



Northwest Cabarrus
High School
Color Guard Try-outs

2007-2008



Dear Parents of Prospective Color Guard members

Your daughter/son has indicated a desire to become a member of the color guard at Northwest Cabarrus High School. If selected there are certain financial and personal obligations that she/he must assume. Enclosed is a copy of the Northwest Cabarrus High School Color Guard Constitution, listing the rules and regulations required of Trojan color guard members. Please read it carefully with your daughter/son before signing the enclosed permission form. A try out will not be permitted without parental permission.

Color guard is time consuming, and expensive; the girls/guys are required to pay for: shoes, uniforms & tights, warm-ups, shirts, etc. An estimate of expenses for the 2007-08 school year will be provided by Mr. Whittington as soon as one is available. Not all things are to be paid for at the same time and we will be doing various fundraisers to help defray these expenses. The school provides the travel expenses, with the exception of some competition travel. Expenses may not exceed \$500 out of pocket per member, per season (football & competition).

More than the financial obligation is the time factor. We will begin NOW to make next year's team the best it can be! We will hold summer work-outs/practices, and participate in a color guard & band camp (**required**). When school starts back we will practice 2-3 days a week during football season, and perform at all games and competitions determined by Mr. Whittington.

Consider carefully your decision to give your child permission to become a member of the color guard because color guard is a tremendous **commitment** for your child as well as yourself, and should be taken seriously.

Sincerely,

Connie Strength, NCHS Color Guard Coach
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Rules of Performance

1. Every color guard member serves at the discretion of the coach. If, in the judgment of the coach, the best interest of the squad is not being served, an individual may be removed from the team although ***no rules have been violated***. A color guard member will be warned and counseled one time about the problem/situation and a parental contact will occur. If correction does not occur within a reasonable time period set by the coach, removal from the team will result and performance privileges will be halted.
2. According to state rules, an athlete/squad member may not participate in an activity or game if they have been absent more than ½ day from school. (If a color guard member signs out of school & misses a practice/game, the coach must be notified by a parent/guardian of sign-out and a parent/MD note is expected upon return to school or it will be considered unexcused.)
3. A color guard member must meet state athletic eligibility requirements. They must pass three out of four classes, be on grade level in English, and not exceed the county and state attendance policy. This will be checked in May and January.
4. A color guard member will NOT be excused from any color guard function because they have to be at work or there is a conflict with another activity. Many students need to work and cannot be a member of the color guard for that reason. Schedule all doctor, dentist, orthodontic appts. and other practices, etc. around color guard practice schedules/commitments. This is a team/partner activity; we do not have the luxury of a replacement when you are absent.
5. The color guard uniform is placed in the care of each member. If the uniform is lost or damaged, the member will be responsible for the replacement or repair of that uniform. Uniforms are to be clean and neat (not wrinkled) when being worn. If a color guard member arrives at any event without the entire uniform as required, it will be determined by the coach if she will be allowed to participate and whether a disciplinary action will be issued.
6. Transportation will be provided to athletic events away from school. Color guard members are expected to travel with the team. If your parents intend to attend the event, you may leave with them **ONLY** after they have spoken with the coach and completed the transportation form.
7. All color guard members must attend color guard/band camp! **NO** exceptions!
8. Fundraisers will be arranged to help each member defray the costs for the year. Each member is expected to participate, as this is a great time to build team unity. If a member does not participate, she will not receive any assistance from the profits of the team.

** A practice/event calendar will be provided upon making the team.

COLOR GUARD DEMERIT SYSTEM

This demerit system is strictly enforced. If, at any time, a color guard member acquires a total of six demerits, they will be removed from the team. (This is a system used at the coach/band director's discretion. Member may be removed at any time - as stated in Rules of Performance #1 - when no rules have actually been violated!)

In school suspension	3 demerits
Missing practice (unexcused)	2 demerits
Missing a game (unexcused)	6 demerits
Discipline problems	1-3 demerits

CONSEQUENCES

1 demerit	"5th quarter" workout
2 demerits	½ game suspension
3 demerits	full game suspension parent notification
4 demerits	2 game suspension conference with coach, principal and parent notification
6 demerits	removal from team



Color Guard Rules of Conduct

- IMMEDIATE REMOVAL:**
- Being involved in a fight on school property/activity
 - Use of alcoholic beverages or drugs (including tobacco)
 - Being arrested for any reason
 - Convicted of a crime
 - Out of school suspension
 - Pregnancy
- EXCUSED ABSENCES:**
- Are those in which the member is not in school due to illness (note of verification from parent or MD is required), death in immediate family or hospitalization. After three such absences, a MD's note may be required. A coach may excuse a practice or game in the event of a family or medical emergency. The parent must notify the coach ASAP.
- LATES/TARDIES:**
- Tardiness to practices, games, and half-time is unacceptable. Unexcused tardiness will be made up by attending "5th Qtr. Practice." Should the problem become chronic, suspension or removal can occur. Color Guard members making up work or attending a club meeting must notify the coach in advance and bring a pass to practice. Failure to notify the coach in advance will result in extra conditioning after practice.
- HEALTH & SAFETY:**
- According to Federation Guidelines for other activities similar to color guard:
- Hair must be pulled away from face and off shoulders during activities.
 - Nails are to be trimmed to a safe length.
 - Jewelry is **PROHIBITED** at all times.
 - No gum.
- COLOR GUARD BEHAVIOR/CONDUCT:**
- Do not yell at officials in ballgame
 - Do not yell or make rude gestures to the opposing fans or band/color guard members.
 - Focus on the game and "your responsibilities"; this is not a time to socialize with each other or the fans. Conduct yourself as a dignified human being; set the standard for your peers.