

## IMANI CHRISTIAN ACADEMY CHEERLEADING

### **Head Cheerleading Coach: Mrs. DiVerne Irish**

Our cheerleading program exists for the benefit and development of our athletes. My coaching philosophy involves mutual respect, commitment and dedication on behalf of each athlete to prepare, participate and grow as a cheerleader. Our program will focus on character building while improving their cheerleading skills. The key to this development is good discipline, strong work ethic, loyalty, honesty, and teamwork. I will require that all athletes exhibit these characteristics. I will teach athletes to set goals, keep these goals in focus and achieve them. The ultimate purpose of our cheerleading program is for each student- athlete to have fun and enjoy themselves while maintaining good order and discipline. I would like our cheerleading program to enrich and better the lives of each athlete. It is an integral supplement to the already superior education available at ICA.

### **RULE AND EXPECTATIONS:**

**Eligibility** – No student can practice or cheer for a game if they do not have a current physical, a signed parent consent, emergency card on file and **transportation**. Student must maintain a “B” average and have no “F” and no “N” or “U” on the citizenship rubric. Student-athletes that are ineligible for three weeks will be removed from the team roster. Students who are ineligible may practice but may not cheer at games, dress down on game day or go to the game with the squad.

**PRACTICE TIMES** – Practice is Tues, Wed, Thurs, from 3:30pm – 5:00pm with the exception of game days or otherwise directed by the Coach. Practice will be held at ICA in the gym. Every student athlete is expected to be at practice. **A written note from a parent or teacher is required for all missed practices.**

**GAME TIMES** - The cheerleading squad will be cheering for all home games at Graham Field unless otherwise changed. A copy of the game schedule has been issued to the student- athlete and parents for planning purposes.

**SPORTSMANSHIP** – I expect parents to model good sportsmanship. I require good sportsmanship to be displayed at all times by all athletes on the team. If a student- athlete 's antics become a distraction to the team they will removed from the team roster. During the games parents are expected to stay in the stands and not approach athletes or coaches, as to maintain safety and focus. **All cheerleaders are expected to stay with the squad during the entirety of the game.**

**UNIFORMS** – Each girl will have to purchase their own cheer shoes, black midriffs, white cheers socks, and black briefs. The school will provide the skirt, top, hair bows and Pom Poms. All of these items are an important part of the uniform and must be kept in **excellent condition** throughout the entire season. ALL uniforms must be returned immediately after the final game at the end of the season or a Late Uniform Notice will be sent out. Any uniform that is lost or stolen must be reported to the coach immediately. The replacement cost will be \$100.00 for the skirt/top and turned in to the main office only. **If any cheerleader is not in full uniform, she will not be allowed to cheer at the game.**

**Any other questions that you might have can be answered by contacting: Coach Irish- 412-303-4961(cell) or 412-731-7982 ext. 4334**

**I agree to all coaches' rules and expectations stated in the information letter.**

**Print Student Athletes**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student athletes**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/ Guardian**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_