

# Canton Lions Cheerleading Coach Application

Being a Coach is an exciting way to be involved in sports. Whether you are a former cheerleader or dancer or none of the above, you have decided to dedicate your time and energy to work with a great group of coaches and eager-to-learn cheerleaders. Our program is taking veteran cheerleaders and new cheerleaders and teaching them all the essentials of cheerleading. Our program also stunts, jumps and tumbles, and our coaches are trained to teach all (with the exception of tumbling) what they have learned to our cheerleaders. You get the opportunity to learn how to choreograph routines, learn each child's skill set, put together routines on paper, and watch a whole group of children grow over a 5-month period; A lot can happen in 5 months. Now not every child catches on quickly, so as a coach you must have a lot of patience and be able to push the child to their limit and see what they are capable of.

Many coaches are parents, but the two roles should not be confused. As a parent, you are responsible only to yourself and your child, as a coach, you are responsible to the organization, all the cheerleaders on the TEAM (including your child), and the parents. A coach assumes the responsibility of doing everything possible to ensure that the cheerleaders on their team will have an enjoyable experience while they learn proper technique and cheerleading skills. Being a cheer coach involves preparing kids physically and mentally, teamwork, to compete effectively, fairly, and most importantly SAFELY in cheerleading.

As a Canton Lions Cheer Coach some of the things that are required:

1. Report directly to the Cheer Director.
2. Make daily practice plans.
3. Prepare a halftime cheer routine, a dance routine for homecoming and a cheer and dance routine for cheer rally.
4. Keep daily attendance records and turn them into the Cheer Director or Asst. Cheer Director.
5. Communication with the Parents of the cheerleaders on your team, Team Moms, Cheer Director and Asst. Cheer Director.
6. As a member of the coaching staff, taking responsibility for your actions and/or cheerleaders while at games & practices.
7. Ensure communication, responsibilities and coverage of practices is discussed with co-coaches, teen coaches, director and assistant director and everyone understands their responsibilities as a team.
8. All Coaches shall conduct operations in complete compliance with all rules and regulations as established by the Michigan Youth Football and Cheer Conference and in accordance with the National Federation of State and High School Association. Plus MHSAA Rules for Cheerleading
9. Shall attend monthly Parent Meetings and participant in Canton Lions Events.

# General Information

## Personal Information **CONFIDENTIAL**

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Note ALL Coaches are required to submit to a routine background check – Forms will be handed out. \*\*\***

**Experience (with youth Activities other than cheer)**

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**Dates of**

**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Duties/Responsibilities:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Position Applying for (specify team: Jr. Freshman/Freshman/JV/Varsity):**

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**Eligibility**

**Have you ever been Suspended from coaching or guidance leadership of any youth activities for any reason, including cheer or any other sports, or been refused participation in any youth program for any reason?**

**No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain**

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# Coaching Information

## 1. Please list your coaching & playing experiences

**Year**

**Position/Team Level/General Information**

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## 2. Briefly explain why you should be selected as a Coach.

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## 3. Please add other qualifications that you'll bring to this position.

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## 4. What are your coaching strengths and weaknesses?

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## 5. If you are familiar with the Canton Lions program, what aspects do you like best? What changes or recommendations would you suggest to improve the club?

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## 6. Please describe your coaching philosophy for the age group you are applying for?

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**7. Please describe your coaching philosophy?**

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**Are you willing to accept the following administrative and other responsibilities for your team, if selected?**

1. Attend Monthly Parent meetings? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No
2. In the event you cannot attend Monthly Parent meeting, you will send a representative?  
\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No
3. Attend Coaches Meeting, when scheduled applicable? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No
4. Be responsible for the actions for teen coaches and/or cheerleaders at games and practices  
\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No
5. Conduct your team operations in complete with all rules and regulations as established by the Lions Club Parent League and in accordance with the National Federation of State and High School Association and MHSAA Rules.  
\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No
6. Attend and participate in all Canton Lions events (ie, Banquet, Picnic, Pep Rally, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No
7. Become certified in Concussion training. \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No
8. Attend all required WSJFL training: \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

**Please list at least three (3) references:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Contact Number</u>
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**Print Name**

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**Applicant Signature**

**Thank you for your interest and applying for the position of CHEER COACH!!**

**Sincerely,**

**Tamika Banks, Canton Lions Cheer Director**

**Return the completed application to [cantonlionscheerdirector@gmail.com](mailto:cantonlionscheerdirector@gmail.com)**