

## MAKEUP and REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL TEAMS

**Varsity Team**-The number of Varsity members will depend on the tryout score (70% judges' scores and 30% coach's evaluation) and will be based on the requirements for the squad. The minimum number will be 12. The varsity team can be a combination of all grade levels. Seniors who have been on Varsity in the past will not get automatic placement on the team. Ninth graders can be eligible to make Varsity if scores are high enough and/or spots need to be filled. Members of the Varsity team are required to perform a minimum of a Standing Tuck in front of the judges. **The same skills performed at tryouts must be retained when school starts in the fall and throughout the year to remain on the team.** If you are on the Varsity squad for the 2019-2020 season and you are not a senior, you can be dropped to the JV squad if your scores are not high enough for the Varsity squad of the 2020-2021 season tryouts. While participating on the Varsity squad for the 2020-2021 season, you can be dropped to the JV squad or be put on suspension if you do not uphold your responsibilities as a Varsity squad member.

**Additional Information:** *If a candidate makes an attempt at a TUCK but does not land it AND has a solid back handspring, he/she may still qualify for Varsity for the following reasons:*

- 1) *The attempt was close and candidate shows potential of mastering skill by beginning of the 2020-2021 school year*
- 2) *There are not enough candidates who qualify for Varsity*
- 3) *Cheer, Chant, and Band Dance scores place the candidate above the natural break for Varsity*

*If there are enough candidates to fulfill the spots for Varsity (with the natural break) and all candidates meet requirements, they will receive a spot first. The criteria to be considered is not promised; it will be a possibility only. Having a TUCK does not guarantee you a spot on Varsity. If you are placed on Varsity with an attempted tuck, you will be REQUIRED to train outside of practice/class until skill is mastered. A skills check will be conducted on August 3rd. Any cheerleader who was in the 'attempted' group and does not show improvement and/or did not receive outside training may be placed on the junior varsity team for the remainder of the season.*

**Junior Varsity Team**-The JV team will consist of 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders. The cut-off will be where there is a natural break in the scores by the judges combined with the coach's evaluation scores. The minimum will be 10. If the minimum cannot be met, then 9<sup>th</sup> graders may be added to make the requirements. If chosen as a replacement or an addition to the varsity team for UIL/GameDay reasons, the duties required for the Junior Varsity must still be completed.

**Freshman Team**-The Freshman team will consist of incoming freshman only. The number chosen will be determined by the natural break in the scores by the judges combined with the evaluations from the coaches. The minimum will be 10. If chosen as a replacement or an addition to the varsity team for UIL/GameDay reasons, the duties required for the Freshman Team must still be completed.

**Mascots**-There will be several open positions for mascots. **Mascots will be required to participate in all activities and will be active members in the program.** Mascots follow the same rules and guidelines as set forth for the cheerleaders. Mascots will perform in front of the judges and will also be evaluated by the coaches. The coaches can make changes to these guidelines based on tryouts at any time. If no one tries out for mascot, the coaches and administration have the right to appoint someone to fill the position without a tryout. If there are 1-2 mascots, both will have to coordinate a schedule to attend multiple functions. 9<sup>th</sup> graders can be a Varsity mascot if no one else tries out.

**Team Selection**-All teams will be selected by a judges' panel consisting of four qualified judges, dropping the lowest score. The three remaining scores will be added together and multiplied by 70%. The remaining 30% will be a coach's evaluation. All candidates are subject to an interview by the coaches during the tryout clinic. The scoring will be tabulated by an employee of CISD on the day of tryouts. The evaluations will be calculated and entered before tryouts begin on Thursday. Candidates selected for teams/mascot(s) will be posted on the Cheerleader Web Site on Friday, March 6th, after 4:00pm. Members will be listed by their tryout numbers only.