniors will run
New Team meetings/practices
Weekly practices

April

Varsity – Special Olympics
Weekly practices

May

Weekly practices

IHS Cheer Manager Checklist/Cover Page

Candidate Name: _____ Parent Name: _____

Grade Level for 2019-2020 _____

Turn in following forms with this CHECKLIST on top to the IHS Front Office or Coach Slade in A206 no later than Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

- IHS Cheerleading/Mascot/Manager Application
- IHS Cheer Manager Questionnaire
- 3 Teacher Recommendations
- Report Card print out (must show **all grades/grade cycles** through 4th MP)
- FISD Cheerleading/Mascot Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Form (GREEN)
- IHS Cheerleading/Mascot Addendum/Financial Obligations Acknowledgment Form (YELLOW)
- IHS Social Media Contract (ORANGE)
- FISD Inherent Risk Form (PINK)
- Medical Release Form (BLUE)
- FISD Field Trip Form (PURPLE)

Failure to have forms turned in prior to this date will result in tryout ineligibility.

To be checked off by IHS Coach/Administration:

- Parent attended mandatory meeting.
 - **OR**
- Met with sponsor and administration to receive packet & had option of checking out tryout meeting PowerPoint.
- Candidate fulfills all requirements stated in the F.I.S.D Cheerleader/Mascot Code of Conduct & Guidelines

Time: _____ Date: _____

INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

Cheer Manager Application

2019-2020

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Subdivision: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School Currently Attending: _____

Grade Level for **2019-2020**: 9 10 *11 *12 (Circle One)

I have read the FISD Cheer Code of Conduct and understand all that it entails. I understand that if chosen, I am responsible for the dates stated in the information packet. I understand that I am responsible for reporting **ANY** physical and/or medical condition that may inhibit my performance. I understand that being chosen is a privilege and not a right, and, if chosen, I will respect the position and fulfill my responsibilities fully.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Cheer Manager Questionnaire

*Please answer the questions below. Typed responses preferred.
Please turn your answers in with your packet by Feb. 14th.*

1. Why are you interested in becoming an IHS Cheer Manager?
2. What do you believe are the duties of the cheer manager?
3. Previously, what ways have you shown school or team spirit?
4. Why do you think you would be a good cheer manager?
5. What will you contribute to the IHS Cheer Team?
6. How would you describe Independence High School to a prospective student?
7. What does it mean to be a Knight?