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### 3 UNEXCUSED RULE

As you know, cheerleading season moves very quickly. We ask that each girl be at every practice and on time, even in the summer, unless she is on vacation. Summer practices are very important, because we are getting to know each girl's strengths and who works best with whom. This helps us greatly to put together a winning routine, and we cannot do that without everyone at every practice. Our summer practices will teach the team all the cheers they need for the football games as well as teaching stunts and tumbling skills. Fall practices are equally important because the team is perfecting their routine for competition.

In the past, we have implemented the 3 unexcused absence rule. For those who are unfamiliar with this rule, it is as follows: ***Any cheerleader who misses three unexcused practices and/or games will be dismissed from the team without a refund of registration, regardless of the date.*** This rule will be implemented again this season, and applies to games as well as practices.

There have been many misunderstandings of this rule in the past, and we do not want a cheerleader to be dismissed from the team for any reason, therefore, this is to avoid any misunderstandings throughout the season.

An excused absence will only be allowed if a child is on vacation or is sick with a legitimate illness. You must contact your child's coach directly, prior to missing practice for an absence to be excused. You will be notified by your child's coach if she incurs an unexcused practice or game.

Cheerleading is not like any other sport. For example, there is no bench and there are no substitutions. If your child is not at practice or a game, her stunt group cannot practice or perform that night, and there must be a space left for her in lines. This directly affects the whole team. If a cheerleader is not at practice, her spot in the routine may be moved permanently to progress the team. This is not a punishment for the cheerleader, but a switch that will be made to benefit the team.

Please understand that the purpose of this letter is simply to make this rule clear to everyone. This rule will be put into effect immediately. We ask that you please sign and return the bottom portion of this letter to let your child's coach know that you understand and have received this information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's head coach. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Bellmawr Purple Eagles Staff

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ have read, understand and agree to comply to the "3 unexcused" rule to the best of my ability. I understand that the only reason my child may miss a practice/game is due to illness or vacation.

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(Parent/Guardian Signature)