

**DOUGHERTY VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL  
2021 Song Contract**



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## **PURPOSE OF SONG CONTRACT**

The purpose of this contract is to provide parents and students with the information needed for successful participation as song dancers at Dougherty Valley High School. If at any time during the season a coach feels it is necessary to dismiss a dancer from the team, it is by the coach's discretion. Failure to comply with the rules of this contract may result in suspension, dismissal from the team or discipline as the coach sees fit. Rules are subject to revision by school administration. Please read each item carefully to ensure you fully understand and are in complete agreement on all Contract Rules.

## **PURPOSE OF SONG**

- Promote and uphold school spirit and school standards.
- Encourage and support constructive school/crowd participation at athletic games, events and rallies.
- Develop good relationships in the community and between schools.
- Serve as role models for the school and community by displaying high moral standards, outstanding citizenship, good grades, good health, good sportsmanship, and quality performances at all events.
- Work in harmony with song coach and/or designees, athletic director, faculty, administration and all other members of the school community.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR SONG**

The requirements for participation as one of the dancers are as follows: all dancers must meet and maintain these requirements **throughout** the cheerleading season.

- Academic eligibility of minimum 2.0 GPA - Satisfactory citizenship.
- Attend mandatory song clinics the week of games
- Participate in all song practices and events, if possible.
- dancers are not to take or possess drugs, drink alcoholic beverages, or exhibit poor behavior.

## **PRACTICE**

**SCHEDULE:** It is mandatory that dancers attend practices at the time and location scheduled by the coach. **All practices are closed- no parents, relatives or friends, and no exceptions.**

**ATTIRE:** Appropriate practice attire is mandatory.

- Hair must be pulled back and away from the face.
- Appropriate dance attire in which lines can be seen and the dancer can freely move.
- Nails must be kept short for all team activities to ensure safety for all participants and a neutral color.
- NO jewelry of any kind.

**BEHAVIOR:**

- dancers are not to engage in negative talk concerning another participant, parent, coach or other school staff. Any negative conversations, either verbal or via the internet, is prohibited and justification for dismissal from cheer.
- Foul or derogatory language is not accepted and will not be tolerated at any time.

- Challenging the authority of the coaches by any dancer will not be tolerated.
- dancers will not tumble, stunt, or do any activity without a coach in the area supervising.
- No chewing gum or eating during practice.
- No cell phones allowed during practice, unless approved by the coach.
- dancers are expected to give 100% effort during every practice. Anything less affects the entire team and consequences may apply at the coach's discretion.
- No inappropriate social media tolerated
- No bullying.

**EQUIPMENT:** dancers are responsible for all necessary equipment, i.e. appropriate attire, shoes, pompoms, signs, etc. and will not be able to participate unless they have the necessary equipment. Equipment will be provided upon request, please see the athletic director.

**ROUTINES:** dancers must be flexible with any changes made regarding choreography and formations. All half-time routines must be approved by the coach prior to performance.

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:** dancers must attend half of the periods (3 for traditional schedule and 2 for block) in order to participate in practice for that day. Field trips or school related activities are an exception.

## **GAMES**

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:** dancers must attend half of the periods (3 for traditional schedule and 2 for block) on the day of the game/event to participate in the game/activity. Field trips or other related activities are an exception.

**GAME ATTENDANCE:**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Dancers will be required to attend all practices the week of a game to be eligible to perform at the game.

**GAME ATTIRE:** dancers must arrive at games/events in uniform at the assigned time. All dancers will wear the selected uniform determined by the coach.

**GAME ARRIVAL:** dancers must arrive at the scheduled game at the scheduled time (usually 30 minutes before game time)

**DURING GAME:** dancers must remain in the stands, socially distanced, during the first 2 quarters.

**BEHAVIOR:**

- dancers must exhibit proper behavior while in the stands. Smiling and an enthusiastic/spirited attitude are expected.

## **ATTENDANCE**

**EVENTS:** Given the strange nature of our abbreviated and last minute season dancers attendance to all clinics/practices are highly encouraged, choreography will be covered during all practices. The clinics/practices the WEEK OF a game are MANDATORY to be eligible to perform at that game.

## **UNIFORMS**

Dancers must meet the following standards for uniform care and appearance

- dancers are not to wear jewelry while dancing unless discussed as part of the uniform.
- Hairstyles must be kept out of the dancer's face and practical for dancing/routines. The coach must approve all styles.
- dancers must look their best physically at all times while in uniforms.

- Appropriate behavior while in uniform is expected.

### **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Song Program is solely funded by donations and fundraising. The program does not receive any financial support from the school or district. All camp participants will be asked to pay a donation of \$135 to the song program when signing up for the clinics. This includes your dancers sweatshirt to be worn for all performances and ALL expenses of running the program.

- If you have any questions please see the athletic director. Equipment may be provided upon request please see the athletic director.

### **FUNDRAISERS**

Team fundraisers help continue to fund the song program. One way we continue to run our program is through team fundraisers. To help progress the program, each dancer is expected to help fundraise throughout the season.

### **DISCIPLINE**

*Dancers will be **suspended** from a game or other activity for ANY of the following reasons and will receive a disciplinary action:*

- Defiance of authority toward coach, person in charge, and/or squad captains.
- Inappropriate behavior requiring immediate discipline.

### **PARENT GUIDELINES**

1. It is essential that dancers, parents, and coaches have constant, productive communication. For updates and changes to schedules, it is the responsibility of the dancer and parents to check personal emails and take home notes distributed at practice.
2. If you have an issue, please contact the coach as soon as possible. Many times miscommunication from your child or other parent can be misleading.
3. Please make sure the coach has updated contact information at all times.
4. Respect the coach's personal time and practice/game schedule. If you need to discuss your dancer with a coach, please send an email. Approaching any coach with negative content or concerns without an appointment during practice or a game is not tolerated. If/When a dancer or a parent has a concern/problem, the dancer and/or parent may also make an appointment with the coach at a convenient time for both parties involved. Please note: A game or other activity where the coach is involved in the supervision of the program is not a convenient time. If this does not resolve the concern, a dancer/parent can request a conference with the coach and Athletic Director. If these concerns have not yet been resolved, the Athletic Director will schedule an appointment to meet with the dancer and his/her parents.
5. Parents are expected to conduct themselves respectfully and appropriately at all song events. Sportsmanlike conduct must be exhibited at all times.

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## Dancer/Parent Contract

I \_\_\_\_\_(parent) and my dancer \_\_\_\_\_(dancer) have read and understand the information, guidelines and responsibilities explained in the Dougherty Valley High School Cheerleading Contract. I agree to abide by all the details of this contract. I understand that by signing the agreement I am in a contract and should my dancer decide to quit or be removed from the squad, I am still fully responsible for the remaining balance.

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Student Name

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Name

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Coaches Signature

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Squad