

# Tiffin University Cheerleading Constitution

## 2006-2007

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### **PURPOSE:**

*The purpose of the Tiffin University club and recreational sports program is to provide students with opportunity to grow, learn, lead and experience athletic activities. The programs are developed to enhance the college experience and foster a lifetime appreciation of the total development of the mind, body and spirit.*

*The purpose of the cheerleading organization is to promote and uphold school spirit, develop a sense of sportsmanship among the students, better relationships between schools during all athletic events, and development as responsible individuals and leaders.*

### **RULES & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The co-ed team will consist of students selected during formal tryouts. They will cheer at all home football and home men's basketball games.

1. Members of the cheerleading team are expected to attend ALL practices and home football and basketball events.
2. The coach MUST be told 48 hours in advance if an individual will be missing, late to or leaving early from any cheer event, including practices. The team member may contact the coach through e-mail, phone or in person. The coach will decide whether the absence is excusable or unexcused.
3. Excused absences include: serious injury/illness (accompanied w/ doctor's excuse 48 hours following the incident), family emergencies, class related absences or a prearranged absence. (Please give coach a week notice for prearranged absences)
4. Any member with more than 2 or more unexcused absences will not be privileged to cheer the following athletic event. The individual will be expected to attend the event, but not participate.
5. Members unable to participate due to injury or illness still must attend practices and attend all games, dressed in appropriate TU Cheerleading attire. Members unable to participate will sit and observe from the sidelines (with coach) at all home athletic events.

6. All members are expected to arrive to practice on time, dressed and ready to participate. Arrival late to practice three times is considered one unexcused absence.
7. All members of the cheerleading team must be prepared and practiced for events. If any member is not prepared to participate in any athletic event, it is the coaches' discretion to request that the individual not participate.
8. All members of the cheerleading team must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA
9. All members are expected to report to athletic events one and half hours prior to the start time unless otherwise noted.
10. All members are expected to report to traveling events 15 minutes prior to departure fully dressed and ready to participate.
11. All members must ride the designated transportation both to and from events unless given approval by the coach.
12. All members will be required to participate in fundraising activities meant to supplement the cost of uniforms, clothing, equipment, etc.

#### **EXPECTED CONDUCT:**

*Club Sport members are expected to function in mature and responsible manner on and off campus in all club-related activities in accordance to the code of student conduct. Club Sport programs and/or individuals may face disciplinary action for inappropriate behavior while representing Tiffin University. Inappropriate conduct could jeopardize the club's continued status as a member of the club sport program.*

#### *Drugs & Alcohol:*

The University prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by any student or employee on school premises or property or as any part of its club activities. Tiffin University and the Club and Recreational Sports Department will enforce the laws instituted by the state of Ohio.

Any member of the cheerleading program violating the campus and state drug and alcohol policies will be suspended from participation for a length determined by the coach and the Director of Club and Recreational Sports.

#### Event expectations:

1. NO jewelry at all practices and athletic events
2. Uniforms are to be washed and presentable during all athletic events
3. No gum chewing or eating during practices or athletic events

4. No excessive talking or inappropriate behavior during practices or athletic events
5. No talking to people in the crowd, passing by, etc. during events and practices
6. No swearing or fighting during athletic events
7. Be professional and focused at all times while representing Tiffin

Captain/Co-captain's expectations:

1. Set an example to all other members of the team by providing support, encouragement and leadership.
2. Make phone calls when asked by the coach
3. Relay decisions and messages to and from the coach and squad members
4. If a captain does not perform his/her assigned duties, the coach has the right to take captains position or privileges away and assign new leadership.

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To be a member of an athletic team involves time and commitment from all members. If at any time you feel you are unable to meet the expectations set forth or follow the guidelines stressed within this constitution, please contact the Coach individually. Problems cannot be addressed unless brought to the coaches' attention. Follow the necessary chain of command- if you have concern, please talk to the coach first. If your concern is not addressed properly, you may set up a meeting time with the Director of Club and Recreational Sports.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the rules and guidelines established within this constitution. I accept the responsibilities involved with being a member of the Cheerleading Team at Tiffin University. By signing this form, I hereby agree to abide by these rules and expectations.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Tiffin University Cheerleading Commitment Form  
2006-2007**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**This form must be signed and returned to the coaches in order to continue participation.  
This has been written by the Tiffin University Cheerleading Coach and is supported by the  
Tiffin University Club and Recreational Sports program.**