

2026 – 2027

Milton High School Cheerleading Tryout Packet

We the cheerleading coaches of Milton High School as well as the administration, faculty, and staff are happy that you have shown interest in participating in the cheerleading program. Please read all the information in this packet very carefully.

To be eligible to try out for Milton High School cheerleading, you **MUST** complete the Cheerleading Application by **Friday, March 6**.

- **Current Milton students:** Complete/upload all forms in RankOne by **Friday, March 6**
- **Rising 9th Graders:** Email a **current physical** and **Insurance Verification** to harrisont3@fultonschools.org by **Friday, March 6th**.
- All forms can be found at www.miltoncheer.com – **NO late forms will be accepted.**

There will be an informational meeting on **Wednesday, February 4th at 6:00 PM** in the **Milton Auditorium** for cheerleading candidates and parents to answer any questions regarding tryouts. If you are unable to attend and you have questions, please contact the appropriate coach:

Natalie Stucky	Varsity Football Sideline	Stucky@fultonschools.org
Tiffany Harrison	Varsity Football Sideline	HarrisonT3@fultonschools.org
Bridgitte Hatfield	Varsity/JV/9 th Basketball	HatfieldB@fultonschools.org
Brent Paige	Varsity Competition	PaigeB1@fultonschools.org
Lindsay Ferguson	Varsity Competition	lferg924@gmail.com
Stephanie Blamires	Game Day Competition	blamiress@fultonschools.org
Caden Hatfield	JV Football Sideline	Caden_hunter@aol.com
Emma Gross	9 th Football Sideline	GrossE@fultonschools.org

Tryout Dates

Date	Time	What?	Who?	Where
February 27 th	by 4:00 PM	Tryout Materials Posted to Website	ALL Sideline	www.miltoncheer.com
March 17 th	4:00 to 6:00	Practice with Groups & Judge Tumbling	9 th and 10 th Sideline and Game Day	Main Gym
March 19 th	4:00 to 6:00	Practice with Groups & Judge Tumbling	11 th and 12 th Sideline and Game Day	Main Gym
March 20 st	4:00 until	Final Sideline Tryout	ALL Sideline and Game Day	Aux Gym & Cube
March 23 rd – 30 th	4:00 to 6:00	Competition Tryouts	Competition ONLY	Aux Gym
March 31 st	4:00 PM	Sideline and Game Day Squads posted	ALL Sideline and Game Day	www.miltoncheer.com
March 31 st	4:00 PM	Squads Posted	Competition ONLY	Instagram @miltoncompcheer

Sideline candidate must wear a plain white tee shirt or high neck tank and navy or red shorts for the final tryout on Friday, March 21st. Hair should be pulled back in a bow.

Athletes will be evaluated on several components. The judges are looking for candidates with the best possible skills, which includes tumbling, stunting, jumps, motions, dance, spirit, and attitude. For rising 10th – 12th graders, we will also consider discipline records and prior experience with athletes when making team decisions.

*****INJURIES:** If a candidate is injured and unable to perform a particular skill, no video tapes or letters from outside coaches will be permitted. This process may be amended at the coaches' discretion under EXTREME circumstances. Results are **FINAL** and will be posted on the MHS Cheerleading Website after tryouts are completed and scores have been tabulated.

ALL RESULTS ARE FINAL!

Statement of Eligibility for Milton High School Cheerleading

I certify that I meet the following requirements according to the “no pass, no play” rule.

1. I passed 5 out of 6 classes the previous semester.
2. I am on track for graduation.

I understand that I must maintain these grade standards if I am selected as a Milton High School cheerleader.

3. Additionally, I understand that I must be a current student at MHS or MHS feeder middle school (EPMS and NWMS) and districted for Milton High School.
4. Athletes who are in private school are not eligible to try out until they are officially enrolled at Milton High School.
5. Athletes who hardshipped, must have proof of hardship approval for the 2026-2027 school year.

Booster Club/Financial Obligations

The Cheering Section, the booster club, supports the football, competition, and basketball cheerleading squads. Each cheerleader will be expected to participate in mandatory fundraising activities, including the Milton Mini Cheer Camp. This year the camp is scheduled for the week of June 8th. Attendance at Mini Camp is mandatory. We cannot run camp without cheerleaders! We understand there may be extenuating circumstances that might interfere with camp. In such cases, please contact Coach Stucky. Parents are also expected to volunteer for various jobs as requested by the Cheering Section and coaches.

Parent attendance **and payment** for clothing for all SIDELINE teams will be **DUE at the uniform fittings**.

Parent and athlete will need to be prepared to stay for the uniform fitting for as long as it takes to go through all the stations and wait while we process payment and proof orders. This event will be time-consuming, but it is necessary to reduce error and reduce time with unpaid invoices that could hold up the team’s ordering timeline.

Projected Costs for Sideline Cheer

- Participation Fee to the Cheering Section..... \$200
- Participation Fee to Milton High School..... \$50
- All Cheerleaders..... \$450
 - Player Pack (practice attire, sports bra, shoes, water bottle, bows, poms)
- New Cheerleaders OR Cheerleaders needing new items/sizes:
 - Warm-ups..... \$80
 - (Individual Items: Jacket is \$55, Pants are \$25)
 - Sleeves..... \$30
 - Backpack..... \$100
 - Bloomers..... \$65
- Sideline Team Building..... \$75
- Potential Travel Fees (Varsity Football 11th/12th Grade only & Basketball only)..... \$550

Projected Costs for Game Day Cheer

- Participation Fee to the Cheering Section..... \$300
(includes choreography camp, gear, competition fees, travel expenses, etc.)

Projected Costs for Competition Cheer

- Participation Fee to the Booster Club (NEW ATHLETES)..... \$1075
- Participation Fee to the Booster Club (Returning ATHLETES)..... \$975
- Participation Fee to Milton High School..... \$50

Milton High School Cheerleading Constitution

All athletes are held to a higher standard. An athlete may be dismissed or suspended indefinitely until a meeting is held with the coach and athletic director. All Fulton County rules apply 365/24/7. This rule goes into effect once an athlete makes a team. Please familiarize yourself with the Fulton County Athletic Handbook on www.miltonhighschool.com under Extracurricular → Athletics.

Team Commitment:

Cheerleading is a major personal commitment of my non-academic time and cannot be placed secondary to other non-academic activities.

1. I am expected to participate in all practices, games, squad meetings, squad projects, pep rallies, minicamp, choreography, summer camp and other spirit activities as designated by the cheerleading coaches. Failure to participate in these activities can lead to sitting out games and indefinite suspension from the squad.
2. Due to the time commitment of this sport, I may not participate in another sport or club during my cheerleading season if there is a conflicting schedule.
3. Multiple absences from practices and/or games will result in indefinite suspension from the squad.

Attendance:

All cheerleaders must have a good attendance record. If you miss school for a half-day or more, then you may not be able to cheer at practice, a game, a pep rally, or any other function. Please schedule your appointments so that they do not conflict with your cheerleading schedule. When you are absent from school text or email your coach during the day.

School Behavior:

A cheerleader must maintain positive behavior in all classes and school activities. This means setting an example for others to follow. Any conduct which dishonors the athlete, the team, the school, or the community will not be tolerated. Behavioral expectations apply 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, in and out of the specific extracurricular season, and on or off school grounds (including social media). The following violations will not be tolerated and will be given appropriate punishment that will be determined by the coach:

- Use of tobacco
- Use of alcoholic beverages
- Use of illegal drugs
- Undesirable or immoral behavior
- Use of alcoholic beverages
- Violation of the honor code
- Public display of affection
- Bullying and hazing
- Inappropriate use of social media and/or group texts
- Any behavior considered inappropriate by a school representative.
- Cheerleaders are to obey all Milton High School rules.
- Cheerleaders are to obey all GHSA rules in the handbook.

Cell Phones:

Cell phones may not be used during practices or games unless in the case of an emergency. If you have something that calls for immediate attention, please talk to your coach first. You may use your phone during half-time of games, but once the game resumes it must be put away.

Transportation:

Cheerleaders are required to ride the bus to and from functions.

Squad Expectations:

- Jewelry is not allowed at practice, games, or competitions.
- Keep your nails short (fingertip length). Nail polish must be neutral in color.
- No gum chewing in uniform or at practice.
- Hair must be pulled back for practice, games, and competitions.
- Talk over ALL potential problems with the coach.
- Do not talk about a cheerleader in a negative way.
- Cooperate with and respect each other.
- DO NOT argue in public as a squad.
- Do your share of the work.
- Always show good sportsmanship.
- Give 110% in all aspects of cheerleading.
- Be neat in appearance.
- Be proud of yourself, work hard, and strive to improve yourself and your squad.
- Remember that there are a lot of athletes that wish they were in your shoes.

Uniforms:

The uniforms are expensive and must be taken care of with respect for the next cheerleaders to wear them. You will be required at the end of the season to have your uniforms cleaned and returned in the condition they were issued. You will be responsible for replacing any uniform you misplaced or damaged. Under no circumstances is another student allowed to wear any part of your cheerleading uniform.

Injury:

The school and coach assume no responsibility for an accident or injury that might occur at school, during an event or away from the school grounds.

Skills: **Skills should be maintained throughout the season.**

- 9th and JV Football sideline:
 - Tumbling: preferred but not required
 - Stunting: basic skills required
- Varsity Football sideline:
 - Standing tumbling is preferred but not required
 - Stunting: Athletes should be able to base, back or fly in a stunt

Consequences:

- Missed Practice: sit out one quarter of a game
- Missed Game: sit out half of a game
- Violations of expectations will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Severe violations will result in an indefinite suspension from the team.

Resignation or Removal from a Team:

If you resign from a squad, you and your parents must first contact the coach. If you resign or are removed from any cheerleading squad:

- You will be unable to participate in any other sports that have the same season (per GHSA).
- You will be unable to try out for any other sport until the cheerleading season has ended (per GHSA).
- If you resign or are removed from a team, you will not be eligible to receive any refund for clothes, shoes, or items that are ordered on your behalf.
- If you resign after tryouts but before the season, you forfeit participation on any Milton Cheerleading Squad for the 2026-2027 season.
- If you resign or are removed from a team, you forfeit participation in any Milton Cheerleading Squad for the 2027-2028 season.

Lettering:

- Lettering is not guaranteed to athletes who make a Varsity squad. To letter, athletes are expected to attend all practices, games and events.

Squads:

- 9th Grade: Freshman cheer for 9th grade
- Junior Varsity: Sophomores cheer for JV
- If there are not enough athletes for a 9th and JV Squad, they may be combined to make one squad.
- Varsity Football: Juniors and Seniors cheer Varsity
 - **9th and 10th grade athletes who make varsity competition will only be able to tryout for varsity sideline due to scheduling conflicts. They will not be able to try out for 9th or JV sideline. 9th and 10th graders who make Varsity sideline will not travel to out of state games.**
- Varsity Basketball: Juniors and Seniors cheer Varsity although sophomores might be pulled up

Additional Competition Information

Performance Clause

- I am trying out for the MHS Competition Cheerleading Program. I understand that if I am selected as a member of the Cheerleading Program, I may be selected to participate on either the Varsity or Junior Varsity Team.
- Team selection is only based on skills. No preference will be given to athletes based on age, grade, or past team membership. Seniors will be considered for the Varsity Team only.
- As a member of the Competition Program, I need to continue to work on my skills to continue to be considered as a competing member on either team.
- I understand that my placement on either team is not permanent; at any time, I may be moved from one team to another.

Summer Participation

- I understand that I am expected to keep and improve my skills outside of the regular season.
- Although mandatory practices do not begin until July 27th, I understand that my attendance at summer workouts/camp is important to my individual improvement and to the team.
- I understand that I must notify the coach if I will not be able to attend a summer workout.

Alternates

- I understand that if I am not selected as a performing member on either team, then I will be an alternate for the Competition Program.
- As an alternate I am expected to attend every practice and every competition.
- I am expected to actively practice and participate at all practices. This includes, but is not limited to: jumping, tumbling, stunting, stretching, etc.
- I understand that I am expected to know the routine and be prepared to compete as needed.
- I understand that I am expected to continue to work on my skills to be considered as a competing member.

Important Competition Dates

Activity	Varsity	Start Date	Location
Competition Summer Workouts	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM (Dead Weeks: May 25 th – May 31 st and June 29 th – July 5 th)	June 2nd	Aux Gym & Cube
Mini Camp (Sideline cheerleaders)	June 8th–12th 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Workouts will be 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM	June 8th	Main Gym
Competition Choreography **MANDATORY**	June 19th and 20th	June 19th	Aux Gym
Fall Competition Practice	Monday: 3:45–5:45 PM (<i>Varsity</i>) Tuesday: 3:45–5:45 PM (<i>Varsity and JV</i>) Wednesday: 6:00–7:00 AM (<i>JV</i>) Thursday: 3:45–5:45 PM (<i>Varsity</i>) Friday: 3:45–5:45 PM (<i>JV</i>)	July 27th	Aux Gym & Cube

Important Dates

- **February 27:** Tryout Material posted on website – www.miltoncheer.com
- **March 6:** Tryout Forms Due – www.miltoncheer.com
 - *All Athletes* must complete the **Tryout Application**
 - Current Milton Students will upload forms to **RankOne**
 - Rising 9th Graders will email copy of **current physical** and **insurance verification** to Harrisont3@fultonschools.org
- **March 17 (9th and 10th), 19 (11th and 12th) and 20 (ALL):** Sideline Tryouts
 - It is imperative that you are there every day.
- **March 23 – 30:** Competition Tryouts
 - It is imperative that you are there every day.
- **March 31:** Sideline Teams posted by 4:00 PM on www.miltoncheer.com
- **March 31:** Competition Team posted by 4 PM on Instagram @miltoncompcheer
- **MANDATORY Uniform Fittings** for all sideline cheerleaders (*choose one to attend*):
 - **April 14 from 4:00-6:00PM** in Aux Gym
 - **April 16 from 5:00-7:00PM** in Aux Gym
- **May 25 – May 31:** GHSA Dead Week – Week of Rest
- **June 2:** Competition summer workouts begin

- **June 6 and 7:** Game Day Choreography Camp
 - **June 6 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM**
 - **June 7 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**
- **June 8 – 12:** Minicamp from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
 - ALL football and basketball cheerleaders are required to attend, every day.
- **June 19 and 20:** Competition Cheerleading Choreography (**Varsity** in AM, **JV** in PM)
- **June 29 – July 5:** GHSA Dead Week – Week of Rest
- **July 27:** Mandatory Practices Begin for Competition
- **July 29:** Mandatory Practices Begin for Football Sideline and Game Day
- **September 28:** Basketball Pre-Season Conditioning Begins
- **October 20:** Mandatory Practices Begin for Basketball Sideline

Football and Basketball Practice Schedule

Football Squads (*beginning July 29*): **Every Wednesday**, 3:45 - 5:30 PM

Game Day Competition (*beginning July 29*): **Every Wednesday**, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Basketball Squads (*beginning October 20*): **Every Wednesday**, 3:45 - 5:30 PM (also on Game Days)

RankOne Information *(for current Milton students only)*

You may access RankOne via www.rankone.com or the RankOne App.

RankOne is a requirement of Fulton County. All documents and forms must be approved before students are able to participate in any athletic activity including conditioning, tryouts, practice or games. Please make sure RankOne is taken care of well in advance of tryouts.

If you already have a RankOne Account:

- Log into your account and click on your student.
- Make sure all forms are up today date.
 - From website: Look for Electronic Documents to say Approved next to all forms.
 - From the app: They will have a green check mark next to all forms.
- Make sure the physical will not expire before tryouts. Physicals are good for one calendar year.
- **Do NOT worry about GHSA Eligibility. That is something that needs to be completed by the Athletic Director.**

To create a NEW parent account:

- Visit www.rankone.com.
- Select "Create New Account" and enter the appropriate information.
- You will receive a confirmation email confirming your user credentials. Click the link in the email to confirm your account. ***If you do not receive the email please check Junk/Spam folders***. After you click the link, you may login with your Username and Password.
- Once you're logged in you will be able to add your Student(s) to your account by selecting "Add a Student".
- Once your student is added, select "Start Forms".
- Complete and upload all required documents. Some will be approved right away, and others may take a day or two.
- Do NOT worry about the GHSA Eligibility. That is something that needs to be completed by the Athletic Director.