

2026-2027 HBHS Cheer Tryouts

Dear Candidates and Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the cheer program at Huntington Beach High School. Parents and students must consider the many responsibilities of becoming a member of the program before tryouts. Being a part of the HBHS team requires a great deal of time and dedication. A team cannot be successful without all of its members. We expect a strong work ethic from our student-athletes. Please review our cheer tryout handbook to ensure you are ready to potentially make this commitment to our program.

Please take the time to read through the tryout process, season expectations, and financial contributions. Deadlines are firm, so please allow yourself time to complete all requirements. Please make sure to visit our website at hbhscheer.com for updates and information. All questions should be directed to cheercoachhbhs@gmail.com

- ★ Cheer tryout information meeting on **Thursday, March 12th.**
- ★ Tryout Applications are due on **Friday, March 27th** by 3:30p (submitted online)
 - ❑ [New HBUHSD Student: Cheer Application Form](#)
 - ❑ [Current HBUHSD Student: Cheer Application Form](#)
 - ❑ Teacher Evaluation Forms: Please copy the link below and send to two current teachers. A copy of the completed form will be automatically sent back to the teacher and to the HBHS cheer program.
 - ❑ [New/Incoming HBUHSD Student: Teacher Evaluation Forms](#)
 - ❑ [Current HBUHSD Student: Teacher Evaluation Forms \(must have HBUHSD email to access\)](#)
- ★ All applications received will be sent a confirmation/status email upon submission to the email address listed on the application. All completed applications, including teacher evaluations, will receive tryout clinic information to the email listed on the application.
- ★ The following physical copies must be brought on **Tuesday, March 31st.**
 - ❑ A physical copy of the most recent semester/quarter report card
 - ❑ [Parent Consent Form](#)
- ★ The cheer tryout clinic will be held **3/31-4/1**. All candidates must attend both days of the clinic from 3:30 P.M-5:30 P.M. (Check-In will begin 20 minutes before the start of the clinic). We will be reviewing the tryout cheer and dance, jumps, stunting, and practicing tumbling skills during the clinic. Please note that tryout material is posted online the day before. At the end of the clinic, each candidate will be given a group and an audition time for Thursday, April 2nd.
- ★ The cheer tryout auditions will be held on **Thursday, April 2nd**. Candidates will try out in small groups. They will be asked to perform the clinic cheer and dance routines, jumps, and any tumbling skills they may have. Auditions will begin with seniors and end with incoming freshmen.

Huntington Beach High School

2026-2027 Cheer Handbook

HBHS Cheer Mission Statement:

Huntington Beach High School believes in establishing a quality program with high standards of excellence. This program will encourage good sportsmanship within the school, promote unification, support spirit and pride for all HBHS athletic and student activities, and strive to build better relationships between schools. The program will help the members develop leadership, physical strength, showmanship, responsibility, communication skills, self-confidence, and tolerance.

Term of Cheer Member:

1. The commitment for cheer is for one year, beginning with squad selection.
2. The commitment is for both sideline and competition cheer.
3. Enrollment in the cheer class is mandatory for both semesters. (P.E. credit:6th and 7th period)
4. A member may be dismissed from the squad at the end of each semester if academically ineligible. (academic 2.0-grade point average required)
5. A member may be dismissed from the squad at any point for behavior deemed detrimental to the team, per school administration, advisor, or coach.

Cheer Commitment During The School Year:

ALL team members are required to attend the following (Athlete Schedules must be flexible):

- ❖ Weekly practices: 4-5 days a week during 6th period, 7th period, and /or after school
- ❖ Weekend Competitions (November-February)
- ❖ School Events and other activities such as spring HBHS showcase, fundraisers, etc.
- ❖ Athletic Events: cheering and performing at football (TH/F) and basketball games (M/W/F), attending other HBHS sporting events, CIF games. (ONLY varsity travels to away games) *Football Season starts August 19th

Spring Time Commitment:

- ❖ Spring practices will be held after school **May 18th- June 6th.** M-TH | J V/V 2:00-4:30 | Fresh. 3:30-5:30
- ❖ All Program: First Practice on Saturday, April 18th (9a-1p)

Summer Time Commitment:

- ❖ ALL team members are expected to attend summer practices. (M-Th mornings at HBHS)
- ❖ Scheduling conflicts must be cleared before summer. Only pre-scheduled conflicts listed on tryout application will be excused. Unexcused summer absences may result in the removal of upcoming events.
- ❖ **USA Cheer Camp Palm Springs: June 29th-July 2nd**
- ❖ Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade + Practice (evening of 7/3)
- ❖ **Summer Practices: July 20th-August 28th | M-Th. mornings**
- ❖ **Lil Oilers Cheer Camp: August 10th- August 13th | 7:30a-12:30p MANDATORY FOR ALL MEMBERS**

Varsity Cheer:

- ❖ Only open to students in grades 10th-12th
- ❖ Students must be enrolled at HBHS for the Fall of 2026
- ❖ Minimum 2.0 academic G.P.A.
- ❖ Students must be selected through a tryout process
- ❖ Students must possess a strong work ethic, commitment to excellence, and a positive attitude. Students must also be responsible and be able to thrive in a team environment.
- ❖ Students must demonstrate school spirit and pride.
- ❖ Students must have positive teacher recommendations.
- ❖ Performance Skills: excellent showmanship, eye contact, enthusiasm, and confidence
- ❖ Multi standing back handspring or running tuck variety are highly recommended.

JV Cheer:

- ❖ Only open to students in grades 9th-12th
- ❖ Students must be enrolled at HBHS for the Fall of 2026
- ❖ Minimum 2.0 academic G.P.A.
- ❖ Students must be selected through a tryout process
- ❖ Students must possess a strong work ethic, commitment to excellence, and a positive attitude. Students must also be responsible and be able to thrive in a team environment.
- ❖ Students must demonstrate school spirit and pride.
- ❖ Students must have positive teacher recommendations.
- ❖ Performance Skills: excellent showmanship, eye contact, enthusiasm, and confidence
- ❖ Standing back handspring and round-off back handspring are recommended.

Freshman Cheer:

- ❖ Only open to students entering 9th grade
- ❖ Students must be enrolled at HBHS for the Fall of 2026
- ❖ Minimum 2.0 academic G.P.A.
- ❖ Students must be selected through a tryout process
- ❖ Students must possess a strong work ethic, commitment to excellence, and a positive attitude. Students must also be responsible and be able to thrive in a team environment.
- ❖ Students must demonstrate school spirit and pride.
- ❖ Students must have positive teacher recommendations.
- ❖ Performance Skills: excellent showmanship, eye contact, enthusiasm, and confidence
- ❖ Standing back handspring or round-off back handspring are recommended, but not required.

Competition Expectations:

- ❖ All members participate in both sideline and competition cheer.
- ❖ Competition season is November through February.
- ❖ The majority of competitions are on weekends. Nationals is on a Friday and Saturday.
- ❖ Athletes must provide their own transportation to and from competitions.
- ❖ All athletes will compete.
- ❖ All athletes must stay for the duration of the competition, including awards and the performances by our other teams.
- ❖ All athletes must stay in uniform or designated spirit wear outfit for the entire competition.

Varsity Competition Cheer:

- ❖ Intermediate Skills required
- ❖ Mandatory Choreography Clinic: July 23rd and August 18th
- ❖ Weekend competitions: USA, Jamz, and CIF Competitions (November-February)
- ❖ Tentative Competition Dates: 11/14, 11/21, 12/5, 1/16, 1/23 + Nationals (February)
- ❖ Showcase Dates: Marina HS (Early November), Edison HS (January 2nd), HB Showcase (End of January/Beg. of February)

JV Competition Cheer:

- ❖ Mandatory Choreography Clinic: August 20th
- ❖ Weekend competitions: USA and JAMZ competitions (November-February)
- ❖ Tentative Competition Dates: 11/14, 11/21, 12/5, 1/16 + Nationals (February)
- ❖ Showcase Dates: Marina HS (Early November), Edison HS (January 2nd), HB Showcase (End of January/Beg. of February)

Freshman Competition Cheer:

- ❖ Mandatory Choreography Clinic: July 30th and August Date TBD
- ❖ Weekend competitions: USA and JAMZ competitions (November-February)
- ❖ Tentative Competition Dates: 11/14, 11/21, 12/5, 1/16 + Nationals (February)
- ❖ Showcase Dates: Marina HS (Early November), Edison HS (January 2nd), HB Showcase (End of January/Beg. of February)

Attendance and Tardies:

- ❖ Attendance at practices, games, and activities are mandatory. We will only succeed as a team if everyone is there. If you miss practice you are letting your team down. All absences need to be cleared through the school attendance office or it is considered a truancy. If a student needs to leave practice/event early during school hours it also must be cleared through the school attendance office. Please make every effort to schedule any appointments around cheer. This is a team sport, and when one person is missing it affects the whole team. Be committed to excellence.
- ❖ New material is taught and reviewed weekly. If a squad member misses a practice/arrives late/leaves early during the week, even if it is excused, it is not guaranteed that he/she will perform at the game or event that week. Each situation will be handled on an individual basis.
- ❖ There are no absences allowed the week of showcases, competitions, and the two weeks prior to nationals. Attendance is mandatory 8/10-8/14 and during choreography dates.

Expectations/Grading:

Our function is to support our school and community and to promote school-wide spirit. Therefore, standards and expectations must be an integral part of the Huntington Beach High School Cheer program. This is a participation-based class. To earn full credit, students must be fully participating in all cheer activities. The following infractions, in addition to tardies or absences, will affect being pulled from a game/event:

- ❖ Violation of appearance expectations: *no acrylics are allowed. Nails must be kept short and only nude/white polish or french tip allowed. Hair must be of a natural color when in uniform.*
- ❖ Violation of game behavior expectations
- ❖ The use of cell phones during practices, games, or events
- ❖ Not completing duties before leaving a game
- ❖ Receiving a Saturday School
- ❖ Violation of conduct expectations
- ❖ Other actions that are deemed inappropriate by the administration, advisor, or coach
- ❖ Not checking in and out with a coach or advisor at events

Removal from the team may be in effect for the following violations:

- ❖ Defiance of advisor, coach, teacher, or administrator
- ❖ Foul language, behavior, or negative attitude to any teacher, coach, or fellow teammate
- ❖ Use, possession, or association of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products
- ❖ Stealing or possession of stolen goods
- ❖ Fighting, causing, or attempting to do bodily harm to another student
- ❖ Suspension from school (in-house or off-campus)
- ❖ Bullying or ostracizing another member of the squad
- ❖ Social Media Code of Conduct: Any inappropriate actions on social media can result in removal from the team. We hold our girls to a higher standard and expect high moral and ethical behavior from all members. A social media contract will be signed on the first day of practice.

Individual Financial Contributions:

Our program is only funded by family contributions, donations, and fundraising. We cannot run a program without individual financial contributions. We **DO NOT** receive district funds to run our program. Cheer is a very costly activity/sport, but is YEAR-ROUND. Every effort is made to keep down the cost for participants. We work with every family on different contribution options throughout the year, but communication is the most important aspect. *It is the parent's responsibility to make financial arrangements with our program.* We will have fundraisers to cover additional expenses. If we are unable to raise money through our family contributions, donations, or fundraisers we may be unable to participate in certain events and activities. Our fundraisers are a team effort.

The cost of the program depends on if the athlete is a new member or returning member. The annual cost for our year-round program fluctuates. This includes the cheer uniform, cheer camp, cheer box, spirit wear, competition, and program fees. The breakdown below is an estimated cost that varies depending on the number of members on the team. Final costs are determined after the new booster members approve the 2026-2027 school year budget. The majority of the program contributions go toward coaching fees. We cannot have a program without our coaches. The remainder of the program contribution go toward summer program, poms, cheer equipment, banquet, team and individual pictures, team events, insurance, competition fees, and other items. Competition fees include: choreography, competition music and props, and competition entrance fees. Please note that out-of-state competition fees are not included in the breakdown.

There will be an initial deposit of \$600 due at the first new team meeting on May 5th. The remainder of the contribution payments will be divided into 6 different installments.

<i>Billed Separately</i>	New Freshman	New JV	Returning JV	New Varsity	Returning Varsity	<i>DUE DATES</i>
Cheer Uniforms (2)	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	<i>DUE : 4/23</i>
Warm-ups	\$250	\$250	-	\$250	-	<i>DUE: 7/15</i>
Cheer Box & Backpack	\$250	\$250	-	\$250	-	<i>DUE: 7/1</i>
USA Camp: Hyatt Indian Wells	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$700	<i>\$100 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT DUE: 5/5 BALANCE DUE: 6/1</i>
Spirit Wear	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	<i>DUE: 5/15</i>
Athletic Clearance Fee	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$100	\$100	<i>DUE: 8/15</i>
Total	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$1,400	\$1,950	\$1,450	

PROGRAM FEES (Billed over 6 months)

Program Fees	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,800	\$1,800	
	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,100	\$3,750	\$3,250	
Summer Program & Camp Deposit Due 05/05	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	<i>DUE: 5/5</i>
Additional						
Senior Only Fees				\$200	\$200	<i>DUE: 8/1</i>

Selection Process:

- ❖ All candidates must be attending HBHS in the Fall of 2026. Any pending district transfers will only be offered a tentative cheer position if selected until the district transfer has been approved. Cheer has no bearing on the district/school decision to accept district transfers.
- ❖ All candidates will be scored on their cheer, dance, and tumbling skills they may have.
- ❖ Candidates will also be scored on showmanship, crowd-leading ability, technique, execution, teacher recommendations, and coach/advisor evaluations of returning members.
- ❖ All candidates will wear appropriate athletic attire during the tryout clinic and audition. Please wear black and white clothing only and refrain from wearing clothing with logos. No HBHS cheer/All-Star cheer clothing should be worn.
- ❖ No bright-colored nails or acrylics should be worn during the clinic or auditions.
- ❖ Hair must be pulled completely back during the clinic and auditions.
- ❖ Overall scores will be used to determine squad placement.
- ❖ Scoresheets are not available to any candidates after tryouts
- ❖ Results will be posted on our website on a later date

What To Expect If Selected To A Team:

- ❖ **Thursday, April 23rd:** Uniform Fitting with our uniform representative. Meet in room J6. Please wear sports bra, spandex shorts, and loose shirt for the fitting. Time slots will be given out between **5p-7p**. The full uniform payment will be due this day.
- ❖ **Tuesday, May 5th:** MANDATORY Parent Meeting in the HBHS Amphitheatre at **5:30p**. Please bring the **\$600** contribution deposit to this meeting. (check, cash, or credit card)
- ❖ **Monday, May 18th:** Spring Practices begin. M-Th | JV/V 2:00-4:30 | Fresh. 3:30-5:30
- ❖ **Monday, June 1st:** Athletic Physicals at HBHS gym | 5:00p

Huntington Beach High School Cheer Parent/Guardian Consent Form

I am the parent/guardian of:

Tryouts

- I give permission for my child to try out for HBHS Cheer.
- I understand that applications must be submitted by **Friday, March 27th**
- I understand that the tryout process will be held **March 31st- April 2nd**
- I understand that all decisions on squad placement are FINAL. The final process of placement is determined by the judges scoring and the advisor/coaches.
- I understand that this tryout process is for sideline and competition teams.

Rules and Regulations

- I have read the HBHS Cheer Handbook and I understand that my child must abide by expectations that have been set by the advisor and coaches.
- I understand, agree with, and will support the consequences of the Discipline Policy.
- I understand that my child will be supervised by experienced and knowledgeable coaching staff and will support the direction that they have chosen for the squad.

Financial Contributions

- I have read over the Financial Contributions section and understand the various contributions involved if my child is chosen for a squad, including **fundraising**.
- I understand that this program is ONLY funded by parent contributions and fundraising. The team may not be able to participate in certain events if they do not raise enough funds through contributions, donations, and fundraising.

Risks of Physical Injuries

- I understand that by the very nature of the activity, Cheerleading/Dance carries a risk of physical injury even when instructed in proper technique and step-by-step progression.
- I have evaluated the risks and understand that my child has still chosen to be involved.
- I understand I must notify the coach/advisor of any medical conditions my child has.

Publicity Consent

- If my child makes a team, I give permission for pictures or videos to be taken and used on our website, social media, yearbook page, or banquet video.

Scheduling Conflicts:

- I understand that all spring and summer conflicts **MUST** be listed on the online tryout application. All pre-planned conflicts must be excused **PRIOR** to tryouts. The entire week of 8/10 and choreography dates are **MANDATORY**.

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE