

Ball State Cheerleaders Selection Agreement

Tryouts for the 2014-15 Ball State Cheerleading Squads will be Saturday, April 26, and Sunday, April 27, 2014, in Worthen Arena, Ball State University

Registration will start at 9 a.m.* on April 26 and tryouts will begin at approximately 10 a.m. and will end around 3 p.m.
If you are trying out for Both Squads plan on being at tryouts until 3 p.m. on April 26.
First cuts will be made on April 26 and tryouts will continue April 27 in Worthen Arena at Noon, ending around 5:00 p.m.

Any interested persons must return the following information no later than April 23, 2014:

- 1.) SELECTION AGREEMENT – turn in second page only, signed
- 2.) CHEERLEADING APPLICATION – with a recent head and shoulders photo attached
- 3.) MEDICAL RELEASE FORM
- 4.) COPY OF INSURANCE CARD**
- 5.) **UPDATED PHYSICAL WITHIN THE PAST YEAR** - this can be from a high school physical, family doctor or health clinic.**

**Return to:
Wendy Richards
Ball State University
Cheerleading Coach/ Athletics Department
HP 260
Muncie, IN 47306**

The Ball State University Cheerleaders are an important facet for Ball State University as well as athletic events. There are two cheerleading squads -- a coed squad and an all-girl squad. The coed squad cheers for football and men's basketball games, while the all-girl squad cheers for football and women's basketball events. Both squads are not limited to just these athletic events. The individuals chosen to represent Ball State may be asked to represent the university at community service functions as well as national competitions. We are looking for the following qualities, characteristics and skills in individuals interested in becoming a member of the Ball State Cheerleading Squad.

- **You must be a full time student of Ball State University with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 or a high school equivalent of 2.0 if starting your first year at Ball State.**
- **Incoming Freshmen and transfer students are eligible to tryout.**
- **The Ball State Cheerleaders are a group of young men and women that cheer and perform at athletic events. They are to have a crowd pleasing appearance and be able to interact with fans and students at all athletic events. Each person trying out for the team must be able to execute the minimum skills required.**
- **A Ball State Cheerleader is an enthusiastic, outgoing and well-rounded individual. One must be able to be a part of a team that projects positive support not only for his/her team members, but must be supportive of the coach, the cheerleading program and Ball State University.**
- **A member of the BSU Cheerleading squad must be physically fit and well groomed. Physical fitness will be monitored and recorded periodically throughout the season. The overall appearance should be neat and clean with an image of self assurance.**
- **Each candidate will be asked to do several skills throughout the tryout process. We will be judging each individual on the execution of each skill as well as future potential.**

The number of members chosen for each squad will depend upon the quality and number of candidates at tryouts. The coach's and advisor's decision will be final. You will be taught a sideline and/or fight song routine to perform in front of the judges. You will be asked to perform several tumbling and stunting skills as well. The judges may ask each individual female candidate to demonstrate jumps. **We will choose a Coed team and then either an All Girl Team or a Small Coed Team. The decision will be based on the number of those trying out and which team will best serve Ball State University Athletics.**

Please wear the following:

- **FEMALES:** BLACK shorts with cheer briefs or bike shorts (underneath), **red, white, black or gray tight fitting t-shirt/and or long sports type bra** and WHITE bows for tryouts both days. You will be asked to wear shorts and sports bra for stunting portion of the tryout. Please wear cheer shoes and have your hair and make-up “game ready”, i.e. wear bows in hair, have sides up or in a ponytail, etc.
- **MALES:** BLACK shorts and a red, white, black or gray t-shirt. Tennis shoes of any kind may be worn. Please be “game ready” in appearance, i.e. clean shaven, hair fashioned for a game, etc. **ABSOLUTELY NO HATS ARE TO BE WORN!**
- Appearance will be looked at as well as your athletic skills.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO JEWELRY IS TO BE WORN!** This includes earrings of any kind (ears, nose, tongue, etc.), belly button rings, etc. If you make the team, you will not be allowed to wear any of these items during practices or games.

Please understand that the tryouts will be **CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**. We may video for the use of the Ball State Athletics Department. **ALL DECISION ARE FINAL. DO NOT CALL THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT OR COACH** after the final selection has been made. *This will be the only tryout for the squad at this time. There will be no Fall tryouts unless needed. All squad members will be selected in the Spring.*

If selected as a member of the squad, you will be required:

- To be at all practices and athletic events decided by the coach.
- Wear the correct uniform, socks, shoes, etc. at all games and performances.
- Adhere to the Code of Conduct Book.
- Participate in the Sponsorship Fund raiser
- Purchase some if not all personal items (briefs, bodysuits, shorts, bows, under armour, etc....)
- Attend summer cheerleading camp in late July or early August.
- Cheer at games during Fall, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring breaks.
- Attend the Mid-American Conference Basketball Tournament in early March (this may occur over **Spring Break**).

The cheerleading season begins at tryouts and ends with tryouts the following year. This includes summer practices, summer camp, games, alumni functions, national competition, etc. Any position may be changed throughout the season. The coach will make all decisions regarding which individuals will cheer each game, performance or national competition. No one is guaranteed that he/she will cheer at all or any games and/or performances.

PERSONAL COSTS: Although we do our best to keep personal expenses to a minimum, each individual will be required to purchase certain uniform pieces (body suits, briefs, socks, hair bows, t-shirts, shorts, etc.) but not limited to a portion of the total camp fee. The men will be required to purchase Under Armour tops.

SPONSORSHIP FUNDRAISER: All those chosen as a member of the 2014-15 Ball State Cheerleading Squad will be required to participate in our sponsorship fundraiser. Specific information will be given after the squad has been selected. All members will be responsible for finding \$600 in sponsors.

NATIONAL COMPETITION: The Ball State Cheerleader’s first priority is to cheer and support athletic events at BSU. If a national competition is a goal of the squad, it will be viewed as an additional event and will not take away from any normal activity with events for the athletics department. If we choose to compete, all program members will be considered for this and the Ball State coaching staff will make the selection in the fall. Ball State would attend the Universal Cheerleaders Association College Nationals held at Walt Disney World in Orlando Florida each January.

College Nationals is a huge commitment and requires a lot of extra practice. If you are selected for the Nationals Team, plan on practicing over Christmas break, with having very little time away from Ball State. We normally practice through December 22 and then return back to BSU on December 27. UCA College National is January 15-19, 2015.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules and requirements of the selection process of the Ball State University Cheerleading Squad. I understand that if selected as a member, I will receive a complete handbook of policies and agree to abide by them.

I UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THAT ALL OF THE JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

Print Name: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

*You must attend the stunt clinic on April 13, 2014 or purchase the tryout DVD/online video prior to tryouts on the 26. We will review the material but will not be teaching it at tryouts. It is each individual's responsibility to learn this material.

Members of the 2013-14 Ball State Cheerleading Squad **DO NOT need to submit an updated physical or copy of insurance. Athletics will use what is currently on file.