

## **RCC Cheerleading and Dance Team Contract**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This statement is intended to inform cheerleaders and dancers of various policies of the Riverside City College Cheer and Dance program. In all policy and program matters, members of the cheer and dance team shall first be good, law-abiding citizens of the nation, state, and city. Secondly, shall be exemplary representatives of Riverside City College. These policies are as follows

### **I. PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES**

Riverside City College Cheer and Dance program is a student activity. As a student activity, its first and foremost responsibility to the student is to support the student's academic career. Secondly, the program should aid in developing the student participant into a responsible, mature and independent adult. The primary purpose of team members is to support intercollegiate athletics and Riverside City College.

It is the objective of this program to support student's in the pursuit of furthering their education at a university. It is the mission of our program to prepare cheerleaders and dancers to receive scholarships to major universities.

### **II. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

Riverside City College's cheer and dance program is comprised of three cheer squads (co-ed, all girl and game) and one dance team. All teams are required to perform for all home and away football games, men's and women's home basketball games and any other sporting events required by the director.

### **III. TRAVEL EXPECTATIONS**

The primary emphasis of this policy focuses on the behavior of team members when they travel as representatives of the College. At all times, members behaviors shall be exemplary. Behavior which does not reflect positively on Riverside City College, the team, your director and coaches and yourself will be subject to disciplinary action.

The co-ed, all girl squads and the dance team will compete for the National Championship in Orlando Florida in January. This process starts with video tape qualifications. All team members from all squads/teams are eligible to compete for filming and or nationals depending on athletic ability, proven performance, and commitment. All team members must attend cheer/dance camp.

### **III. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CIGARETTES**

Team members are reminded that, as highly visible members of the College community, their actions and behavior are under constant observation. While in uniform, but also while not in uniform, Riverside City College team members are known, subject to scrutiny, and can easily be the object of criticism for their behavior or actions, in particular, for indulging or for over-indulging in alcoholic beverages. There is a zero tolerance for the consumption of alcoholic beverages for any team member while on campus and traveling off campus when representing the college. Members are asked to not smoke cigarettes when representing Riverside City College. This includes any function the team attends on or off of campus.

- Members shall not possess or drink alcoholic beverages in a College car, van or bus.
- Members shall not consume alcoholic beverages before or during a game or a practice.
- Members shall not offer to procure alcohol for members who are under 21

Members who violate these rules shall be subject to serious disciplinary measures up to and including immediate dismissal from the team. In addition, College officials shall not purchase or furnish alcoholic beverages for members at any College event/function. In summary, members are expected to be good citizens and, therefore, carefully and faithfully abide by Riverside City College rules and regulations.

#### IV. FUNDRAISING

Each team member will be expected to participate in fundraising. Fundraising is a vital part of the program due to the inherit costs incurred. All of the money raised by the program goes directly to the program's budget. The money in the budget is controlled directly by the director and the Office of Student Affairs. The director has the ability to use the fundraised money for costs incurred by the program. If you do not fulfill your fundraising obligations, you will be liable for those monies not earned through your fundraising efforts. As part of the Cheer/Dance team, each member is obligated to participate in fundraisers throughout the year or can opt out by paying required amount out of pocket.

#### V. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Failure to abide by the following expectations will result in disciplinary action and/or possible dismissal from the team.

- Team members must be of good health and stamina.
- Every cheer & dance team member must have a current medical waiver and medical insurance card on file with the director. If team member has any additional health concerns, they need to be attached to the medical waiver and turned in to the director.
- Team members will ONLY be excused from athletic activity by a doctor's note.
- RCC ATHLETIC rules must be followed at all times.
- Every cheer & dance team member is expected to behave in a manner that reflects positively on Riverside City College, the community, the team, and the individual.
- Bad language/bad attitudes will not be tolerated
- There will be no public displays of affection in uniform or in presence of director/coach.
- Punctuality - Team members must be present, on time, and appropriately dressed for all meetings, fundraisers, practices, competitions, games, and community service.
- All scheduled events will be clearly outlined, via emails, text, calendars, website, bulletins etc. Each member is responsible for obtaining and adhering to this information.
- Punctuality to all cheer or dance events is expected
- If a team member is benched they are still required to attend that activity dressed in uniform.
- Due to the demands of being a member of our program, team members are not permitted to participate on any other cheer or dance team without permission from the director
- These rules and regulations are subject to addition and change when found necessary and beneficial. The director makes final acceptance of all rules.
- All participants are herein notified that there will be frequent pictures and videotaping of performances and practices. Participant's signatures on this contract permits videotaping and pictures of individual and group performances and grants sole ownership of said videotapes to Riverside City College to be used for training, promotional, educational, or fundraising purposes

## Competitions

- Competitions are part of our season and you are committing to participate in competitions if selected for any team
- Being selected as part of the competition team is an earned privilege, and it is likely that not all team members will be selected to be part of the competition team
- It is the director/coaches who will determine the final rosters for the competition team
- If you are not selected for the competition team, you are still obligated to complete the season
- Please note that there may be additional costs incurred as part of the competition team

## Dress and Appearance

- Practice- Comfortable, tight fitting athletic clothing, athletic shoes for cheer , jazz shoes for dance, is mandatory and all clothing must ensure freedom and movement and safety.
- Games- members must arrive in complete uniform. If you are missing an item, that member will not be allowed to participate, and will be considered an unexcused absence.
- All hair must be in a hairstyle designated by director, and jewelry, including all piercing must be off before arriving at the practices, games or any event.
- Nails must be kept short and trimmed just below the fingertips at all times. Acrylics are not allowed.
- Cell phones are to be *turned off* and not to be used during ANY functions.
- No visitors of any kind will be permitted at practice.
- Piercings are not allowed to be worn at practice, games or any events where you are representing the team.
- Tattoos are to be covered if visible in uniform.
- Uniforms must be in clean and good condition at all times.

## Conduct

- The college and director has the right to request any or all videos or images that depict the team or school inappropriately to be taken down from any media source.
- If instructions are not followed disciplinary action will be taken.

## Attendance

- Member must attend all events for the year.
- Non-attendance at any game or event will result in dismissal from team. Non-attendance at any practice will result in disqualifying member from the following performance. The second missed practice will result in dismissal from the team.
- Excused absences from any cheer/dance team practice, game, event or function will only be granted in **extraordinary** circumstances. Excused absences may include extreme illness, a death in the immediate family, etc. In order for director to consider excusing an absence you must provide proper documentation. Please note notification does not automatically guarantee an excused absence.
- Team members must arrange work schedules to not conflict with team commitments. Missed practices, games, events or functions due to work are **not** considered excused and will result in disciplinary action or dismissal.
- Excessive absences or tardiness will result in dismissal from team (excessive will be determined by director). Excessive can be defined as one unexcused absence.
- Enrollment in designated classes for summer, fall, winter and spring terms is mandatory.
- Attending a tumbling class for cheerleaders and dance technique class for dancers from a designated facility chosen by the director is mandatory for the months of June, July and Aug.

## Expenses

- Each member must be prepared to purchase her/his own uniform and any required accessories. Some used uniforms will be available which will reduce your costs. This will be deducted from the last payments
- New Members

**Women-** \$900.00 This includes: uniform, summer tumbling (cheer), summer dance technique class (dance), coaching fees, college camp, team clothes, sweats, shoes, and bag

**Men** - \$700 This includes: uniform rental (men's uniforms are owned by the school), summer tumbling, coaching fees, college camp, team clothes, sweats, shoes, and bag

**Veterans Women and Men** - \$425 which includes: summer tumbling (cheer), summer dance technique class (dance), coaching fees, college camp, team clothes (new items), shoes

- Dancers – if you are selected for the competition team you will be required to purchase an additional competition costume which is not included in the above fee.
- Travel – we are planning on attending UCA/UDA Nationals in Orlando, FL in January which will incur additional costs. The average cost of the trip is \$750 (\$400 airfare depending on market, \$350 hotel & competition package). There will be fundraising opportunities.
- If your actions result in the team's loss of ability to attend a committed event, you will be charged any expenses incurred due to your absence.
- All expenses must be paid by pre-determined deadlines.
- There are NO REFUNDS. No refunds will be given for non-attendance, team dismissal, or dropping from the team. Once you sign this contract you will be obligated to pay all fees listed above. **No items will be distributed until ALL fees are paid in full. Season Fees are broken down into payments for your convenience only.**
- Any unpaid balances will result in a hold on your RCC records and possible court action.
- These rules and regulations are subject to addition and change when found necessary and beneficial. You will be notified in writing if there are any changes. The director makes final acceptance of all rules.
- All participants are herein notified that there will be frequent pictures and videotaping of performances and practices. Participant's signature on this contract permits videotaping and pictures of individual and group performances and grants sole ownership of said videotapes to Riverside City College to be used for training, promotional, educational, or fundraising purposes

**In all cases the Director makes the final decisions, and all discretion is up to the Director!**

## **Payment Schedule**

- **All Checks are made payable to: RCC**

### **CHEER**

#### **New Members – Cheer Women**

Due Date	Amount
May 7	\$400 (\$100 of this must be paid in CASH for our summer tumbling/dance training)
June 12	\$300
July 10	\$200

#### **New Member – Cheer Men**

Due Date	Amount
May 7	\$300 (\$100 of this must be paid in CASH for our summer tumbling/dance training)
June 12	\$200
July 10	\$200

#### **Veterans – Cheer Women & Men**

Due Date	Amount
May 7	\$225(\$100 of this must be paid in CASH for our summer tumbling/dance training )
June 12	\$200

### **DANCE**

#### **New Members - Dance**

Due Date	Amount
May 7	\$400(\$100 of this must be paid in CASH for our summer tumbling/dance training)
June 7	\$300
July 12	\$200

#### **Veterans – Dance**

Due Date	Amount
May 7	\$225(\$100 of this must be paid in CASH for our summer tumbling/dance training)
June 7	\$200

## RCC Cheerleader & Dance Team Contract

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read the RCC Cheerleading & Dance Team contract and understand the requirements, expenses, and consequences of breaking this contract. I understand the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ • The Director has the final say in my participation on the team.

\_\_\_\_\_ • This is a team effort and I may be called upon to help in some ways throughout the year/season which are within my capacity to help, and I will make every effort to do my share of assisting in the team's success.

\_\_\_\_\_ • I am required to pay the budget presented to me in order to participate. There are NO REFUNDS. No refunds will be given for non-attendance, team dismissal, or dropping from the team. Once you sign this contract you will be obligated to pay all fees listed above. **No items will be distributed until ALL fees are paid in full. Season Fees are broken down into payments for your convenience only. I understand that if I drop or am dismissed from the team I am required to pay any remaining balance of the \$900 or any additional fees I have committed to.**

\_\_\_\_\_ • I have received a copy of the RCC Cheerleading & Dance Team contract. I have read the information and have a clear understanding of it. By signing below, I agree that I will be required to abide by these rules.

\_\_\_\_\_ • I understand what is expected of me to remain a member in good standing if I am selected as a member of the team. I will keep myself knowledgeable and informed of all rules, schedules, and events, and realize the consequences of breaking this contract. I will do all I can to respect my teammates, my director, my coaches, my school and all persons associated with RCCD at all times.

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Name

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Signature

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Date

**If under 18 please complete:**

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Parent/Guardian Name

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date