



Practice Location: _____

Child's Name: _____

BRIGADE DRILL TEAMS & STEP SQUAD RULES AND REGULATIONS

Initial _____ **Attendance-** If your child does not attend practice the week of a performance they cannot perform that week. If your child does not attend practice the practice day before a performance they cannot perform for any performances until after the next practice; *NO exceptions*. Members who miss parades and/or performances will be required to pay a \$10 no show/no call fee to the Brigade Drill Team. The exception to this rule is contacting us and letting us know your child will not be present ahead of time.

All excuses must be valid and must be made by phone, email or in person from the parent or the team member in advance. Otherwise it is an unexcused absence.

Initial _____ **Practice-** Practices will be held twice a week from 1-2 hours a day. Practice is mandatory. Failure to show or call in advance with a valid excuse will result in a warning after the 2nd occurrence the member will be placed on 60 day probation. If the member is absent within that probation period the member will be placed on suspension for 1 week.

Due to the short practice time, it is mandatory that all members be there on time. Late members are subject to a late fee of \$1 for every five minutes late after the first ten minutes. Parents *must* pick up your children on time.

Indoor practices are closed to the public, anyone not involved in the drill team cannot watch practices, and this includes parents. Sneakers must be worn to practice (**no dress boots, dress shoes, hard bottoms, flip flops, etc**). Members must wear comfortable clothing that allows them to move around freely. Shirts must cover complete stomach and lower back; No halter tops or backless shirts, No skirts. No short shorts; bottom of shorts must come down to your fingertips.

Initial _____ **Conduct-** Members must address staff members by Ms. + 1st name (i.e. Ms Shani). When answering yes or no members are to respond, "Ma'am no Ma'am" "Ma'am yes Ma'am" while in formation. Cell phones are to be turned on vibrate and cannot be used during practice. Members cannot leave practice or their lines without raising their hands and asking permission of an instructor.

There is no gum chewing, candy, or eating food during practice.

Initial _____ **Misbehavior-** Any time your child acts inappropriate they will be asked to run at least 1 lap, if they refuse to run laps they will be asked to sit out of practice, after the second time they will be suspended for a week, after the third time they will be expelled until next season.

Any children caught fighting or name calling will be asked to run at least 5 laps and sent home. The second time they are caught fighting or name calling they will be asked to run at least 5 laps and suspended from participation for a week. Any child whispering or making fun of another member whether they are in or out of the drill team surroundings will be spoken to immediately and a letter will be sent home informing the parents of the incident. The third time they will be expelled and not able to return. Any child who refuses to participate during a parade, practice or a performance will be pulled out of line. **NO ACCEPTIONS!!**

Initial _____ **Parents-** Parents are not allowed to interfere with practices or performances unless they are noted volunteers.

Any parent who interferes with the practice will be asked to take their child home.

Any child who leaves the practice area or their line for any reason without notifying the coach, coordinator, a volunteer, or a captain, including to run over to parents will be ask to sit out for the rest of practice.

If you decide to remove your child from practice or a performance without notifying staff members that child will be counted as absent and after 3 total times they will not be allowed to return, this is a liability issue.

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Any misconduct whether it is verbal, physical, written, or otherwise, on behalf of the parents or their representatives will result in immediate termination of your child's membership. Every parent will be required to provide snacks (i.e. oranges, apples, sandwiches, chips, etc) during the marching season. There will be a list distributed at the beginning of the marching season around April. Each parent will more than likely only be responsible for this duty once. If you are unable to provide snacks please ask another parents to trade dates. If you would prefer Brigade provide the snacks for you, you can pay \$10 before the event for us to purchase and supply these items for you. Failure to bring snacks results in a \$10 fee; even if your child is absent on their snack day. Parents are required to volunteer 10 hours during the season or pay \$100 for us to pay a suitable replacement.

Initial _____ **Fundraisers-** All members are required to participate in fundraising. Any child that does not participate in fundraising will not be allowed to participate in the extracurricular activities or anything else this money will provide without paying full price for it. Any member who does not participate in a fundraiser will be required to pay a \$20 non-participation fee per fundraiser.

We will have no less than 5 fundraisers per season if not more. All monies earned by fund raising are the property of the organization.

Initial _____ **Transportation-** Parents must provide transportation for your children to and from practice and performances/parades, arrangements must be made on your behalf if you are not able to transport your child.

If your child will be walking or taking public transportation to and from practices, please notify us in advance.

Any children who continuously do not have transportation to and from performances and practices that child will not be able to continue their participation with the drill team. We are not responsible for children without transportation.

Initial _____ **Medical Treatment-** Your child may be given children's or regular Tylenol depending on their age.

In case of injury they will be transported to the nearest hospital. You will be called immediately to pick up your child or come to the hospital if necessary.

If your child requires an inhaler or an Epi-Pen make sure you provide those items with their name on them for all practices and performances.

Initial _____ **Uniforms-** Please make sure your child has their complete uniform at all times when performing or marching (dress, head pc, boots and arms).

Members *cannot* add on extra items (i.e. turtle necks, big earrings, *(unless otherwise noted)*, etc) if it is not a part of the uniform it is not allowed (For cold weather you will be informed in advance of any uniform changes). Anything else is out of uniform.

Initial _____ **Undergarments-** No thongs or boy shorts are to be worn with your child's uniform. If your child is "top heavy" they are required to wear a sports bra.

Initial _____ **Hygiene-** Please make sure your child has showered or bathed, brushed their teeth, washed their face, lotion (*a little extra on the knees and elbows*☺), and has on deodorant (this is mainly for our older children & *a few little ones who need it*).

Initial _____ **Hair-** Hair *must* be pulled back in a bun during performances. Please have hair neat. If your child has braids, if at all possible pull them back and keep them away from their face especially if they are wearing beads. They can possibly hit their or make it hard for their head piece to stay on.

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Initial _____ **Boots-** Boots must be clean. No scuff marks. We paint new boots for you the 1st time. Parents are responsible for keeping them painted. Please make sure the tassels are attached. Replacement tassels are \$1. Also all boots *must* have taps on the bottom (1 at the heel, 1 at the toe).

Initial _____ **Photos-**Your child may have photos taken during practice sessions and/or performances. These photos may be used in advertisements or displayed on the team website. If you do not want your child's photos to be used you must submit a letter in writing within 30 days of signing this form.

Initial _____ **Dues-** If you owe any dues and/or fees your child will not be allowed to perform or participate in activities until those fees have been paid. Members must still attend practice even if they cannot perform and owes fees. Brigade does not issue any refunds. In some instances a credit will be received.

I have read and understand the rules and regulations. I understand that the rules are subject to change at any time and I will be notified in writing.

Please sign and date this form. Make a copy for your records.

Signature

Date

Print Name Here

Child's Signature

Date

Child's Name