

# **2023 TRYOUT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### What will 2023 Ravens Cheerleader Tryouts look like?

2023 Ravens Cheerleader tryouts will be hosted in-person at the Merritt Athletic Club Downtown on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> 2023. Applicants that advance past the first two rounds will then go through an interview round with coaches and a final round at a later date.

# What are the minimum qualifications to tryout?

You must be 18 by March 4, 2023 to tryout. You must also have a high school diploma or GED.

#### What can I do to prepare for tryouts?

The best way to prepare for tryouts is to attend our 2023 Prep Clinic on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 2023. Information on the Prep Clinic can be found on our website.

Follow the squad on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> to see the current team, and their look and style.

Focus on making sure you are physically fit and develop your dance technique and stunt skills leading up to tryouts.

# What should I wear for tryouts?

Females: You can wear a two-piece dance outfit, or a sports bra or crop top with short biker shorts. Please wear dance or jazz shoes or sneakers. You may also wear skin colored panty hose or dance tights if preferred. Hair and makeup should complement your features, and hair should be worn down.

Males: Wear a plain white t-shirt and black shorts. You must be clean shaven and have a clean haircut.

#### Will the tryout dance material be taught, or will I have to choreograph a few 8 counts?

Following check-in at tryouts, there will be time scheduled for participants to learn the tryout dance all together. Prep Clinic attendees will be able to learn the first 8 count of the tryout dance at the clinic.

## What will the judges focus on and look for during tryouts?

- Dance Technique
- Performance
- Showmanship & Personality



- Dance Skills
- Jump Skills
- Tumbling Skills (stunt team only)
- Stunting Skills (stunt team only)

#### I have a question that wasn't answered here. Where can I reach out?

Please reach out to our team via email at <a href="mailto:cheerleaders@ravens.nfl.net">cheerleaders@ravens.nfl.net</a>.

# 2022 GENERAL CHEERLEADER FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What are some of the benefits of being a Ravens Cheerleader?

Members of the Ravens Cheerleading Squad have several opportunities, including but not limited to:

- The ability to perform in front of 70,000 fans during Ravens home games
- Exposure through media, high profile events, and community relations events
- Monetary compensation for all practices and games, as well as additional opportunities to generate compensation for public events and appearances
- Opportunity for travel to represent the Baltimore Ravens on military tours, the NFL Pro Bowl, and other events outside of Baltimore
- Uniforms and apparel are provided for all squad members
- Join the Cheerleader Alumni network and participate in Alumni events

#### Who comprises the Ravens Cheerleading Squad?

The Ravens Cheer squad is comprised of approximately 55 total cheerleaders, with roughly 37 on the coed stunt team and 18 on the dance team.

#### What style of dance do the Ravens Cheerleaders perform?

Performances are mostly precision-based Cheer & Dance style routines, but Jazz and Pom styles are also incorporated. Different levels of dance skills, jumps and tumbles are also incorporated.

#### What is the time commitment if you make the team?

Being a member of the Ravens Cheerleading squad is a significant time commitment but is an experience you will never forget. You can expect the following as a Ravens Cheerleader:



- Attending and performing at home games for the season. Cheerleaders arrive at the stadium approximately 5 hours before kickoff for each game.
- Practices are 1-2 times a week, depending on the time of year. Practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 – 9 pm. Practice locations vary.
- Each Ravens Cheerleader should plan to attend approximately 20 appearances each season. There are a few mandatory appearances each year that the full squad is required to attend.

# Is there an age limit to try out for the squad?

To try out, you must be 18 by March 4, 2023. There is no maximum age limit.

# Are Ravens Cheerleaders paid?

Yes, cheerleaders are paid for practices, games and appearances.