



2019-2020
Baton Rouge Cheer Stars Program
Rules & Policies

Baton Rouge Cheer Stars Agreement:

- Every Cheer Stars family is expected to be committed to the BR Cheer Stars All-Star program for a full season.
- (May 2019-April 2020)

This commitment requires full participation in exhibition, community service, gym training, and competitive events for each BR Cheer Stars squad member for the entire season.

Squad Placement:

- Every child is evaluated and grouped by technical ability and overall potential. Squad placement is determined by his/her evaluation score, strength & flexibility, age & grade, leadership ability, and where he/she can best be utilized.
- Squad levels may change throughout the year depending on the skill level of that squad. Additionally, participants may be asked to crossover and compete on more than one squad pending the aforementioned criteria.

Baton Rouge Cheer Stars Teams:

Tiny Show-Show Stars (Ages 3 & 4 yrs)
Tiny Level 1-Cosmos (ages 5-6 yrs)
Mini Level 1-Meteors (ages 6-8 yrs)
Youth Level 1-Galaxy (ages 14 & younger)
Junior Level 2- Rock Stars (ages 9-14)
Junior Level 3-Onyx (ages 18-younger)
Senior Level 2/3: SpaceBabes (ages 10-18)

Training Days & Times:

- All team training is pre-determined. Parents will receive the practice schedule before the season begins. All performance and event schedules are mandatory! If any changes should arise, you will be notified ASAP.
- All teams practice twice per week, except the prep teams and show teams who practice once per week.

Choreography:

- All team choreography will be choreographed this season by "Star Choreography". All participants must pay a one-time choreography fee for all competitive and exhibition team routines; which are taught throughout the entire season.

Attendance:

- Attending regularly scheduled practice is a **MUST** for every cheerleader/dancer. These are **TEAM** sports...unlike any other! When **ONE** person is out, it affects the **ENTIRE** squad!
- Missing practice during the week of a competition for a traditionally "excused-purpose" is **NOT** allowed. Failure to make all scheduled practices during competition week may lead to suspension and/or dismissal from a BR Cheer Stars squad, **with fees still due.**

- In the event that any athlete should need to miss a competition, you will need to turn in “WRITTEN NOTICE” of this to the BR Cheer Stars Director, no later than 21 days before that competition. Any athlete missing a competition without a 21-day notice may lead to suspension and/or dismissal from an BR Cheer Stars squad, **with fees still due**. Written notices are still considered an excused absence in this case.
- Team practice absences and event absences are counted separately.
- All policy infractions are tallied in 1-month intervals.
- It is imperative that parents are respectful of pick-up time after practice. Parents who intentionally abuse our care-taking policy by being more than 15 minutes late for pick-up will force an additional absence added to the student’s monthly count; and will be grounds for dismissal upon repeat offenses.

Baton Rouge Cheer Stars Attendance Chart:

Excused Absences (include but are not limited to)	Unexcused Absences (include but are not limited to)	Tardy Rule (more than 7 minutes late)
*Major family events, major school activities, major church activities: ONLY if these dates are turned in at the beginning of the month. <i>(Director determines what is considered major)</i>	*Non-contagious illness or minor injury (being at practice just to watch is a must for such instances) *Participation in other sports or community activities *Special events/Minor family events	*It doesn’t matter how late a practice has ended! Parents are encouraged not to take students from coaches without performing their duties unless approved.
*Family emergencies: sickness/death	*Poor grades or Homework – Please plan accordingly...	*All athletes must call one of his/her coaches to inform them of tardiness beyond 10 minutes.
*Doctor’s-documented contagious illness or serious injury	*School activities – those dates that are not turned in to coaches in at the beginning of the month... Please plan accordingly.	

***All policy infractions are per month ***

Baton Rouge Cheer Stars Practice Attendance Consequence Chart:

<u>Excused</u>	<u>Unexcused</u>	<u>Tardy</u>
*1 excused absence = NO PENALTY	*1 unexcused absence = NO PENALTY	Tardiness is heavily discouraged!
*2 excused absences = NO PENALTY	*2 unexcused absences = NO PENALTY	
*3 excused absences =Parent Meeting	*3 unexcused absences = \$10 FEE ASSESSED TO THE MONTHLY TUITION THE FOLLOWING MONTH	Coaches will conduct a student-coach meeting for extreme tardiness or repeat cases.
*4 excused absences = Parent Meeting	*4 unexcused absences =	
*5 excused absences = Parent Meeting	Consideration for TEAM DISMISSAL	
*6 or more excused absences = Consideration for TEAM DISMISSAL	With fees still due!	

BR Cheer Stars Event Attendance Consequence Chart:

<u>Excused</u>	<u>Unexcused</u>	<u>Tardy</u>
*1 excused absence = NO PENALTY	*1 unexcused absence = S-C Meeting	Tardiness is heavily discouraged! Coaches will conduct a student-coach meeting for extreme tardiness or repeat cases. Must be on time for all competitions and events. 15 minutes or more, you will be assessed a \$25 fine.
*2 excused absences = S-C Meeting	*2 unexcused absences =	
*3 excused absences = Consideration for TEAM DISMISSAL ** Events are considered any performance or service activity outside of practice.	TEAM DISMISSAL With fees still due! <i>*Multiple day events are considered one miss.</i>	

Communication between Coaches, Parents & Athletes:

IT IS THE PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO BE AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON WITH HIS/HER CHILD'S SQUAD! All information will be sent via email and/or text.

- All extremely important information (emergencies only) will be sent to parents via a handout at practice. We will most often use e-mail and text message to communicate weekly information. If your email is down or changes, it is your responsibility to advise an administrator of the change.
- No parents are allowed on the floor at any cheer competition or cheer practice unless specifically requested by a coach. Parents should not contact the company hosting any competition for schedule, driving directions, or any other information. BR Cheer Stars coaching staff will hand out all needed information as soon as it becomes available to them.
- Additionally, parents are not allowed to register athletes in any other competitive events without the written consent of the Director, Shawn Lagarde.
- **All conflicts or issues should always be conducted in a professional manner! Any parent who handles any concern (illness, injury, conditioning, discipline, conduct, coaching techniques, finance, attitude, etc...) in an inappropriate manner will force the athlete to be banned from the program indefinitely with fees still due!**
- All issues should be directed to the coaching staff first! If the issue/concern is inappropriate for the coach to handle, the administrative officer, Ms. Marissa Carroll then next in line to voice your concern. After consulting the coaches and/or administrative officer, you may then consult the director via email or phone. Concerns directed to the director, that are made unaware to coaches and/or administrative members, will be ignored until otherwise complied.
- **Parents are not allowed to confront coaches about MINOR issues immediately following a practice/event. Appointments must be scheduled for a later moment of discussion. Coaches have full authority to determine what issues are worthy of immediate conversation versus appointment.**
- After the proper channel is utilized for addressing concerns, you can reach the Baton Rouge Cheer Stars Director, Shawn Lagarde by e-mail: shawnlagarde@yahoo.com, or via cell (225)221-6584.



AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL FORM

Authorization Agreement for Automatic Payment Withdrawal

This authorization will remain in effect during my child's or children's enrollment with Baton Rouge Cheer Academy Program hereafter referred to as BR Cheer Stars, unless I cancel in writing, or otherwise dismissed from the program by the administration of the program.

Cheerleader's Name _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Cheer Stars Authorization Signature: _____

Date: _____

I authorize Baton Rouge Cheer Stars to make Automatic Withdrawals on the 1st of every month from:

Banking Institution Name: _____

Branch Location (City & State): _____

Checking Account Number: _____

Routing Number: _____

Or credit card number _____ exp date _____ cvc _____

Zip code associated with card _____

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