

## Attendance Policy – Season 16 (2024/25)

We do not allow poor attendance to hinder anyone's progression and training (especially for safety). Therefore, we do follow a strict attendance policy. We have the policy in place because even one member missing can affect the entire team! It is crucial you attend ALL Lazer Cheer's training sessions and competitions that you sign up for.

### Excused

- **Graded school events (i.e., an actual exam or towards a grade)**
- **Vomiting/ fever illnesses**
- **Death in the family**

### Unexcused

- **Homework/ revising** - You are signing up for a sport that requires commitment, you MUST work your time management, so you are still able to commit and achieve your grades. If you feel cheerleading is affecting your grades you need to consider your time management, whether you are doing too much training and if you can put 100% into both.
- **Birthdays/ Birthday Parties**
- **Family Celebrations/ parties**
- **Other sports**
- **Shopping trips, cinema trips, days out with friends/ family, CONCERTS\*\*** Your competition dates and red zone training is stated very clearly, DO NOT book tickets to a concert in red zone and let your squad down.
- **Bad behaviour at home.** – We understand children require discipline. However, a child not attending due to poor behaviour at home affects the rest of the squad. Please speak to your Coach and we can discuss with the child how their behaviour must change otherwise their place on the squad may be reconsidered.
- **Holidays-** leading 3 weeks up to a competition. We do understand that some Holidays may have been booked far in advance and we can accommodate this if we are told at the beginning of the season. If you wait until the month before and then tell us that it has been booked for a year then our coaches have not had sufficient time to factor absences in to their long term plan and this will lead to a strike and potentially removal from that upcoming competition.

\*\* You have enough time to NOT book concerts that will clash in your red zone training and your competitions!

**STRIKE SYSTEM** Should you choose to not attend training for an invalid reason you will be issued with a strike. Every athlete has got the potential to have 3 strikes. Should you receive 3 strikes regardless how close to the competition we are, you will be asked not to compete, and your fees will not be refunded. It does not matter how big a part you play in the routine, if you are not at training then you are not playing your key part.

**We do not want you to feel that the above information is unfair. Please consider the scenario that if every athlete on each squad had off 1 week for a family event/ birthday, this would be 1/2 of the season (at least) without full squad training. This, over time would massively affect their progression (and inevitably safety) and their achievements.**