



Azalea Sertoma Cheerleading - 2009

Team Mom Rules and Regulations

Azalea Sertoma Club is a non-profit, civic organization. Our mission is SERvice TO Mankind. Our cheerleading program is our youth outreach mission. We strive to involve the youth in our community in the sport of recreational cheerleading. The objective of our cheerleading program is to teach the art of cheerleading, develop good sportsmanship, responsibility, dependability as well as instilling self-confidence. Our league is a recreational league, giving everyone an equal opportunity. Ages for our program are 5 thru 15 (ages as of September 1 birth certificate required for age verification). Children under the age of 5 may be mascots, however, must be the child of a team mom, assistant or coach for the team. Mascots are required to wear a uniform and must follow the cheer rules just as the cheerleaders.

Uniform Package

The cost of the uniform package is \$175.00. The uniform will include the shell, skirt, shoes, briefs, socks, midriff, poms, hair bow, hoodie, and sweat pants. Uniforms will be black, gold, and white. All teams will have the same uniform. Please note adult shell larger than a size 44 or an adult skirt larger than size 21 will be charged an extra \$25.00 per piece. This is the uniform company's policy.

Uniforms and shoes must be neat and clean at all times, including shoes. Please remind your child of the proper dress code

Current Team Structure Please note this is subject to change pending the Summerville Sertoma football program.

League	Team Name
B	Buccaneers
A, B, C	Cowboys
A, B, C	Falcons
A, B	Jaguars
A, B, C	Packers
A, B	Panthers
B, C	Raiders
A, B	Redskins
A, B, C	Steelers
A, B	Vikings

PAYMENTS:

The total payment of \$175.00 must be paid by June 20, 2009. All cheerleaders are offered the uniform fundraiser to help offset the cost. If your profit from the fundraiser exceeds this amount, no payment will be required. Any profit from the fundraiser will be applied to the balance on this date. Payments can be mailed to Azalea Sertoma Club, PO Box 2461, Summerville SC 29484. There will be no other fees from parents with the exception of pictures if you choose to purchase them. All money must be paid when scheduled. No merchandise will be ordered until paid in full. Any personal checks must not exceed \$200.00 and must include two phone numbers and driver's license number.

Any money paid to the Azalea Sertoma Cheerleading Program is non-refundable

RETURNED CHECK POLICY:

All returned checks go directly to Tiger Tranz Services for collection. Tiger Tranz charges a \$35.00 fee per returned check and Azalea Sertoma charges \$30.00 fee per check. The Sertoma fee must be paid directly to Azalea Sertoma. Returned checks must be cleared through Tiger Tranz and Azalea Sertoma prior to merchandise distribution. If a returned check is issued, we will only accept cash, cashier checks or money orders for future payments.



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FUNDRAISER:

There will be one fundraiser offered to help offset the cost of the uniform. There will be no other fundraisers during the season. The packet will be available at walk-in registration only. If your child participates in the fundraiser, please make sure all merchandise is delivered as soon as it is received. This is your responsibility. The company must be notified within two weeks if there is damaged or missing merchandise.

ATTENDANCE:

As with any team sport, attendance is vital to the unit. Please make sure your child arrives for practices and games on time. If your cheerleader will miss practice or game, please inform the Team Mom. Parents must drop off and pick up children on time. Attendance sheets will be recorded for every team. If a cheerleader/mascot drops from the team before the season is over, they do not receive the Sertoma trophy nor will be guaranteed a spot on the same team the following season. Coaches who quit will not be allowed to go to another team during the season. Team Moms are responsible to keep an attendance sheet for the season.

Teams must cheer at all games including playoffs.

PRACTICES:

Practices are mandatory beginning the week of August 17, 2009. Practices may be held any day except Sunday. Saturday practices can be no longer than 4 hours this includes plenty of breaks. **NO SUNDAY PRACTICE!** Max practice time per week is 6 hours. When games begin, the game is substituted in the place of one practice. Azalea Sertoma will assign practice sites. **Practices may only be held at assigned location. No exceptions.** Team moms must actively participate in all practices. Parents may stay at practices to observe but are asked to refrain from interfering with the team during practice. If you have comments please make those to the Team Mom directly but not during practice time. Boyfriends are not permitted at practices.

SAFETY:

Finger nails must be kept a sports length. (If you look at backside of hand, you should not be able to see the nails) This prevents injury to all. No tank tops with spaghetti straps or sports bras are to be worn during any cheerleading event by cheerleaders, coaches, or team moms. Chewing gum is not allowed at practices or games.

Only tennis shoes with socks are to be worn during any cheerleading event. No flip flops! No hair beads! Please refer to ACCA rules for more detailed safety issues.

JAMBOREE:

Jamboree is usually the 1st or 2nd Saturday of September and is the Opening Day for Sertoma games. These games are 1 quarter long. All teams play. All cheerleaders will wear the cheer uniform or Azalea Sertoma t-shirt, black shorts, and tennis shoes.

SPONSORS:

Sponsor cap is \$500.00 per team. The funds may be used for *local* competition entry fees or parades only. Any sponsor funds over the team cap will be donated to charity. Any sponsor who donates \$100.00 or more will receive a sponsor plaque unless they choose to not to receive. The cost for the plaque will come from the Team's fund. All donations must be received before October 25, 2009. It is the responsibility of each Team Mom and team to seek out their sponsors. Sponsorship checks must be mailed to the Azalea Sertoma post office box. Azalea Sertoma will receipt all sponsorship monies.

PICTURES:

Team and individual pictures are scheduled for October 3rd (rain date October 10th) at Azalea Park. All teams must have team pictures taken for sponsor plaques.



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AZALEA SERTOMA COMPETITION:

Azalea Sertoma competition is tentatively scheduled for November 8, 2009 at 1:00pm at Fort Dorchester High School. This competition is mandatory for all Azalea Sertoma teams. The team entry fee will be deducted from the team account. The fee is to help offset the cost of the facility and trophies. Team trophies will be awarded to all teams.

END OF SEASON:

The cheer committee will arrange for the end of season party. You will be notified of the date once details are confirmed.

GENERAL RULES:

All Team Moms and Assistants must be at least 21 years of age.

The Cheer Committee must approve all Team Moms, Assistants, and Coaches annually. Each team can only have one Team Mom, one Assistant Team Mom and two Coaches. Each Team Mom, Assistant Team Mom and Coach will receive one Azalea Sertoma t-shirt.

Girls cannot coach and cheer on an Azalea Sertoma team. All coaches must be 15 and over. Team moms are responsible for getting their team coaches. Only 2 coaches are permitted per team. If a coach quits or is removed from a team he/she will not be allowed to coach for another Azalea Sertoma team for that season. Coaches can only coach for one team during the season.

Teams must use their Azalea Sertoma team name when participating in any events/competitions (fair, nationals, etc.).

If Team Moms/Assistants disregard the Team Mom Rules and Regulations, they will have a verbal warning, a written warning and on the third offense will lose their team.

Team Moms must always exhibit good sportsmanship. There will be no fighting among teams. This includes verbal and physical fighting. All Team moms, Assistants, and Coaches represent the Azalea Sertoma Club when involved with our cheer program and are expected to display respectful behavior.

No tank tops with spaghetti straps or sports bras are to be worn by cheerleaders, coaches or team moms at any cheerleading event (i.e.: practice, games, etc.). Only tennis shoes/sneakers with socks are to be worn by cheerleaders during any cheerleading event (i.e.: practice, games, etc.). No Hair Beads, NO FLOPS.

Cheerleaders, team moms, coaches and parents must always exhibit good sportsmanship. No verbal or physical fighting will be tolerated.

No alcoholic beverages, smoking, drugs, profanity, or verbal abuse to team moms, coaches, teammates, and cheer committee will be tolerated at any time by cheerleaders or parents. The Azalea Sertoma Cheer Committee will handle any misconduct. This rule also applies to the public events such as practices, games, competition, etc.

No vulgar or suggestive movements (pelvic thrusting, inappropriate touching/slapping/positioning to one another), words or music. Routines must be appropriate for family viewing, this includes any music choices.

Mascots (ages 4 and under) will be allowed only if they are the child of the Team Mom, Assistant Team Mom or Coach. They must pay the registration fee and can cheer at games and halftime. Mascots must wear a cheer uniform and follow the cheer rules. This is not a baby-sitting service. They will not compete in any of the competitions.



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If a cheerleader or coach under the age of 18 becomes pregnant during the cheer season, they will automatically be removed from the team. If a cheerleader is suspended from school, he/she will also be suspended from the cheerleading activities for the duration of the suspension with no refunds of any money paid.

DRAFT:

We will try to honor requests on a first come basis. This rule will be enforced on draft day. Cheerleaders will not be moved to a different team once the draft has taken place. The Summerville Sertoma Club- Football Program issues the football schedule and team names. Azalea Sertoma reserves the right to move girls from one league to another.

Team Moms must actively participate in all practices. The Team Mom can sign up for a practice site at the Team Mom training. All Team Moms must attend the training and will have choice of their practice site. The Cheer Committee will approve these **public sites**. All practice sites will be in the Summerville area, which are at public schools. NO exceptions! Team Moms must provide a copy of the monthly practice schedule to the League Commissioner.

COMPETITIONS:

The League Commissioner must approve participation in any event prior to the event. All leagues may compete in local competitions and events. The Team Mom, Assistant, and/or Coach must make up all routines.

You May Not Pay For A Routine!!

AZALEA SERTOMA COMPETITION- The Azalea Sertoma Cheer Competition is scheduled for Sunday, November 8, 2009 at 1 PM. This competition is **mandatory** for all Azalea Sertoma teams. The event will be held at Fort Dorchester High School. The team entry fee will be deducted from your team account.

GAMES:

The Azalea Sertoma Cheerleaders are here to support the Summerville Sertoma football program and cheer at all games including playoff games. The Team Mom or an appointed parent of her choice will make arrangements for refreshments. Refreshments should be a light snack and drink given after the game. All teams must cheer for the entire game. Half time will be used as a break for cheerleaders allowing time for bath rooming, etc. No half time routines.

Games will be played at Gahagan field. Before the game begins, the cheerleaders should be lined up at the goal post. The cheerleaders should hold a banner or cheer for the football players as they run through the goal post.

The Team Mom will pass out a game schedule. The season normally runs from the second week in September to the second/third week in November. Game days will be Monday – Saturday.

Team rosters will be provided to the Team Mom once the draft is complete. It is the responsibility of the Team Mom to advise Azalea Sertoma of any cheerleaders or coaches that leave their team during the season. This list will be used to announce the cheerleader's names at halftime. This list should include Team Moms, Assistants, Coaches, and Sponsors. The team mom, assistant or a coach for each team will be responsible for announcing the names at halftime. Visitor side will go first. No half-time performances. After the game, the cheerleaders must meet the other team in the middle of the field and offer their congratulations.

Team Moms, Assistants, and Coaches cannot punish a cheerleader for dropping a stunt or for being late to practice with physical exercise. Exercise can be included in the warm-up. Please talk to the parent or whoever is responsible for bringing them to practice. Any compliment or complaint by a Team Mom, parent, cheerleader, or Coach must be directed to the Commissioner. Azalea Sertoma will provide them with a concern form that must be filled out and signed. This form will be taken to the Azalea Sertoma Club. A written response will be given as soon as possible.

TEAM MOM MEETINGS:



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All Team Moms and Assistants must attend their league's training session, which will be announced. Only those who do attend the training will be considered for Team Mom positions. All Team Moms and/or Assistants must attend all of the scheduled meetings.

Team Moms must have a signed copy of the permission slip/medical care release form for every cheerleader. These forms are to be carried to ALL events (games, competitions, practice, etc.) in case of an emergency. The league commissioner provides these to Team Mom.

Team Moms and Assistants will be required to help with their team at Azalea Sertoma sponsored events. It is highly recommended that all Team Moms and Assistants are members of the Azalea Sertoma Club. This membership will give you an additional coverage in case a liability issue should occur.

SERTOMA TROPHIES:

Cheerleaders will be rewarded for their hard work, performances, and dedication throughout the cheerleading season by receiving a trophy at the end of season. Cheerleaders must complete the season to receive a trophy. Trophies will be given out at the league party.

CONCERNS OR COMMENTS:

If problems arise during the cheer season and you are not able to resolve it with the League Commissioner, you may submit a concern form to the Azalea Sertoma Club. All issues must be made on the concern form in order to be addressed by the Cheer Committee and/or Azalea Sertoma Club. We welcome any positive feedback you have as well.

If for any reason a situation occurs that is not covered by the Rules and Regulations, please fill out a concern form and it will be presented to the Azalea Sertoma Cheer Committee. You will be notified when a decision is made. If necessary, it will then be amended into the Cheerleading Rules and Regulations. If you have talked with your League Commissioner and still feel you have not resolved your problem; please request a concern form.

A violation of any rule is grounds for removal.

Cheerleaders, parents, and coaches can be removed from the cheer program for rule violations

Please take time to read the above Rules and Regulations to ensure that you have an enjoyable experience in our program. If you have any questions or comments you may reach us thru our voice message center at 843-821-9708.

I have read and understand the 2009 Rules and Regulations.

_____ Date: _____

Team Mom or Assistant Team Mom (circle one)

Proposed Dates for 2009 Season



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Date	Time	Event
April 1- May 27	NA	Mail in Registration
April 30, May 1	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Walk in registration pickup fundraiser
May 2	9:00am - 12:00pm	Walk in registration pickup fundraiser
May 15	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Walk in registration pickup fundraiser
May 16	9:00am - 12:00pm	Walk in registration pickup fundraiser
June 6	9:00am - 2:00pm	Fundraiser turn in, 1 st uniform payment due, fittings
June 20	9:00am - 12:00pm	Final uniform payment due
June	TBA	Fundraiser delivery
June		Team Rosters posted
Week of August 17		Mandatory Practice begins
September	Games start	Opening Day Jamboree Gahagan field
October 3 (rain date Oct. 10)	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Picture Day Azalea Park
November 8	1:00 PM - Until	Sertoma Competition
November		Sertoma Day Gahagan Field

Walk-in registrations, fundraiser pickup, fundraiser turn-in, uniform fittings and final payments will all be at the Doty Field Hut on N. Laurel Street, Summerville

Uniform Fitting Schedule		
Saturday June 6	A-league	8:00am-10:00am
Saturday June 6	B-League	10:00am-12:00pm
Saturday June 6	C-League	12:00pm-2:00pm

The Cheer Commissioners and Team Moms will schedule parent Meetings.

*** These are tentative dates and may change ***