



## Warner Robins High School Basketball Cheerleading Tryouts 2026-2027

Thank you for your interest in the 2026-2027 Warner Robins High School Cheerleading program. We look forward to a great year! All candidates for the cheerleading team can look forward to being a part of an enthusiastic, dedicated, and progressive cheerleading program. The cheerleaders at WRHS are ambassadors of our school and community, and the first responsibility of being a Warner Robins High School Basketball Cheerleader is to promote and uphold the highest spirit amongst our staff, faculty, class, members, and team sports. If you're ready to meet the challenge, let's get started!

### Dates to Note:

March 2 -March 19, 2026- Tryout Packet Released

March 19, 2026- Tryout Application and Signature Pages Due

- \$10 Tryout Fee Due ( to Coach Hicks in Rm 213)
- Forms uploaded to Dragonfly (100% Complete! NO Physical, NO Dragonfly, NO Tryout, NO Exceptions)

March 23-26, 2026 - Tryout Clinic 3:30-5:30- Warner Robins High School Old Gym

March 26,2026 - Final Tryout (This may run later than 5:30 depending on when your group is evaluated)

March 27, 2026 - Final results posted on WRHS and Basketball Cheerleading social media

April 6, 2026 - MANDATORY parent meeting at 6:00PM (First Payment is DUE!)

**Fundraising will begin immediately after tryouts! If you are selected for the team please know there will be conditioning this summer.**

## **Tryout Information**

### **Attendance/Attire:**

It is imperative that students trying out be in attendance everyday. Absences and tardies (as well as late pick-up) will be a determining factor for your placement on the team. Dress appropriately. Please wear dark shorts, white shirt, and tennis shoes during tryout practice.. Hair must be pulled up, nails trimmed, and NO jewelry of any kind is allowed. A positive attitude is a MUST!!!!

### **Varsity Basketball**

This team will cheer all home, in town, and away games. WE DO NOT CHEER AT TOURNAMENTS! They are all responsible to be in attendance at EVERY game and EVERY practice. They are responsible for participating in various activities throughout the season. You will be notified way ahead of time about these activities. So please plan accordingly.

### **Item Release Schedule/Payment Plan**

The payment chart is listed below. It is very important that payments are paid on time. We understand that situations may arise, but we need on time payments to pay for orders placed in a timely manner.

### **Fundraisers**

We will participate in several fundraisers throughout the season. These fundraisers will provide opportunities for cheerleaders to participate in various activities. It is IMPERATIVE that ALL cheerleaders participate in ALL fundraisers in order for the season to run smoothly as possible. You will receive a fundraising schedule after the team is selected.



**WRHS Basketball Cheerleading Costs 2026-2027**

Practice Wear	\$150		<b><u>Payment Schedule</u></b>	
Uniform Rental Fee	\$175		<b>Payment 1: April 6</b> <b>Cash/Check/Money order</b>	<b>\$275</b>
Shoes	\$90			
Bows	\$40		<b>Payment 2: May 6</b> <b>Cash/Check/Money order</b>	<b>\$275</b>
Bags	\$85			
Accessories (Bloomers, Socks, Bra)	\$95		<b>Payment 3: June 8</b> <b>Cash/Check/Money Order</b>	<b>\$275</b>
Warm-Up	\$150			
Travel Fees	\$125		<b>Payment 4: July 6</b> <b>Cash/Check/Money Order</b>	<b>\$275</b>
Miscellaneous	\$200		<b>Total Price:</b>	<b>\$1110.00</b>

**WRHS Returning Cheerleader Costs 2026-2027**

Practice Wear	\$150		<b><u>Payment Schedule</u></b>	
Uniform Rental Fee	\$175		<b>Cash/Check/Money order</b>	<b>\$219</b>
Bows	\$40		<b>Cash/Check/Money order</b>	<b>\$219</b>
Shoes	\$90		<b>Cash/Check/Money order</b>	<b>\$219</b>
Accessories(Bloomers, Socks, Bra)	\$95		<b>Cash/Check/Money Order</b>	<b>\$219</b>
Travel Fees	\$125			
Miscellaneous	\$200		<b>Total Price:</b>	<b>\$875</b>



## Rules and Regulations

### 1) Purpose

It shall be the purpose of this organization to promote and uphold school spirit, to support athletic programs, to develop positive relationships in the community and between schools during athletic events, and to compete with athletic integrity and good sportsmanship.

### 2) Eligibility Requirements

a) A candidate must meet eligibility requirements set forth by the Georgia High School Association by passing five of seven classes and remain on track.

b) Each candidate must carry school insurance or present a waiver signed by parents stating that they have adequate accident insurance.

c) Each candidate must turn in a written certification by a medical doctor stating that he/she has passed a physical examination and is capable of cheering.

d) Each candidate must turn in a parental permission form.

e) A cheerleader that is dismissed or resigns during the year will not receive a Varsity letter.

f) A candidate will not be allowed to try out if they carry an outstanding debt or uniform owed to the cheerleading program or WRHS.

### 3) Extracurricular Activities

a) Athletes who wish to participate in other activities such as clubs, organizations, all-star cheer teams...may do so as long as they do not conflict with cheerleading at WRHS. An absence due to other activities will be an unexcused absence.

b) Athletes are not allowed to participate in any other sport until the conclusion of the cheering season.

c) If a member is dismissed from a sport, that member may not play another sport that year.

### 4) Membership

a) The coaches of WRHS cheerleading will determine the number chosen for membership on each team.

(3) Varsity Basketball

b) Being a member of a WRHS cheerleading team one year in no way guarantees placement on the team for the following year. Every member must go through the same try-out process each spring.

c) If an athlete is dismissed from the team or resigns his/her position, the coach reserves the right to decide whether to fill the vacancy.

d) Your duties and responsibilities of membership are not complete until after tryouts for the following season.

### 5) Attendance Requirements

a) Practice

- (1) The coaches have the right to call mandatory practices for all teams as frequently as needed.
- (2) Athletes are expected to attend ALL practices unless they are ill. Proper documentation of illness will be required (i.e. doctor's excuse). If you are checking out of school due to an illness, you must stop by and see your Coach before leaving school to let them know that you will not be at practice. You must notify a coach if you are late or missing practice.
- (3) Work, hair appointments, learner's permit, or driver's license. Etc....are NOT a reason to miss practice. Also, please schedule doctor's appointments, etc. around practice times. Excusing an absence will be at the discretion of the coach.
- (4) All athletes must attend practice. Athletes should miss no more than 3 practices in order to remain on their respective teams. In order to letter on varsity, you cannot miss more than 3 practices.
  - (a) Only valid excuses are:
    - (i) Death in family
    - (ii) Illness with a doctor's excuse
    - (iii) Doctor's appointment of serious/emergency nature
    - (iv) Absences that do not meet the above criteria will result in demerits.
  - (b) School trips are excused from practice, but not for games.
  - (c) Remember that all travel, games, and practices are considered school activities and are subject to all school rules.
  - (d) Athletes should miss no more than 3 practices in order to stay on the team. 3 Unexcused absences will result in removal.
- (5) Athletes are expected to be at practice on time. Action taken will be at the discretion of the coach.
- (6) All cheerleaders are expected to be picked up from events in a timely manner. Requiring a coach to stay after practice and wait on a ride to pick up members is not acceptable. We understand that sometimes circumstances can occur and can cause a late pick up. However, habitual offenders will suffer disciplinary action at the discretion of the coach.
- (7) Conditioning will begin in the summer. A specific date will be given after tryouts. Attendance at conditioning is strongly suggested and may affect alternate status during the season. Conditioning is NOT mandatory.
- (8) Phones are not allowed at practice. If they are seen out and in use, the cheerleader will receive a consequence..

#### b) Games/Performances

- (1) Athletes are expected to participate and be present at all games and functions unless they are ill or injured. Parents must notify the coach in advance if their cheerleader will be absent.
  - (a) Notification must be prior to the event.
  - (b) Coaches reserve the right to ask for proper documentation of illness.
  - (c) Injured or benched cheerleaders must attend all games in uniform regardless of participation.
- (2) Athletes are expected to arrive at games on time. Action taken will be at the discretion of the coach.
- (3) Athletes are expected to remain at a game for the duration of the event. Leaving early is not an option. Consequences for this will be determined by the coach.
- (4) An unexcused and/or unannounced absence from a game is grounds for dismissal at the coach's discretion. This will be at the coach's discretion.
- (5) If an athlete misses more than half a school day, he/she will not be allowed to cheer in a game or performance that occurs that day.
- (6) If an athlete misses a game or performance for any reason, the coach reserves the right to not allow an athlete to participate in the next game, performance, or activity, but may require the athlete to attend the function.

#### 6) Communication Responsibility

- a) The coaches must have a working number to reach each individual cheerleader at all times.
- b) If contact numbers are changed it is the responsibility of the cheerleader to report a new number to a coach.
- c) A Band account must be created and available for coaches to send videos to the team/cheerleader. The PRIMARY form of communication in our program and all participants will be GroupMe. It is a free app.

d) Attempted communication overlooked or not checked by the cheerleader is not an excuse for being uninformed. If the coach sends a group message in GroupMe then its contents are understood by the coach as being delivered.

## 7) Financial Responsibility

- a) The athlete is responsible for payment of the total amount of cheerleading fees as determined by the coaches.
  - (1) These fees include, but are not limited to, a uniform fee, shoes, socks, and bloomers.
  - (2) Occasionally, the cheerleader may have additional expenses.
  - (3) Accounts must be settled before the cheerleader will be able to start the season, tryout next year, and walk in graduation
  - (4) You must be current in your payments according to the plan provided above to receive your uniform and participate in games.
- b) The teams will participate in several fundraisers during the year in an effort to defray the cost of cheerleading activities such as, but not limited to, bus/driver fees, senior awards, banquet costs, etc. Each athlete is expected to participate in fundraising.
- c) The athlete will sign the proper documentation showing items taken, sold, and returned. If an athlete does not return merchandise or pay money owed to the school, that cheerleader will not be eligible for future try-outs and will not walk at graduation per school rule.
- d) The coach will establish final payment for cheerleading fees. You will receive a schedule of payment due dates and will be expected to make these payments in a timely manner. If there is a conflict with the payment schedule, contact the coach and make necessary arrangements.
- e) Because the uniform (shell and skirt) is purchased by Warner Robins High School, it is the property of Warner Robins High School. The athlete is required to sign a rental agreement stating that the uniform will be returned in the same condition as rented other than normal wear. If the uniform is damaged to a point it cannot be used, the athlete and parent will be responsible for replacing the damaged item. A damaged or lost uniform will be \$100 per piece. This includes the top and skirt. Any other part of the uniform that is lost or damaged will also have to be paid for. This includes the body liner if applicable.
- f) If an athlete is dismissed from the team or quits for any reason, money will not be refunded and outstanding cheer fees must be paid immediately. All money must be paid in full regardless of the circumstances surrounding the incident. Once you choose to cheer at WRHS you are financially responsible to pay the full amount owed.

## 8) Requirements and Regulations

- a) Athletes are expected to completely commit and dedicate themselves to the team, the coach, and the school at ALL times.
- b) Should internal conflict occur, athletes are expected to discuss it with the team coach. If this does not resolve the issue, it is then taken to the head cheer coach, then to the Athletic Director, and lastly the principal, in that order.
- c) All athletes are expected to have all of their cheer equipment with them at ALL games.
- d) Proper appearance is required at all times while in uniform, with clothing appropriate for the occasion.
  - (1) Uniforms, shoes, and other cheer apparel are to be worn only by cheerleaders.
  - (2) Cheerleading shoes are not to be worn as casual shoes and should be worn at ALL GAMES.
  - (3) Uniforms and shoes should be kept clean at all times. Uniforms should be pressed and in good repair.
  - (4) No glitter makeup per GHSA regulations.
  - (5) GHSA regulations regarding hair, fingernails, and jewelry will apply. Cheerleaders are not to wear jewelry to practices or games
- e) Seniors will be expected to assume extra responsibilities and to provide leadership for other team members including, but not limited to, tryouts for the upcoming year.
- f) Unless extenuating circumstances arise, each cheerleading squad will travel to and from away games as a team unless parents communicate with coaches.

g) The coach shall have the right to require prior parental notification for an athlete to travel home from an event with a parent/guardian. Athletes are not allowed to travel home with any one other than their parent/guardian without written permission.

h) All athletes will participate in fundraising projects during the year. **Participation in fundraising is mandatory.**

i) While in uniform, all athletes are expected to refrain from undue bodily contact with other people. This includes before and after all games.

j) All clothing identifying the individual as a cheerleader should only be worn by the cheerleader. The athlete will be punished if they loan out clothing to others, especially if the person they loaned it to is seen wearing it. These clothes identify our squad and we cannot control others who may be wearing these items. We want our teams to remain a positive influence in our community and this rule helps to insure that we do.

k) **The use of phones is prohibited at practice and games.**

#### 9) Demerits

a) Demerits will be assigned for any behavior seen as unnecessary/inappropriate by the coaches (being late to practice, teacher/discipline issues in the classroom, disrespect to coaches, admin or other team members, etc.).

b) Once a cheerleader has reached three demerits, she will be required to sit out of the next occurring event for their team.

c) Cheerleaders will sign a demerit log upon being issued the demerit and understand that a total of three equals being benched for the next game or competition that takes place.

d) The limit of demerits allowed is six. Any infraction calling for demerits after the total of six is reached will result in dismissal from the team.

#### 10) Dismissal

a) Inappropriate behavior not only reflects on the individual, but can also affect the image of an entire team. The good of the team always comes before any one individual. If it is in the best interest of the team that any individual not perform or that he/she be removed from the team, this action will be taken, by the decision of the coach and if needed, by the responsibility of the coaches and administration.

b) The coaches reserve the right to use extreme disciplinary measures for any activity or behavior that they deem unacceptable for a cheerleader.

(1) These inappropriate behaviors may include, but are not limited to smoking on school grounds, profanity, disrespect, and insubordination, fighting and any activity that may result in ISS or suspension.

(2) If any person receives ISS 1 times, automatic removal from the team will occur.

c) All cheerleaders are expected to respect, support, and encourage all cheerleading teams at any school including WRHS, and all coaches and persons associated with the cheerleading program. Disrespect and insubordination will not be tolerated. Such behavior is grounds for dismissal. If a cheerleader is found to have in any way undermined the actions of any person or team involved in the program, the coaches shall have discretion in determining if a cheerleader is dismissed. If a cheerleader quits or is dismissed from the team, money will NOT be refunded under any circumstance and any outstanding balance must be paid immediately.

**If a cheerleader is removed from the team or quits the team, they are still responsible for fees owed!** Items are ordered for the number of girls on the team, so the cheerleader must pay. Once the cheerleader is no longer a member of the team, he/she will not receive any items purchased as they are no longer a member. Please encourage your child to stick with this commitment.

Each Cheerleader is subject to all WRHS athletic department & GHSA rules. Mr. Butler is the Athletic Director for WRHS.

Keep these rules for your own records. Please do not turn them into any of the Coaches.



### **WRHS Cheer Social Media Contract**

In the past, inappropriate use of social media by Warner Robins High School students participating in athletics and other extracurricular activities has resulted in the suspension from practices, games and other events. In an effort to foster good sportsmanship and to deter the need to enforce such discipline, your coach recommends the following guidelines as best practices for the use of social media by WRHS cheerleaders.

For the purposes of these guidelines, social media means any form of electronic communication through which users create online communities to share information, ideas, personal messages, and other content, including, by way of illustration and not limitation, social networking sites such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and Tumblr. WRHS cheerleading respects the right of its athletes to use social media. However, it is important for these athletes to understand the need to exercise care in setting appropriate boundaries between their personal and public online behavior and to understand that what may seem private in the digital world can often become public, even without knowledge or consent. Cheerleaders who use social media must remember that any information posted reflects on the entire squad and community.

#### **Best Practices for Social Media Use:**

1. **Be Aware that Privacy Settings are NOT Foolproof.** Cheerleaders are highly encouraged to use privacy settings on social media sites. However, be aware that privacy settings are not foolproof. Although social media sites provide their users with privacy improvement updates, the changes occur frequently and can get complicated. Even if you diligently monitor your privacy settings, it's best to assume that anything you post may potentially be seen by your school, your coach, your parents, and strangers.
2. **Avoid Posting Confidential Information.** Be aware of the kind of information you are posting on social media sites. Posting information such as your date of birth, address, phone number, class schedule, social security number, bank account number, etc. is NOT recommended. Once such information is posted, it becomes the property of the social media site.
3. **Avoid Unprofessional Public Profiles.** Any information you put on social media sites is considered public information and may be viewed by members of the public. Be mindful of the image you create for yourself online. Potential, current and future employers as well as college admissions recruiters may access the information you put on social media sites.
4. **Avoid Posting Illegal Activities.** Photos posted via social media become the property of the social media site. You may delete the photo from your profile but the photo remains on the social media site's server. Internet search engines such as Google or Yahoo may still find that image long after you have deleted it from your profile. In addition, even if

your profile is set to private, a friend can always download and save incriminating photos that third parties, such as the authorities, can use against you in the future. Cheerleaders should avoid the following:

- Incriminating photos or statements depicting violence; hazing; sexual harassment; vandalism; stalking; underage drinking; selling, possessing, or using controlled substances; or any other inappropriate behaviors.

5. Avoid Bullying\Threats of Violence. While WRHS cheerleaders have a right to free speech, that right is NOT unlimited. Bullying is a serious problem and is not limited to student-to-student interactions. Vicious treatment and hateful words often lead to violence, suicide, depression, and discrimination. Cheerleaders should avoid the following:

- Derogatory language or remarks about teammates, coaches, students, staff members, athletic administrators, or representatives of other schools;
- Demeaning statements about and/or threats to any third party; and
- Creating serious danger to the safety of another person or making a credible threat of serious physical or emotional injury to another person. WRHS cheerleaders should be aware that if their conduct is deemed inappropriate, such conduct may be subject to discipline, not only by school authorities, but also by law enforcement agencies.

6. Avoid Lying, Cheating & Plagiarizing. Again, all information posted on social media sites is considered public information. It may be viewed by third parties and used against you. It is best to assume that anything you post may be seen by your school, your parents, your coach, and your peers.

WRHS cheerleaders should be aware that their online actions have consequences. Your coach and administrators can monitor student social media accounts, and it has the right to act on information. We also have a right to investigate students; social media sites in the event of allegations of inappropriate online conduct. We have a right to discipline students for online conduct which is related to a school activity or attendance and is: 1) substantially or foreseeably disruptive to the WRHS environment; 2) lewd, vulgar or offensive; and/or 3) advocating violence or illegal activity. In addition, students should be aware that, in certain circumstances, their online conduct may be subject to criminal prosecution. The following online actions are considered to be substantially or foreseeably disruptive to the WRHS environment; lewd, vulgar or offensive; and/or advocating violence or illegal activity and therefore subject to the consequences listed below:

#### ONLINE ACTIONS

- General inappropriate language of a profane or sexual nature
- Profane or inappropriate language or remarks directed toward teammates, coaches, other WRHS students, staff, coaches, as well as athletic administrators and representatives from other schools
- Demeaning statements about or threats to any third party
- Incriminating photos, statements, or language in reference to violence, drug or alcohol use, bullying, or any other inappropriate behaviors
- Creating a serious danger to the safety of another person or making a credible threat of serious physical or emotional injury to another person
- Indicating knowledge of an unreported felony theft or property damage
- Indicating knowledge of an unreported school or team violation

- Engaging in or indicating knowledge of cyber bullying and/or harassing another student or staff member
- “Liking” any of the above comments or photos on Facebook or any other social networking sites indicates your approval of such comments and thereby holds you to the same standard. Should you choose to “Like” such comments/photos made on social networks by your friends, the consequences outlined below will apply.
- “Retweeting” or marking a tweet as a “Favorite” on Twitter also indicates your approval of inappropriate comments and thereby holds you to the same standard. Choosing to retweet or favorite an inappropriate comment or picture will subject you to the consequences outlined below.
- “Subtweeting” is not permitted under any circumstances. The notion that you are choosing not to identify the victim of your bullying or inappropriate comments DOES NOT preclude you from the below consequences.
- Other inappropriate behavior as deemed so by WRHS Athletics or Administration

## CONSEQUENCES

Demerits will be issued for minor offenses. Major offenses will result in removal from the team.

- It is the expectation of WRHS that as a Student-Athlete, you will represent our school in the best possible manner.
- Furthermore, you will continue to uphold the high standards and character that is expected of all of our students.
- Your signature below indicates that you understand this information and the attached discipline.

**Signature Page**

**Rules And Regulations**

I have read and understand what is expected of me if I make a 2026-2027 WRHS cheerleading squad, and I accept them as governing my participation. By signing this I agree to return all equipment, including all parts of the uniform, to the coach in the same or better condition that I was rented the uniform, in the case that I am chosen for a squad at WRHS. If I do not return the uniform, I am aware and agree to the payment set forth in the rules and regulations of this tryout packet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Athlete Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Athlete Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Social Media Contract**

I have read and understand the policies and consequences outlined in the social media contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Athlete Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Athlete Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Video and Photography Release**

I understand that my child's photograph/video may be taken during the course of the cheerleading season or during a special event.

I hereby grant \_\_\_/do not grant \_\_\_ my permission for the resulting video and/or photograph to be used for any publicity and printing purposes. This also includes the WRHS cheerleading website.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian if student is younger than 18

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Medical Treatment Authorization and Liability Release 2026-2027**

I, the undersigned parent or guardian, do hereby grant permission for my daughter/son \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the activity of cheerleading at Warner Robins High School. In order that my daughter/son may receive the necessary medical treatment in the event he/she may sustain injury or illness during participation in this activity. I hereby authorize the cheerleading coach or other supervising adult to obtain medical treatment for my daughter/son for such injury or illness during the activity, and I hereby hold Houston County School District, Warner Robins High School and its representatives harmless in the exercise of authority.

I understand that this activity involves risk to the participant. I further acknowledge and understand that due to the nature of this activity, which involves inversion and rotation of the body, there is a possibility that my daughter/son may sustain physical illness or injury (minimal, serious or catastrophic), in connection with her or his participation. I further acknowledge and understand that my daughter/son is assuming the risk of such physical illness or injury by her/his participation, and I further release Houston County School District, Warner Robins High School and its representatives from any claim for personal illness or injury that my daughter/son may sustain during participation in this activity.

I further understand that Warner Robins High School has established rules and regulations pertaining to conduct, behavior, and activities of all students and cheerleading participants, by which my daughter/son must abide during participation in this activity, and that daughter/son and I will be responsible for his/her failure to abide by those rules and regulations.

My daughter/son and I have read and understand the above Medical Treatment Authorization and Liability Release.

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Signature of Parent or Guardian if Participant is under 18

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Participant

Date

List all medications your child is currently taking: \_\_\_\_\_

List any previous injury or illness our staff should be aware of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact:

Name/Relation: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Relation: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

