



# Parent Handbook

The Parent Handbook was developed to provide parents an understanding of Ignite Cheerleading's standards and level of expectations from both you and the cheerleader. You will also be asked to sign to acknowledge that you read this handbook. We will keep this on file until September, as you will need to sign a new one at that time.

## Teams that practice at a school

Please keep in mind that the district has their sports & activities as a top priority. There might be times that we have to reschedule a class or extend it to make up any cxi practices. Please be patient and understanding when this happens as we have NO control over this. Ignite tries their best to notify all the parents and to make up the practice as soon as possible. We always try to have all make up practices at your current location but if we can't get into the school it will be at the Ignite Facility.

## Parent Expectations & Responsibilities:

\*It is the parent's responsibility to check their emails, Facebook or front desk for our weekly reminders. **We DO NOT call every parent every week to make sure they get a reminder.** We want all parents to be aware of our events and reminders but it's your responsibility to get the information we provide. If you are not getting emails you need to check your spam/junk mail or email [Kelly@ignitecheerleading.com](mailto:Kelly@ignitecheerleading.com) and give her your email address. If there is a reminder it is sent every Sunday.

\*It is the parent's responsibility to ensure your child is committed and makes every practice. This is a competitive team and it is not fair to the other members or coaches when your child misses a practice. Your child will not be able to participate if you miss over 2 practices.

\*Payments need to be received on time. There will be a \$5 late charge for every week it is late. Your child can not participate if it is not paid by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week after the due date. If you car pool then the payment needs to be given to your child or the adult bringing them.

## Squad divisions and times:

Heat; Ages 5-8 (6:00 p.m. to 6:55 p.m.)

Flame; Ages 9-11 (7:00 p.m. to 7:55 p.m.)

Ignite; Ages 12-14 (8:00 p.m. to 8:55 p.m.)

## Practice Expectations:

If you miss more than 2 practices your child will not be able to participate in the competition. Your child can't miss the last 3 practices before competition unless approved by the coach. This is a drop off and pick up practice so we prefer no parents to stay in the classroom. For safety reasons, you may drop your child off only 5 minutes prior to class and needs to be signed in by a parent. If needed, you may make arrangements with the coach for early or late drop off/pick up. Make sure your child brings a water bottle to practice and goes to the bathroom before class. If weather is severe, schools have been canceled or below zero please check our website by 5:00 p.m. as we will have it posted on the front page and will also send out an e-mail to the e-mail address you provided us. If you do not have access to a computer please call the coach. We do not call every child if practice is canceled due to weather.

## Uniform Pick Up:

We hand out all uniforms to the parents of the cheerleaders that are still participating. For some reason you decide to quit this program after you've ordered a uniform we will hold it for one session. After the session is over we will forfeit the uniform.

## Competition Attire:

Shell, Skirt, Midriff, Hairbow, Briefs, Socks & Poms

## Practice Attire:

Dress for comfort: Loose fitting shorts, t-shirts, sweats and gym shoes. No jeans, jean shorts, flip flops or winter boots.

## Photo Consent:

I give consent to allow Ignite Cheerleading's staff to take team photographs, individual pictures and filmed video of my child. The sole purpose of these photographs or filmed videos is for the Ignite Cheerleading's website or press release articles.

**Classes:**

Children are placed in their divisions based upon their age. It is the coaches discretion to move up a child up to another division. Basic cheerleading skills will be taught, in a fun and safe environment with qualified coaches. The team will learn the fundamentals of motion techniques, jumps, dance, and basic stunts. The team performs their routine at competition which will be at the end of each session.

**Forms:**

Every parent needs to sign a registration, handbook and waiver form before your child can participate.

**Behavior:**

Our private organization will not tolerate slander, stealing, destruction of property, causing any physical or verbal abuse. No child may represent Ignites uniform in any inappropriate behavior. You will be asked to discontinue Ignite Cheerleading immediately.

**Ordering Merchandise or uniforms:**

There are no refunds on regular items and no refunds or exchanges on personalized items. You are responsible for sizing your child for any apparel or uniform. Sizing charts for uniform will be given to you and the parent helpers/coaches will assist you but you have to verify and approve the sizes with them. The parent or guardian signing for ordering is responsible for sizes and payment. Once your uniform is ordered we can't exchange any sizes. If you have any problems with other merchandise, (sweatshirts, T-shirts, bags, ECT) you need to contact your coach within 2 weeks of receiving for an exchange only. All team members that are participating in competition must purchase a uniform solely through Ignite Cheerleading.

**Payments:**

You are required to sign in your child and hand your money to the parent helper on the day that it is due which is indicated on the schedule. If you pre paid, you need to still sign your child in. You will need exact amount, as we do not carry any change and if you are paying with a credit card you need to fill out the charge card form. Your child will not be able to participate if you do not pay for the class. If you car pool and you will not be there to drop off your child make sure you send them with their monthly payment. Ignite Cheerleading takes cash, check, Visa and MasterCard. A \$25 fee will be charged on any NSF checks. If you do not pay this fee you may be asked to discontinue our organization.

**Sessions:**

We have three sessions and three competitions. The last practice will always be family presentation and dress rehearsal. The following Saturday/Sunday will be the competition.

**Re Sell of Used Uniform:**

Ignite Cheerleading will provide a service for you and try to sell your uniform. If you are not exchanging your uniform there is a \$10 service charge for the shell and a \$10 service charge for the skirt. If you are continuing with Ignite and purchasing a new uniform there will be no service charge. The shell & skirt can't be faded, frays, altered, stained or tears. Ignite Cheerleading has the right to refuse any uniform. All items are sold separately due to custom sizing.

Used shell: \$40 Total received back: \$30

Used skirt: \$40 Total received back: \$30

**Fees:**

You are required to pay a \$15 registration fee per session and \$9 per class. Payments are multiplied by how many weeks are within each session and then split into 2 payments. If you are participating in competition you are required to pay \$40 for the competition fee and \$180 or \$190 for the uniform. Your child can't practice if you don't pay your class fee by the week that it is indicated on your schedule. If your payment is not received on the indicated due date then you will be charge a \$5 late fee.

**Parent Reminder:**

This program teaches basic cheer and dance to the team members. This is not a hard core cheerleading program. We only get 55 minutes /1 day a week with each group. We do not have tryouts for this program so we have to be fair to every team member and make the performance realistic for everyone to perform. We want to build every child's self esteem up and be an influence for their future in cheerleading. We do offer additional classes and an Extreme Cheer Team at our Ignite facility if you are looking for something more advanced. If you have questions or concerns during the session contact your child's coach. Coaches intensely focus their full attention supervising and teaching the squad during practice times and it is not the best time for a discussion. It would be best to talk with the coach after practice or communicate via telephone or email. Comments and concerns must be communicated and conducted in a constructive, professional manner. If your concerns are not resolved to your satisfaction, you may contact Kelly Stewart at 815-642-3010