



## **New Tampa Wildcats Football and Cheer Attendance Policy**

To ensure fairness and maintain the integrity of the team, the following attendance policy applies to all Athletes:

### **1. Practice Attendance Requirement:**

- Athletes are required to attend all scheduled practices during the week. Parent or guardian must remain on site unless previously discussed with the Head Coach. We are not a childcare service, and a parent must remain on site for medical emergencies and disciplinary issues should they arise.
- Any player who misses more than one practice in a given week will not start in the game on Saturday and will receive only the minimum required 5 plays during the game and for cheer may not be able to participate in sideline cheer for that game or participate in a limited capacity.

### **2. Absenteeism Exceptions:**

- Absences will only be excused for justified reasons, such as illness, family emergencies, or other legitimate conflicts.
- In such cases, the absence must be discussed with the team's coaches and approved by either the Athletic Director or Cheer Director prior to practice.

### **3. Importance of Attendance:**

- This policy is in place to ensure fairness to all athletes. It is not fair to those who attend each practice and work hard to have their playing time reduced in favor of Athletes who miss practices.
- Attendance is critical to the development of both individual Athletes and the team as a whole.

### **4. Consequences:**

- Athletes who do not follow this policy will see a reduction in playing time as outlined above.
- Exceptions will only be made for justified reasons with prior approval.

This policy helps maintain a level of commitment and discipline while rewarding Athletes who consistently put in the effort during practice.

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Athlete Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date