2016 Ragin’ Cajun Cheerleading Tryouts
General Information Sheet

1. **Applications are due in our office by WEDNESDAY APRIL 6, 2016**
   Application with all required documents must be received by the deadline. Videos with first round audition material will be sent to candidates who have submitted their complete application beginning on April 4, 2016, so get your application in before the deadline if you can!
   Return application via email (scan in all required documents) or U.S. Postal Service/FedEx
   **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (submit with application)**
   - Completed Application
   - FRONT & BACK copy of your current health insurance card (must have insurance to tryout)
   - Copy of UL acceptance letter (incoming freshman & transfer students; acceptance required in order to tryout)
   - Official current college transcript (current UL students & transfer students only, minimum 2.0)
   - Signed Statement of Understanding Waiver (if under 18 years old must also be signed by parent)

2. Tryouts will be held at Moncla Indoor Practice Facility (athletic campus, 201 Reinhardt Drive) & EK Long Gym (main campus, 500 East St. Mary Blvd.)
   All portions of tryouts are closed to all except candidates, judges and staff.
   **Candidates are encouraged to bring their own water bottle & snack.**

3. **We would like to see your game day appearance. We are looking for a neat, Collegiate, all-American appearance.**
   **FEMALES:**
   Wear vermillion (red), white, black or gray fitted t-shirt or athletic tank and shorts. Hair should be half up & half down with a ribbon. Make up should be game day appropriate, with color on your lips. NO JEWELRY, including necklaces, earrings, bracelets, rings or any other piercings. Please refrain from wearing apparel from other schools or teams. Any tattoos you may have should not be visible.

   **MALES:**
   Wear vermillion (red), white, black or gray t-shirt and athletic shorts. A neat, well groomed collegiate appearance is expected so please be clean-shaven. No facial hair, piercings or jewelry. Any tattoos you have should not be visible.

4. **Candidates will be evaluated on tumbling (running & standing), stunting, fight song, cheers, crowd leading ability & physical fitness/appearance. Finalists will go through interview process. When finalizing our team, we are looking for candidates who are easy to work with, can be used with different partners, and who can easily make corrections, as well as candidates who will be the best ambassadors of Ragin’ Cajun Spirit. The following is a list of requirements but does NOT guarantee a spot on the team.**
STUNTS:
Toss Extension
Lib
Heel Stretch
Elite Stunt Sequence (your most elite)
Game day Stunt Sequence (with transitional stunts)

TUMBLING:
Standing Back Handspring
Standing Back Tuck
Running pass, include tuck or layout; fulls preferred

Females: a standing back handspring on court surface is required to tryout

5. Schedule
Friday April 8, 2016
6-9 p.m. Open Stunt Session
Moncla Indoor Practice Facility – 201 Reinhardt Drive
Parking available at Cajun Field (Bertrand Drive Side)

Saturday April 9, 2016
10 a.m. Motions & tumbling evaluations for FEMALES only
EK Long Gym – 500 E. St. Mary Blvd
(Cut will be made after this round of evaluations)
1:30 p.m. Partner Stunt evaluations
(Cut will be made after this round of evaluations)

Sunday April 10, 2016
9:30 a.m. Interviews for finalists
11:30 a.m. Final tumbling (guys), motion & stunt evaluation
3:30 p.m. (approximate) 2016-2017 team announced, mandatory team meeting & first practice

6. Team selections are final. Squad members will be selected based on the above evaluations, interviews and how well they will fit and work within the Ragin’ Cajun Cheerleading Program.

7. IMPORTANT DATES
June 24-26, 2016
Mandatory squad retreat, team photo shoot, video shoot
July 13-20, 2016
Squad practice
July 21-25, 2016
UCA College Camp (held at the University of Alabama)
August 18, 2016
Fall practice begins, schedule is as follows
Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Sundays 3:00-5:00 p.m.
*Workouts twice per week will be scheduled at a later date*
Ragin’ Cajuns Cheerleading Tryout Application

Please circle:  Male    Female

Name: ___________________________________________ Birthdate: _____________ Age: ______

Email Address (your email that you check regularly) _______________________________________

Address: ______________________________________ City/State/Zip: ________________________

Cell Phone: ___________________________ Home Phone: ________________________________

College Major: _______________________ Please circle (2016-17): Fr    Soph    Jr    Sr

Expected college graduation date: ____________________________________________ (month & year)

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING WAIVER

The undersigned is aware of and acknowledges the risks associated with participation in cheerleading activities, including but not without limitation, the risk of catastrophic injury, paralysis and even death. Nevertheless, it is the undersigned’s desire to participate in cheerleading at UL Lafayette. The undersigned assumes all risk of injury associated with said participation and specifically agrees to indemnify and hold free and harmless the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, its agents and employees, including without limitation the Ragin’ Cajun Cheerleaders, coaches, staff, spirit coordinator and all other members of the department of athletics staff, from any and all claims or causes of action arising out of his/her participation in cheerleading activities at UL Lafayette, no matter what the cause. The undersigned further acknowledges that he/she is and certifies that he/she is at least 18 years of age.

Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: _______________________

If under 18, this form MUST be signed by a parent or legal guardian prior to participation, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: _______________________

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