

# OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

## CHEERLEADER/MASCOT TRYOUT INFORMATION

### 2018-2019

Attached you will find all of the necessary information needed for a student interested in trying out for cheerleader or mascot for Oak Ridge High School. Changes have been made from the 2017-2018 season, so be sure you read the packet in its entirety. Keep a copy of the constitution for your records. All rules and regulations as stated in the constitution, as well as the AACCA, NFHS Spirit, and UIL guidelines, will be followed. Please read and understand every page before making a decision to try out for cheerleader/mascot.

The **Cheerleader/Mascot Application, Constitution Agreement, Medical Release Form, and Varsity Agreement** must be turned into the Front Office or room B218 (Coach Sarah Ellison) on the senior campus no later than the end of the school day on **March 5, 2018**. Failure to do so may result in a disqualification from tryouts. There will be a **Mandatory Pre-tryout Meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.** in the **Cafeteria. ALL candidates and a parent/guardian** must be in attendance in order for the applicant to tryout. If there is an emergency and you will not be able to attend the meeting, then you must arrange a conference with Coach Ellison **before March 5, 2018**, to discuss the information presented at meeting. The Cheerleader/Parent Information will also available on-line: <http://orhs.conroeisd.net/athletics/cheerleading/>

The **Tryout Clinic** will be held on **March 5<sup>th</sup>–March 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.** Tryouts will be held on **March 8<sup>th</sup>**. All candidates must attend **all three clinic days** and **must be counted present in school all days** during the Tryout Clinic week, including the day of Tryouts.

**The following forms must be submitted in with the application:**

- \*Cheerleader/Mascot Application **due March 5<sup>th</sup>**
- \*Varsity Agreement **due March 5<sup>th</sup>** (participants trying out for Varsity only)
- \*Constitution Agreement **due March 5<sup>th</sup>**
- \*Signed Tryout medical release form for tryouts only: **due March 5<sup>th</sup>**
- \*Copy of birth certificate if not on file at ORHS (8th grader/new) **due March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Thank you for your interest in becoming an Oak Ridge HS Cheerleader or Mascot.

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Tommy Johnson, Campus Principal

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Danielle Smith, Cheerleading Principal

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Sarah Ellison, ORHS Cheer Head Coach

**DUE DATE for all forms: MARCH 5, 2018**

**\*Must be submitted on the date designated even if the student is absent from school on this date.**

**\*\*The entire packet was revised on February 14th, 2018**

# CHEERLEADER/MASCOT APPLICATION

Which team(s) for which you wish to be considered: **(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)**

\_\_\_\_\_ FRESHMAN (9<sup>th</sup> only)

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior Varsity (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

\_\_\_\_\_ VARSITY (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

\_\_\_\_\_ MASCOT (9th-12th)

*\*You may select more than one choice. Decisions should be made based on your commitment to the sport and program, not based on a team. Any candidate who's final score falls below the Varsity natural break, but is high enough for Junior Varsity, will not be placed on the Junior Varsity team unless it is selected above.*

**Grade Next Year** (circle 1)    **FRESHMAN**    **SOPHOMORE**    **JUNIOR**    **SENIOR**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School currently attending \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone# (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Work # (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to be a cheerleader/mascot at ORHS. I understand and give permission for my child to participate in tryouts at ORHS in the school gym. By giving my child permission to Try-out for the ORHS cheerleading program, I am aware of the steps that follow if he/she makes one of the teams. I understand all forms are due in the front office or to Coach Ellison by the end of the school day on **March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**, or my child may not be allowed to Try-out.

I understand that my daughter/son will be evaluated by qualified judges, and we agree to abide by the decision of the judges. I understand that the selection of the teams will be based on the 'natural breaks' in the scores of the participants. Scores are based on 70% from the judges and 30% from the coaches.

I understand by the very nature of the activity, cheerleading carries a risk of physical injury or death. No matter how careful the participant and coaches are, how many spotters are used, or what landing surface is used, the risk cannot be eliminated. The risk of injuries includes minor injuries such as muscle pulls, dislocation, and broken bones. The risk also includes catastrophic injuries, such as permanent paralysis or even death from landing or falls on the back, neck, or head. I understand these risks and will not hold ORHS or any of its personnel responsible in the case of accident or injury at any time.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent's signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Candidate's signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

# Varsity Agreement

**Cheerleader/Mascot's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*All candidates trying out for the Varsity Team must turn in this agreement, even 9<sup>th</sup> graders interested in Varsity

**I understand if my child is a member for the Varsity team of the 2018-2019 season, he/she has to attend all scheduled events**, including practices, games, pep-rallies, fundraisers, competitions, community service, etc. I also understand that there will be additional practices in April, May, June, the end of July and August for Camp, choreography, and Back to School practices. I am aware that the head coach can also call a Saturday or an after school practice at any time. I am prepared for my coach(s) and my teammates to train me to enhance my skills.

**Parent Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Candidate Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand the hard work and dedication required to be a member of the Varsity team.** I am aware of the significant number of events that might be scheduled throughout the year. I will be 100% committed to the team and to the school. I want to be a part of this program, and I understand the expectations that are required of me to maintain my position on the Varsity team. I will do my part in elevating school spirit, **planning and preparing pep-rallies**, maintaining a positive attitude, being a positive role model, **respecting my coaches and teammates**, participating in community-wide events, supporting all sports, etc. as a member of the Varsity team.

**Parent Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Candidate Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that if I am a member of an outside cheerleading program, **all ORHS events** (i.e. games, choreography, appearances, competitions, etc.) are **mandatory**. **I understand that conflicts with an outside-of-school/cheer event, including ALL UIL and Game Day competitions, are not allowed.** In regards to UIL and Game Day competition, **all** Varsity cheerleaders will be active competing members. If I am a returning member and make the team, I understand that the position I held this past season may not be the position I will hold for next season (backspot, base, flyer, etc.).

**Parent Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Candidate Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

I am aware that cheerleading is an all year-round sport. The focus for the 2018-2019 season will be enhanced traditional cheerleading and raising school spirit. Seniors are expected to participate fully until after the cheer banquet.

**Parent Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Candidate Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that any disrespect to my coach, other coaches, teammates, other teams, administrators, school and game officials, etc. will not be tolerated at any time, and **if I demonstrate any type of disrespect, I understand there will be consequences to my actions.**

**Parent Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Candidate Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am aware of the financial commitment for the 2018-2019 Varsity season:**

\$75 Choreography (due in August)  
\$100 Competition Fee (due in August)  
\$50 Meal Fee (due in May)

**Parent Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Candidate Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am aware that there could be additional expenses for the varsity team**-including, but not limited to, entry fees, travel fees, meals, fundraisers, community service projects, incidents, etc. I understand if I do not fulfill my goals in fundraising, then I will be responsible for paying for **my portion of any unpaid fees. (\$200-\$1200)**

**Parent Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Candidate Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*All candidates trying out for VARSITY must turn in this agreement.  
Sign and return by MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**\*\*The entire packet was revised on February 14th, 2018**

# Constitution Agreement

Cheerleader/Mascot's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**I have received, read, and understand the Cheerleader/Mascot guidelines and procedures.** My signature below indicates my agreement to adhere to all the guidelines and procedures outlined. I also understand that the guidelines are not all inclusive and that the coach and/or administration may impose additional guidelines and procedures. Each cheerleader/mascot will receive an addendum to the guidelines and procedures as they are made. I am also aware that in the event of a safety issue, the cheer coach may implement a guideline or procedure so the cheerleaders/mascots are safe.

Parent Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**I am aware that the expenses involved in cheerleading can surpass \$1000.00 at the high school level** (including camp wear, uniforms, shoes, camp cost, fundraisers, etc.). I further understand that all expenses (camp and clothes) must be paid prior to camp, according to the dates set by the coaches. I agree to pay the expenses involved in this sport by the due dates, unless other arrangements have been made. If the coach has allowed a payment plan for the expenses, I agree to follow the plan or the cheerleader/mascot will be suspended until the accounts have been cleared. If the account is not cleared by the next tryout, the cheerleader/mascot will not be able to try out for the following season and can even be removed from the team if the debt is not taken care of in a timely manner. If the cheerleader/mascot is a senior, she/he will not be able to graduate until the fines are cleared. I am also aware that the freshman and junior varsity teams must maintain enrollment in a tumbling class at Woodlands Elite on his/her own expense.

Parent Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that cheerleading is a time-consuming activity, and that if my son/daughter makes the squad, cheerleading activities must take priority.** I understand that in order for a non-cheerleading, school-related, or non-school related event to be excused, the coach must be notified **no less than two weeks** in advanced. Permission to miss a non-school or cheer related event cannot be guaranteed.

Parent Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that after **three** benches have been received, a meeting will be held in order to determine the corrective action. I also understand that a cheerleader/mascot may be removed after the **fourth** bench is received. I understand that if I miss an event, i.e. football game, I will receive a bench and will be required to make-up the event the following week at another team's game (i.e. varsity girl will cheer with the freshman). I understand it is the coach's decision to choose the game. If I miss a practice, receive a consequence (i.e. ASD for phone out in class), I will be benched at the next event (i.e. pep-rally, game, etc.) and will have to sit out (abiding by same rules as girls cheering).

Parent Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that all rules are the same for every cheerleader/mascot in the program, and no exceptions will be made. I understand that as a cheerleader/mascot, I am a representative of Oak Ridge High School and must follow all school rules and regulations, as well as the CISD student code of conduct.

Parent Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read and understand the Expectations for the 2018-2019 season.** I am also aware of the consequences that may occur if a violation is made.

Parent Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that if a cheerleader decides to quit after fees from the Booster Club funds have covered the cost of an upcoming event, the cheerleader will be held responsible for reimbursing the Booster Club for the fees already paid.

Parent Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

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