

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL TWIRLER CONSTITUTION

I. ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

- A. Must be going into the 9th-12th grades
- B. Must compete in tryouts if entering the 9th grade.
- C. Must have a combined averaged score of 70 or above in fundamentals and solo routine.
- D. Must follow UIL eligibility rules for tryouts and throughout the year.

II. FEATURE TWIRLER TRYOUTS

- A. Students wanting to tryout for feature twirler must be a current member in good standing of the twirling team and have been on the twirling line for one year (i.e. must meet all of the eligibility requirements.)
- B. The student must submit their name to the twirling coach prior to the tryout date.
- C. The feature twirler tryout routine must incorporate multiple batons in a solo routine that is at least 2 minutes long.
- D. If multiple twirlers vie for this position the highest scorer will be the feature twirler.
- E. If more than one twirler is trying out for feature twirler the scores must reflect a 2 point difference in the scores for there to be more than one feature twirler.

III. TWIRLER GUIDELINES

- A. Eligibility for twirling events will follow UIL rules. (i.e. academic grades, grade level, etc.)
- B. Must attend all twirling functions unless personal illness or death in the family occurs.
- C. Must purchase the proper uniform(s) for the field performances, pep rallies, etc.
- D. Must have the proper uniform on while performing at games, pep rallies, etc.
- E. Proper uniform(s) consists of:
 - 1. Field uniform
 - 2. Pep rally uniform
 - 3. Camp outfits
 - 4. Warm up suit
 - 5. Hair piece
 - 6. Earrings
 - 7. Tan jazz shoes
 - 8. Tan twirling shoes
 - 9. Panty hose
 - 10. Proper undergarments for uniform
- F. All twirlers must wear their hair in the same style unless otherwise permitted by the twirl coach.
- G. Only designated hair pieces and jewelry may be worn.

- H. All twirlers must be dressed in the same attire for performances.
- I. Any tattoos must be covered when representing CHS as a twirler.
- J. Any piercings other than ear piercings must be removed before a performance or practice.
- K. All practices are required unless personal illness or death in family occurs.
- L. Any absence from a practice or performance must be approved prior to the event by the twirl coach.
- M. Injured twirlers are required to attend all required events and sit on the sidelines if injury allows.
- N. Twirlers are responsible for having and transporting all of their own equipment to the performance, fields, etc.
- O. Twirlers will be required to participate in the Thursday afternoon band practices to be eligible to participate in the following football game, pep rally or performance.
- P. All twirlers must be able to execute the routines for the twirl coach to acknowledge their knowledge of the routine on the Thursday prior to the following football game, pep rally or performance.
- Q. Any twirler unable to show knowledge of the routine on the Thursday, for the twirl coach, prior to the following football game, pep rally or performance will not be allowed to perform in any of the above mentioned performances.
- R. All twirlers will perform at the pep rallies and games unless they cannot meet the above stated routine requirement (see letter O) or have not met the required academic requirements for the grading period.
- S. Twirlers must be at the field ready to perform at the required times. (These times will be designated on each Thursday band practice.)
- T. Twirlers must ride the van/bus to the football games, UIL events, etc.
- U. Twirlers may be released to their parents after the game or performance if they provide the correct signed parent permission papers. These papers are due on Thursday at the band practice time.
- V. Twirlers may be required to purchase additional twirling equipment as needed for routines throughout the year as the twirl coach sees necessary.
- W. Twirlers will be required to attend weekly twirling practices. Prior notice to the twirl coach will be needed if illness, death in the family or for another academic function that causes the twirler to miss the practice.
- X. Twirlers will be required to attend a summer camp for training. This camp will be paid for by the individual twirler/parents prior to attending the camp.
- Y. Twirlers will attend all summer practices in August prior to the start of the school year.
- Z. Twirlers will be required to have a physical dated prior to attending the summer camp. The physical must be filled out on the required physical form provided by the CBISD athletic department.

IV. DEMERITS AND DISMISSALS

A. Demerits will be given by the twirl coach for the following:

1. Unexcused absence from practice.....2
2. Unexcused absence from performance.....3
3. Disrespect to twirl coach or another twirl team member.....2
4. Incomplete uniform.....2
5. Late to practice.....2
6. Late to performance.....3
7. Missing equipment.....2
8. Public display of affection.....2
9. Food, gum, drink at non-approved times.....2
10. Inappropriate language or gestures.....2
11. Being sent to ISS – per day.....5
12. Suspension from school may result in immediate dismissal from the team.

Possible reason: theft from school, fighting with another student, belligerent conduct to a teacher or administrator, arrested from school, leaving campus without permission, inappropriate bodily contact with another student while on campus, bullying another student on campus or on social media, inappropriate conduct brought to the administration while on social media or any school infraction deemed by the administration and twirl coach.

13. Twirlers will not be allowed to attend the weeks activities if 10 demerits are reached without using methods to work off the demerits.

Demerits may be worked off, seeking the twirl coach’s approval, by attending any school athletic event, help with school related activities, providing school spirit items as needed prior to an event (sign painting, posters, etc.), prior approved community service activities, school tutoring, etc.

14. Any twirler reaching the maximum amount of 15 demerits without any attempt to remove the demerits will be dismissed from the team.
15. Demerits will be carried over from week to week.
16. When a twirler acquires a demerit, she will be notified of the infraction and will be required to initial in the demerit log as to show acknowledgement of the demerit.
17. All demerits must be removed by any of the above mentioned methods for the twirler to be eligible to be on the twirling team the next year.
18. All twirlers must start the summer practices with 0 demerits.

V. **FUNDRAISING**

- A. Fundraising events and activities will take place to help with the acquired cost of the uniform, camp etc.
- B. The summer camp on the campus of CHS must be attended and assisted by all of the twirling team members.
- C. Monies from the fundraisers will be distributed equally to the participating individuals.

VI. **SCHOOL RULES**

- A. All items mentioned above will be governed by the policies and procedures established by the CBISD governing administration and the UIL.