

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LA CROSSE POM TEAM CONTRACT

The University of Wisconsin La Crosse Pom Team proudly represents the University of Wisconsin La Crosse and the Screaming Eagles Marching Band. Members of this team recognize that their actions are scrutinized more closely than those others not associated with such an activity, and are expected to uphold proper behavior. Members understand and accept that being a part of this team is both a privilege and a responsibility.

I. Purpose of the Pom Team

- A. Promote and uphold school spirit.
- B. Represent UWL and the SEMB by providing entertainment at sporting events, promotional events, competitions and any other performances in the community in a positive manner.
- C. Encourage leadership qualities and develop life-long social skills.
- D. To utilize dance abilities and share the love of dance with others.
- E. Provide opportunities to develop and increase self-confidence, self-esteem and team spirit.

II. Fundraisers

- A. All fundraisers are mandatory for all members.
- B. Fundraisers will be used to defray costs to the Pom Team as well as the SEMB to help pay for uniforms, trips, and other expenses associated with the team.

III. Uniforms and Other Expenses

- A. Members are responsible for the expense of the team uniforms, team jackets, team bags, proper shoes, tights, and undergarments.
 - * Participating in Fundraisers will cover cost of uniforms.
- B. The Captains shall make the final decision on any costume, uniform or other apparel.
- C. Uniforms are to be kept clean, neat and in good repair at all times, and may only be used for performances (not practices or social events).
- D. Uniforms/poms ruined, lost or stolen will be replaced by that member at her own expense.
- E. If a member quits or is removed from the squad, she will be expected to return all uniform items within one week.

Team uniforms are to be cleaned, if necessary, and returned to the Captains at the end of each season.

VI. Requirements/Eligibility

- A. Poms must take priority over other extracurricular activities, including work and homework.
 - * Team members are notified in advance of practices and performances in order to avoid this situation.
- B. Team members must attend all required activities, such as games, game day practices, week day practices, performances, competitions, promotional events and fundraisers, unless she has received approval from the Captains prior to the event.

- C. Not being able to perform can take place for the following reasons (but not limited to):
- i. Not following guidelines listed in the contract.
 - ii. Unexcused from an event.
 - iii. Not in attendance at a practice prior to a performance. *Determined by Captains depending on circumstances
 - iv. Bad attitude or talking back to the Leadership Team/ Captains.
 - v. Not knowing the choreography

D. You must call or text Danielle or Emma, or speak to them in person, if you need to miss practices/games.

Danielle: 608-239-6709

Emma: 262-305-0473

* The Captains reserve the right to prohibit a member from performing if it appears that she is unable to properly execute the moves or does not uphold the team's expectations. This applies to games, competitions, or any other performances.

** Being on the Pom Team one year in no way guarantees placement on the team for the following year. All members must go through the tryout process. In addition to ability, each pom team member's cooperation, effort and attitude will be considered.

Missing more than three practices or events without prior approval will result in a dismissal from the team. Unless otherwise noted, all events are considered mandatory.

As a member of the Pom Team, I have fully read the contract and understand what is expected of me to remain a member in good standing. I will keep myself knowledgeable and informed of all rules, and realize the consequences of poor behavior or inappropriate actions may be severe. I understand that missing more than three practices or events without prior approval will result in a dismissal from the team. I will do all I can to uphold the honor and tradition of the Pom Team, and respect my team members, UWL, the SEMB, and all persons associated with the Pom Team organization at all times.

Signed: _____

Date: _____