

## **2026 Football T & C's**

# **Twelve Bridges Jr. Rhinos Football & Cheer Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ'S)**

Our mission statement- To impart upon the children of our community the value of Responsibility, Healthy decision making, and Integrity on and off the field. To Nourish self and others, and encourage the growth and development of positive character, Optimism, and Strength in mind, body, and soul.

Our goals are to provide a structured program to educate participants in all aspects of our youth football and cheer program. The success of our program will not be measured by our win-loss record or a competition placement, but by the sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect we show others and ourselves on and off the field.

Our program will always be aimed at creating responsible and respectful youth that will work together as one family. In doing this, we will always provide a positive learning environment that will maintain the highest standards in athletics and academic achievement and will be a positive experience for all of our participants and parents.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: If the season is canceled, will I receive a refund for registration?**

**A:** Yes, you will receive a refund on registration if the season is canceled.

**Q: Do I have to live within the Twelve Bridges High School boundaries to play for the Jr. Rhinos?**

**A:** No, you do not have to live within the Twelve Bridges High School boundaries. Priority will be given to Lincoln residents and it is beneficial as we run the same play book as the high school.

**Q: How old does my son or daughter have to be to participate?**

**A:** Cheer is ages 5-14 and football is ages 7-14. Athletes that will be 5 years old on or before August 31st of any given cheer season are eligible to try out. Athletes that will be 7 years old on or before August 31st of any given football season are eligible to try out.

**Q: When do I turn in my medical release, birth certificate (new players only) and pay the balance on my account?**

**A:** The medical release has to be dated on or after April 15, 2026. All required documents and holding checks (\$500 Volunteer hold check and \$450 football equipment hold check) and are due on or prior to Saturday July 18, 2026. Football and cheer registration fees are due by Friday July 3, 2026.

**Q: When does football practice start?**

**A:** Mandatory football tryouts begin Monday July 20th.

**The 2026 Cheer Assessments will be announced. Please watch for emails or check our website and Social Media for more information.**

**Q: Is it ok if my child misses the first week of practice?**

**A:** No. The first two weeks of football and cheer practice are the most critical. The first week completes the mandatory conditioning required by SAC. Until the 10 hours of conditioning are completed, a child cannot participate in any contact drills or wear pads. The second week of practice is when the football players begin full contact practice. Cheer begins stunting during the second week of practice. This is when coaches begin to get a feel of where each child fits within the team. Missing the first week hurts the cheerleader and squad because they cannot be placed in a stunting group.

**Q: Can I choose which football team my child plays on?**

**A:** Football Athletes are placed in age specific divisions. Under special circumstances your child may play up a level if safety, size and skill dictate such a move.

**Q: What if my child doesn't like it or is released from the football team, do I get a refund?**

**A:** Prior to equipment hand out you will get a 100% refund.

After equipment handout and prior to week 3 of practice, once all equipment is returned, you can get up to a \$250.00 refund.

If your athlete quits after week 3 of practice no refund will be given.

**Q: Do you need coaches, team parents, or other volunteers?**

**A:** Twelve Bridges Jr. Rhinos Football & Cheer is a completely volunteer program. We are always looking for enthusiastic people to help support the league in any capacity that they can. We need every family to participate in some manner. Each family is required to volunteer a minimum of ten (10) hours per family during the season. If a parent signs up for volunteer hours and is charged with a "no show" 2 times, their volunteer check will be cashed immediately and they will not be permitted to sign up for additional hours for the remainder of the season. Some of the available volunteer positions are PAR monitor (home/away games), chain gang (away games), spotter, BBQ, trash, field water, snack bar, spirit wear booth, front gate, back gate, set up and take down.

**Q: Do I need to fundraise?**

**A:** Yes, we are asking that all athletes and families participate in and contribute to each of the fundraisers we will be holding during the season and throughout the year.

### **Upcoming fundraisers:**

Saturday 10/04/2026 Top Golf Tournament (Family Friendly Event)

### **Q: When will I know about schedules for practice and games?**

**A:** The first day of mandatory football tryouts and cheer practice will be on July 20th. Practices go 5 days a week, no more than 2 hours long, M-F, typically between 5:00-9:00 pm. We will go down to 3 days a week after the 1st game of the season. Coaches do have the right to change their schedule if needed and parents will be informed by coaches or team parent of any changes. We try to schedule all our games on Saturdays. However, because our game schedule is based upon the availability of high school fields, there have been occasions where we have had to play a Sunday game.

### **Q: What if my child misses a practice?**

**A:** Because football is a full contact sport and cheer incorporates stunts into their routines, it is a safety issue for both the player and the team when a child misses practice. In the event a participant cannot be at a practice, it is mandatory that one of the coaches be notified prior to practice. The following penalties apply to unexcused absences:

- **Missing one practice may prohibit the participant from starting the next game.**
- **A second missed practice the same week may disqualify that child from playing in that week's game.**
- **Children not participating in a game for these reasons are required to attend the game but will not dress.**
- **If any injury occurs, a doctor's release is required prior to returning to practice.**

### **Q: Can I watch my child practice?**

**A:** Yes, for football. The practice fields are reserved for coaches, athletes, and instructors only. It is asked that parents, friends, and siblings remain off the practice fields at all times. Practice time is limited, so it is important that coaches have the opportunity to make the best use of the time allotted. If you must speak to a coach, please contact them before or after practice. Siblings should not be left at the field without adult supervision and Twelve Bridges Jr. Rhinos Football and Cheer will not assume responsibility for their safety. Also, words of encouragement during practice by parents are always welcome, words of criticism are strictly forbidden and disruptive. Twelve Bridges Jr. Rhinos Football and Cheer retains the exclusive right to request the removal of disruptive parents or visitors. Please see the Parent Code of Conduct.

### **Q: How Is Playing Time Calculated?**

**A:** SAC requires that all players receive a minimum of eight (8) plays per game depending on the team size. For each game, two volunteers will be responsible to document a team's PAR requirement. If a team fails to meet their PAR requirement, they forfeit the game. Beyond the PAR requirement, playing time is at the sole discretion of the coaching staff, who will determine a player's playing time based on, but not

limited to, the following multiple factors: safety, skill, discipline, practice drills, leadership, conditioning, and practice attendance.

**Q: Does the League Provide Football Equipment?**

**A:** Yes, your child will receive the following: certified helmet, guardian cap, shoulder pads, practice jersey, practice pants, game jersey, game pants, chin strap, and mouthpiece. You will need to purchase cleats, black socks, a chin strap with removable liner for sanitary purposes.

**Q: Can I utilize a popup or umbrella on game days in the stands?**

**A:** Yes, popups and umbrellas can be utilized in the top row of the stands only. Any that are blocking the view of the announcer booth or others are not allowed and will be asked to be taken down.

**Q: What if I have a suggestion or complaint?**

**A:** If you would like the TBJR board of directors to officially address a suggestion or complaint it needs to be in writing via email to [president@jrrhinos.org](mailto:president@jrrhinos.org) and [vp@jrrhinos.org](mailto:vp@jrrhinos.org).

**Twelve Bridges Jr. Rhino's Football Attendance Policy:**

Football is a team sport which requires every player to know their responsibilities and perform as part of a team. If one player is not available to practice his or her responsibilities the entire TEAM pays the price. The attendance policy is not designed to penalize players, but rather promote attendance. On-time attendance at all practices is critical for tackle football for safety considerations and so each player properly develops and has the opportunity to learn their TEAM responsibilities. For these reasons attendance at all practices is mandatory.

We understand things will come up throughout the season. Each player is allowed up to three (3) unexcused absences. A player who has a fourth (4) unexcused absence will need to have a mandatory meeting with the head coach and/or the football director to discuss further participation. Any player removed for unexcused absences will not be entitled to a refund of any amount from the organization. Examples of an unexcused absence include but not limited to:

- Conflict with other sports including games, camps, tryouts and practices;
- Birthdays
- Vacations
- Weather related issues; heat, rain or cold
- Homework, School projects, etc....

Excused absences will be accepted but they should not become a habit. If a player is injured but able to attend practice or ill but not contagious then he or she should attend practice and listen to the coach's instruction. Game plans and corrections can be as valuable as physical instruction for the player's development. If a player is injured, a doctor's note releasing the player to participate is required before they can return to practice or play. Any absences to be considered excused must be brought to the coach's attention prior to missing practice.

Examples of excused absences include but not limited to:

- Family emergencies/death in the family
- Serious injury or illness
- Mandatory school events

Practices will begin this year on July 20<sup>th</sup> and run Mon-Fri between 5:00-9:00 PM until our first game on TBD. We also have Jamboree (scrimmages) on Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, (schedule subject to change). In addition coaches are allowed one, 2 hour film session per week. That will be up to the individual coaches to schedule them. Practices, film sessions, games and scrimmages are all considered mandatory practices. There may be a small cost to players for facility use to view film.

The Twelve Bridges Jr. Rhinos appreciate your cooperation with the above attendance policy. A player missing a practice, excused or otherwise, may be subject to reduced playing time that week. A player who misses two (2) practices during the same week may be asked to sit out the week's game at the coach's discretion. Should extenuating circumstances arise please notify the players coach, or the football director. The Twelve Bridges Jr. Rhino Board of Directors reserves the right to alter the policy stated above to best suit the interest of the league and its participants.

## **PARENT CODE**

Twelve Bridges Football & Cheer (TBJR) is a non-profit volunteer based organization that has as its sole purpose the promotion of youth tackle football, competitive cheerleading, and academic excellence. These goals cannot be achieved without the participation and cooperation of parents, guardians, and other adult and youth volunteers. You play an important part in the league even if you do not coach. If you do not volunteer, your lack of involvement will send a signal to your child. If you do volunteer you will send a different, positive signal to your child. Good sportsmanship is a concept that is understood by many and practiced by too few. Adult misbehavior at youth sporting events is something that has gained national attention, and has served to undermine youth sports in this country.

## "Children Grow Up To Become What They Learn"

This agreement is intended to establish and sustain a positive environment for the youth who participate in our program.

1. I will not force my child or any child to participate in youth football or cheer.
2. I will assist the Association in teaching my child and others in this league that rules are important and will instill in the child that rules are important.
3. I understand that children learn best by example and that I will always attempt to set a good example for my child and any other children who participate or have any involvement with **SAC** and **TBJR**.
4. I will teach my child that victory is important and that honesty and hard work are equally rewarding.
5. I will teach my child that one individual cannot win a team competition.
6. I will teach and demonstrate by example the importance of good sportsmanship in victory and in defeat.
7. I will not publicly question the honesty, integrity or judgment of the volunteer coaches, board members or other adult volunteers.
8. I understand that verbal and physical abuse is not to be tolerated against anyone in this league; verbal abuse includes profanity, and foul language.
9. I understand that racial epithets or negative innuendo related to a person's race, religion, sexual identity or ethnicity will not be tolerated.
10. I recognize that respect among adults is necessary for success in this league and that all adult volunteers are entitled to respect, as are the athletes.
11. I understand that email addresses used within the **SAC** and **TBJR** program are to be used only for positive information only. Emails used for unauthorized purposes will be grounds for dismissal.
12. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all athletes, coaches, board members, parents and officials at every game, practice or other league sponsored events.
13. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, Vapes, tobacco, alcohol, and vulgarity, and will refrain from their use at all league sponsored events.
14. I will follow the **twenty-four (24) hour rule** before addressing the head coach when I may have a potentially argumentative subject to discuss to allow diffusion and a calm resolution.
15. As a parent, guardian or spectator, I will responsibly handle disagreements. I agree not to engage in divisive activity such as verbal and physical confrontation. I will not create conflict by slander, malicious, rumors or threats. Nor will I entice another to do so. Any complaints or concerns must be handled at the coach level first. If issues cannot be resolved at the coach level first or Football Director/Cheer Director level second, then all complaints must be submitted in writing to the President and Vice President immediately for resolution.
16. Social Media is not the appropriate place to accuse, bully, argue, complain, address serious concerns or publicly question the actions, integrity or reasoning of coaches or board members. Parents will be held accountable for their athlete's social media accounts as well. If issues cannot be resolved at the coach level first or Football Director/Cheer Director level second, then all complaints must be submitted in writing to the President and Vice President immediately for resolution.
17. As a parent, guardian or spectator I also understand that failure to follow the rules stated above can lead to the possibility of individual game or practice suspension and in some cases even removal from the league including all league sponsored events for the remainder of the year.

## TBJR Communications & Defamation Policy

Twelve Bridges Jr. Rhinos is committed to maintaining a respectful, positive, and mission-focused environment for our athletes, families, board members, volunteers, and community partners.

Any individual who knowingly makes false, defamatory, or malicious statements about Twelve Bridges Jr. Rhinos, its board members, coaches, volunteers, athletes, sponsors, or affiliates—whether in writing, on social media, through email, text messages, or other public or private communication platforms—may be subject to the following actions:

1. Immediate removal from participation in Twelve Bridges Jr. Rhinos programs, events, or activities.
2. Suspension or termination of volunteer, coaching, or membership status.
3. Referral to legal counsel for potential civil action when statements cause reputational or financial harm to the organization.

We encourage all concerns to be addressed through the organization's formal grievance process so issues can be reviewed fairly and constructively.

Our goal is to protect our athletes, volunteers, and community while maintaining integrity, transparency, and respect.

## PAYMENT INFO

1. Registration fees for football players are \$500.00. These fees cover the cost of facility usage, lights, uniforms, equipment use, insurance, officiating, and team medal. Football is required to turn in a \$450 equipment hold check that will be shredded if equipment is returned. Football players agree to return all equipment loaned to them or pay for the cost of that equipment if it is lost, stolen, or not returned. If a guardian cap is lost, the player may not practice and must purchase a replacement immediately.
2. Registration fees for sideline cheer is \$500. This does not include uniform purchase. Cheer fittings will be announced and attendance is required. **Please note that uniforms will need to be paid in full prior to being ordered.** Registration fees cover the cost of: insurance, team medal, SAC league competition fees, mat storage, cheer music, practice wear, and cheer camps. **The cost of uniforms is not refundable and the uniforms are not returnable.**

3. Both football players and cheerleaders must obtain a physical at their own cost on or after April 15, 2026 and it must be on the SAC Medical Clearance form or a Kaiser or Sutter Form.
4. If your athlete is released from football prior to equipment handout, you will get a 100% refund. After equipment handout and prior to week 3, once all equipment is returned, you can get up to \$250.00 refund. If your athlete quits after week 3, no refund will be given.
5. If the season is canceled you will get a 100% refund.
6. Football and cheer registration payments are due in full by July 3, 2026. **Any football player or cheerleader that is not paid in full will not be allowed to practice or receive any equipment.**
7. I understand that the Twelve Bridges Jr. Rhinos only accepts cash, cashier's check, money order, or credit card payments. **No personal checks will be taken for payment.**
8. I understand and agree to fulfill my requirements for volunteer hours for my athlete's participation as a football player or cheerleader with the Twelve Bridges Jr. Rhinos Football & Cheer. TBJR requires a deposit check in the amount of \$500 until all volunteer hours have been completed. The deposit check will be held uncashed unless hours are not completed by the end of the season. Deposit checks will be destroyed at the end of the season unless I request in writing that I want the check returned. I may choose to opt out for \$350.00 per athlete payable by July 11th, 2026. **If I no show two times my check will be cashed after the second no show.**

## **PAYMENT PLAN**

For those that choose the payment plan, a reminder email will be sent 5 days prior to when the charge will be applied.

### **If you register between March 1 and March 7**

**Football:** Registration fee of \$100 and \$100 month thereafter for a total of 5 payments.

### **If you register between March 8 and April 7**

**Football:** Registration fee of \$100 and 133.33 month thereafter for a total of 4 payments.

### **If you register between April 8 and May 7**

**Football:** Registration fee of \$100 and \$200/month thereafter for a total of 3 payments.

### **If you register between May 8 and June 7 (football only)**



Registration fee of \$100 and \$400 the following month for a total of two payments.

**If you register after June 7 payment is due in full (football only).**

## **PERMISSION TO USE PHOTO & OR VIDEO**

You agree to let TBJR and SAC use photographs and videos of you, your family members and athletes obtained while in attendance to practices, games, events sponsored by TBJR, events outside of TBJR where Jr. Rhino apparel is worn by the athletes and to events sponsored or attended by SAC and/or TBJR representatives. The use of the photos and videos is at the sole discretion of TBJR Board of directors for the promotion and enjoyment of TBJR and the Twelve Bridges Jr. Rhinos. If there is an issue with a published photo or video please contact the TBJR President to address your concerns.

## **PLAYING TIME EXPECTATIONS**

Per league rules all players are guaranteed 8-12 plays per game depending on the size of the team. Additional playing time is earned on the practice field and is at the discretion of the coaches. Equal playing time is not guaranteed. Do not criticize the coaches for your players' lack of playing time. The players will all be instructed, coached and corrected during practice. Please encourage your player to use this time to work to get better. The first year in tackle football is a developmental year for some players. If you have concerns please schedule a time to meet with the coaches. A good question to ask is "what can my player do to earn more playing time?" If you're not happy with the response please feel free to contact the football director.

## **REFUND POLICY**

### **Football**

Prior to equipment handout you will get 100% refund.

After equipment handout and prior to week 3 once all equipment is returned, you can get up to \$250.00 refund.

If your Athlete quits after week 3 no refund will be given.

**Note: If the season is canceled or for any reason or not played football registration will be refunded.**

### **Cheer**

Up to June 1, 2026, 100% of the cheer registration will be refunded.

After July 1, 2026 you will be refunded competition fees.

Cheer uniforms are non-refundable once ordered. No exceptions.

Mascot Cheer up to August 15, 2026, 100% of the registration fee will be refunded. After August 15, 2026, no registration fees will be refunded. Again the cheer uniform is non-refundable once ordered. No exceptions.

## **TBJR CONCUSSION AND HEAD INJURY**

### **Twelve Bridges Jr. Rhino's Football and Cheer Concussion and Head Injury**

#### **Parental and Athlete Acknowledgement Form**

The Jr. Rhinos is in Compliance with California AB 2007 have adopted the following policies along with recommendations from USA Football and the CDC Heads Up Concussion Procedures:

If an Athlete, in either Cheer or Football that has been suspected by either a Parent or Coach of having receiving a head injury or concussion, must adhere to the following steps;

1. Remove the Athlete from play.
2. Inform the Athlete's Parents or Guardians about the possible concussion and give them the fact sheet on concussions.
3. The Parent or Guardians must sign the Jr. Rhinos Head Injury/Concussion acknowledgement form.
4. Have the Athlete evaluated by a medical professional experienced in evaluating head injuries and concussions.
5. Keep the Athlete out of play the day of the injury.
6. An Athlete can only return to play with signed permission from a Medical professional who is experienced in evaluating head injuries and concussions.
7. If an athlete is diagnosed with a concussion they must at a minimum stay out of play for 7 days and then must start the 5 stage return to play process. If any signs or symptoms of concussion are observed during any of the stages by a coach or parent the athlete cannot progress to the next stage. No stage can be advanced faster than one day for each stage. This means that an athlete will be removed from full participation for a minimum of 12 days from the observed date of the head injury with a diagnosis of a concussion.

In addition, all Twelve Bridges Jr. Rhino's Coaches and Board Members will have successfully completed the concussion and head injury education before the start of the 2026 Football and Cheer season.

## **TBJR COVID DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE**

### **COVID-19 NOTICE FROM TWELVE BRIDGES JR. RHINOS FOOTBALL AND CHEER ("TBJR")**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. **COVID-19 is extremely contagious** and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

**TBJR** has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, **TBJR cannot guarantee** that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19 or variant thereof. Further, **attending TBJR events could increase** your risk and your child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19.

## **ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending TBJR events and that such exposure of infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at TBJR events may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limit to, TBJR Board, coaches, agents, volunteers, vendors, hired officiants and medics, program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)'s attendance at TBJR events or participation in TBJR programming ("Claims"). On my behalf, and on behalf of my children I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless TBJR, its Board, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relation thereto I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions or negligence of TBJR, its board, coaches, agents, volunteers, and representatives. whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during or after participation in any TBJR event or TBJR related event.

**Waiver of Liability/Hold Harmless:** By signing below, and inconsideration for providing my child the opportunity to participate in the Activity, I voluntarily agree to waive and discharge any and all claims against TBJR related to or arising out of COVID-19, and voluntarily release TBJR from liability for any exposure to or illness or injury from COVID-19, including claims for negligent actions of TBJR or its employees, agents, representatives, and volunteers related to or arising out of COVID-19, on behalf of myself and my child to the fullest extent allowed by law. By signing below, and inconsideration for providing my child the opportunity to participate in the Activity, I agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless TBJR and its board, coaches, agents, volunteers, and representatives from all liability, claims, causes of action, or demands, including attorney fees, fines, fees, or other costs (e.g. medical costs) arising out of any exposure to or illness or injury from COVID-19.

*I certify that I am the parent and/or legal guardian of the above-named student OR am the above-named student and am 18 years of age or older, that I have read and understand the foregoing, and accept and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the above.*

## **VOLUNTEER INFORMATION**

In order for the Twelve Bridges Jr. Rhinos Football and Cheer program to operate successfully each year, it is necessary that each family participates in the many jobs and duties required during the season. Each family is required to work a minimum of 10 hours per family. As the parent of (Child's Name), I understand that the Twelve Bridges Jr. Rhinos program is a volunteer run organization. As such, it relies solely on the volunteer participation of its members to sustain its activities. By approving my athlete's participation in the Twelve Bridges Jr. Rhinos football and/or cheer program, I am also agreeing to volunteer my time and

services to help. I understand that throughout the season, sign-ups will be held for which I will be allowed, on a first-come-first served basis, the opportunity to sign up for various time slots in which I can help.

- Each football player/cheerleader is required to have a parent/guardian complete a minimum of 10 hours of **mandatory** volunteer time (maximum required hours are 10 hours for multiple children in the program).
- Parent/guardian is required to submit a check in the amount of **\$500** for TBJR to hold until **ALL 10 hours** are completed. **If all the hours are completed, the check will not be cashed.**
- Volunteer opt out fee is \$350 and is due by July 18, 2026.
- All volunteer hours **must** be signed up for by the third game. If all required hours are not signed up for by the third game, volunteer hour hold checks will be cashed immediately.
- Parents/guardians who volunteer for a game day shift must arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the shift and work the complete shift (**late arrivals will be considered a forfeit of time and charged with a “no show”, NO EXCEPTIONS**).
- When you arrive for your shift, sign in with the Parent Volunteer Coordinator (**games CANNOT start if volunteers are not in position for PAR, chain gang, and spotter and can result in a forfeit for TBJR**).
- If you are not able to volunteer for the shift you are signed up for, please be sure to cancel the shift a minimum of 72 hours prior to the scheduled shift. This will allow for the Parent Volunteer Coordinator to fill the shift and you will avoid being charged with a “no show”. If you do not notify the Parent Volunteer Coordinator a minimum of 72 hours prior to the shift, you will be charged with a “no show”. **On the second “no show”, your check will be cashed and you will not be allowed to sign up for shifts. This will be monitored and if you sign up for a shift it will be removed immediately.**
- If you are not able to make your shift with less than 72 hours notice, it is your responsibility to find your replacement. It is your responsibility to inform your replacement of the details of your shift (i.e. check in, check out, arrival time, etc.). If your replacement does not show, you will be charged with a “no show”.
- It is the parent/guardian’s responsibility to make sure you are showing up for the correct date and time **YOU** signed up for.
- Parents/guardians are responsible to **check in** and **check out** with the Parent Volunteer Coordinator for each shift.
- **Parents/guardians volunteering are required to pay admission into games.**
- **You must be 18 years old or older to volunteer.**

#### List of Volunteer Duties:

##### **SPOTTER – 2 hour time block**

Home games only. Responsible for assisting the announcer with identifying the jersey numbers of the athletes that carried /caught the ball and the athletes that made and assisted with the tackle. One person per shift needed.

##### **SPIRIT WEAR BOOTH – 2 hour time block**

Home games only. Responsible for selling Twelve Bridges Jr. Rhinos merchandise at the spirit wear booth. Two people needed per shift.

#### **FRONT GATE – 2 hour time block**

Home games only. Responsible for collecting entrance fees and monitoring for outside food, drinks, and pets. Two people needed per shift.

#### **SET UP CREW – 2 hour time block**

Home games only. Responsible for setting up items on the field, setting up canopies, tables, spirit wear booth items, and assisting with snack bar set-up. The volunteer coordinator will notify you of the start time.

#### **CLEAN-UP/TAKE DOWN CREW – 2 hour time block**

Home games only. Responsible for removing items from the field, taking down canopies, tables, spirit wear booth items, and assisting with snack bar breakdown and clean-up of stadium. Two people needed for the final shift.

#### **SNACK BAR – 2 hour time block**

Home games only. Responsible for working in the snack bar before, during, and after games. There are NO children allowed in the snack bar area while the parent/guardian is working. Number of people needed varies throughout the day (4-6 people per shift).

#### **BBQ – 2 hour time block**

Home games only. Responsible for cooking at the snack bar during games. There are NO children allowed in the snack bar/BBQ area while the parent/guardian is working. One person per shift.

#### **FIELD WATER – 2 hour time block**

Home games only. Responsible for maintaining the water jugs on both the home and away side of the field. Water should be checked before, during, and after each game. Two people needed per shift.

#### **TRASH PICK UP – 2 hour time block**

Home games only. Responsible for making sure that trash cans are empty and trash is picked up on both the home and away side of the field throughout the shift. One person needed per shift.

#### **PAR – 2 hour time block**

Home and away games. Responsible for verifying that all players play at least the minimum number of plays per game as specified by SAC guidelines. Two people needed per shift. IF WE DO NOT HAVE PAR VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL OF OUR GAMES, AWAY AND HOME, THEN WE FORFEIT THE GAME.

#### **CHAIN GANG – 2 hour time block**

Away games only. Responsible for helping move the markers down the field for each play. Three people needed per shift. IF WE DO NOT HAVE CHAIN GANG VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL OF OUR AWAY GAMES, THEN WE FORFEIT THE GAME.

There are other volunteer opportunities that will be available prior to the game shifts. Emailed notifications will go out when these additional volunteer opportunities are available.. All volunteer positions can be changed without notice depending on the needs of TBJR.

## CHEER ABSENCE POLICY

### **CHEER ABSENCES/TARDINESS**

For the safety and fairness of all athletes, attendance requirements and associated consequences will be as follows for all cheer events.

Cheer events are defined as practices, camps, clinics, football games, football jamboree, competitions, and public appearances (parades etc.). Full participation in all cheer events is mandatory.

All scheduled cheer events are communicated as soon as possible in advance of the event. Head Coaches will identify the means of communication prior to acceptance of team placement.

#### **Tardies**

- A tardy is defined as an athlete arriving at a cheer event more than 5 minutes late and/or unprepared from the scheduled start time or picked up more than 5 minutes later than scheduled end time. Communication with the Head Coach is required for any excused tardiness. Excused tardiness is at the discretion of Head Coaches. 2 tardies = 1 absence

#### **Absences**

- Athletes will be allowed 6 absences, excused or unexcused, before suspension from the team is considered.

- All planned absences (vacations, medical/dental procedures etc.) must be communicated to the head coach and Cheer Director prior to assessments and acceptance of team placement.
- Any unplanned absences must be communicated to the athlete's Head Coach as soon as possible. Uncommunicated absences = 2 absences
- At any time, an athlete and parent/guardian(s) may be required by the Cheer Director to agree to a probation contract. The purpose of a probation contract is to ensure clear mutual understanding of reasons for absences and tardiness and consequences of future absences and tardiness. An athlete's removal from the team and/or becoming ineligible for postseason competitions is at the discretion of the Cheer Director taking into consideration the reason(s) for the excessive absences and/or tardiness. Any athlete removed from a team due to excessive absences will not be entitled to a refund of any amount.
- A courtesy notification (e-mail, text, phone call) from your athlete's coach will be sent after the three absences.
- An in-person meeting with the athlete's coach and Cheer Director may be required after four absences.
- After a fifth missed cheer event an in-person meeting with the athlete's coach and Cheer Director will be required to determine if the athlete will be dismissed from the team.
- Severe illness and injuries that limit and/or exclude an athlete's participation in a cheer event will require a doctor's note stating the athlete's illness or injury, limitations and expected full release timeline. A full release will be required prior to the athlete's participation in a cheer event. Athlete's participation and/or position in a practice, performance or competition is always at Head Coaches' discretion taking into consideration the best outcome for the athlete and entire team.
- Athletes who are absent from a cheer event may have changes made to their assignments during future cheer events.
- Athletes will only be released to their parent/guardian after a cheer event.