

PINE-RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT CHEERLEADING, GRADES 7-12 TRYOUT INFORMATION MEEETING

Additions/Modifications to the 2019-2020 Tryout Process

Cheerleaders & Parents,

Thank you for attending the Cheerleading Tryout Meeting on Tuesday, February 26. It was exciting to see such a great turn out and hear some of your questions. After some discussion, these are the following additions/modifications to the 2019-2020 tryout process. Please take note of the Q&A at the end of this document as well as the following...

- If a **cheerleader is injured on the day of tryouts**, they must register online for tryouts by April 8 & communicate their injury to Coach Berezo. Coach Berezo will hold an individual tryout for the injured cheerleader once they are cleared.
- **Cheerleaders who cannot attend scheduled tryouts**, must register online for tryouts email Coach Berezo that they cannot attend by March 15. Video tryout information will be provided the week of March 18 through the PRCPA website.
- **There will not be an August tryout for new enrollees.** Coaches decided this with consideration to the team number limits and the time commitment changes. Now that the Varsity Sideline season starts in June and the Junior Varsity Sideline season starts in July, new enrollees will have missed too much of the “building” part of our season.
- **Open gym with Corey and tumbling classes with Dana are optional and rising 7th graders are able to attend.** If the Athletic Director informs coaches differently, parents & cheerleaders will be notified through the PRCPA website.
- **Open Gym is cancelled for Thursday, February 28 & Thursday, March 7.** This is due to the Winter Sports Assembly at the high school. The current Varsity Competition Team was invited to perform at the assembly and will use those days to practice their routine.

Q&A

Q. Details about video tryouts?

A. Girls unable to attend tryouts can submit a tryout video. Please register online and contact Coach Berezo to receive further instructions. Girls will need to learn choreography from video on website if unable to attend all tryouts sessions. There will be a deadline for submitting tryout videos so that they can be evaluated by the UCA judges.

Q. Are coaches aware that some girls will be attending trip to Florida with band/orchestra/choir the week of tryouts?

A. Yes. They will need to submit a tryout video.

Q. If a girl has another practice/commitment the evening of tryouts, can she request a specific time?

A. Yes, this needs to be communicated to Coach Berezo in writing, in advance. The coaching staff will consider developing a time-slot schedule based on registration. More information will be provided on the first day of tryouts.

Q. Are current 6th graders eligible to attend tumbling and open gym in advance of tryouts?

A. Yes. Should Athletic Director change this decision, it will be communicated immediately.

Q. If teams reach the 20 person max from the April 8-11 tryouts, how can later make-up tryouts result in additional team members?

A. Due to this season's time commitment changes (conditioning and UCA camp in summer), the cheer season now starts in June. For that reason, there will no longer be an August tryout for new enrollees. Coaches feel that new enrollees would have missed a period of the season that is crucial to building team morale and foundational skills. New enrollees are encouraged to try out for the following season.

Q. If modeling program after NA and Seneca Valley, which have larger teams, why have a 20 person max?

A. We are modeling our program to require similar skills and conditioning. Both Varsity and MS had 20+ team members in 2018-2019 and limiting to 20 for the upcoming year was a coaching decision.

Q. Who is eligible for Varsity sideline?

A. All girls 9-12 grade.

Q. If multiple girls have the same score, how do you decide who gets the spot?

A. Based on our scoring experience, it is unlikely that multiple girls will score the same score. However, if it does happen, the determining factor will be grade level. For example, if a junior & freshman have the same score that borders the line between JV & Varsity Sideline, the junior will make the Varsity Sideline team and the freshman will make the JV Sideline team.

Q. Is the letterman jacket required for Varsity? Will they actually cheer in them?

A. They are recommended. Girls choosing not to have a letterman jacket will have to provide something comparable. Yes, the girls will wear them to games in very cold weather and cheer in them outdoors.

Q. Are there fees for participating other than what's listed on the apparel list?

A. The apparel list is recommended items. If you choose not to purchase a listed item, you will need to provide something comparable. Varsity Sideline Captains may choose to purchase themed items for football games. Competition team has additional expenses for choreography, music, and travel for those choosing to participate at UCA events. Parents can join the PRCPA booster organization which includes the Welcome Package for this year listed in the box at the bottom of the apparel page. The Welcome Package will be distributed at Meet the Cheerleaders Night scheduled for May 16th – More details to come following tryouts.

Q. Do you have to make a sideline team to be on competition team?

A. Yes.

Q. What are competition team estimated costs?

A. TBA

Q. How many competitions do competition teams usually attend.

A. MS 4, Varsity 6