**Game Procedures**

We support the Crusaders with positive cheers and music. We do not get involved with negative comments, inappropriate language, inappropriate gestures/movement, verbal abuse of the officiating crew or other coaches and teams. According to NCAA rules, as official representatives of their school, pep bands and cheerleaders can cause a technical foul to be called against their team. Students who choose not to follow these guidelines can be suspended or dismissed from the band.

Always remain in the Pep Band seating area. Do not bring signs to the game. We will participate in game promotions only when they are planned and approved in advance.

Cheer along with our cheerleaders! Stay in the game and ALWAYS be ready to play.

**Post-Season Appearances**

Availability forms will be distributed to all Pep Band members toward the end of the regular Patriot League season. Assignments to post-season tournaments will be based on instrumentation, availability, regular season attendance, extra services performed and seniority. The Patriot League and the NCAA limits basketball bands to 30 members, including the director (no electronics). Every effort will be made to assign as many of the eligible regular members to either the men’s/women’s Patriot League tournament or the first round of the men’s/women’s NCAA tournament (if Holy Cross gets seeded). Travel expenses (transportation, housing, and meals) will be provided by the Holy Cross athletic department.

**Benefits**

- Free admittance to all basketball games you perform
- Additional tickets for friends/family to basketball games
- Free housing over most of the winter break
- One meal provided for each break game you play
- Potential travel opportunity to BU Rivalry Games
- Potential travel for Patriot League and NCAA Tournaments

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**Welcome To the Crusader Pep Band!**

The Crusader Pep Band performs at men’s women’s home basketball games, occasional hockey games and other college functions and sporting events. Our purpose is to support the Crusaders as enthusiastically as we can and to entertain the audience assembled in the most exciting manner possible.

The Crusader Pep band is one of the most visible performance groups on campus. It is considered an integral part of the total athletic experience on our campus. We make a great difference in the game atmosphere (and perhaps even in the final score!) with our support.

Congratulations to you for being a member of the Crusader Pep Band and being part of an incredible tradition that will continue to be strong and exciting!
Uniform
The Crusader Pep Band wears a uniform that consists of blue jeans and the issued Pep Band rugby shirt. Buttons or other items that call attention to individuals are not to be worn. No hats of any kind or face paint permitted, unless provided as a marketing promo for a particular game. We need to look “uniform” and professional at all times! The issued rugbys are to be washed as needed per label instructions. Seniors may keep their rugby at the end of the season. All other rugbys not returned at the end of the season in late March will be automatically charged to the member’s college bill account.

Music
Each pep band member is responsible for the organization of their music folio. The music should be in the correct order for quick accessibility. Folios should be complete with no missing music (see our E-board librarians for missing music!). Members are expected to play the parts as written and as assigned.

Alcohol Policy
Members of the Crusader Pep Band will not possess, consume, or act under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs at any rehearsal, performance, or other official gathering, nor will members act under the after effects of alcohol or illegal drugs. Members will not possess, consume, or act under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while wearing any part of the uniform nor while traveling with, or staying at accommodations provided by College of the Holy Cross. It is understood that any violation of these rules will be reported to the Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs Office, and result in severe penalties. These penalties may include suspension from the band, being sent home at the student's expense, and expulsion from the band program. Incidents of serious misconduct warranting College probation or suspension shall be referred directly to the Dean of Students, who will investigate and resolve the complaints under the Sanctioning Guidelines for Violations Involving Alcohol located in the Community Standards and Judicial Procedures for Students.

Hart Center
Pep Band members are admitted to the Hart Center on a pass gate list. You must bring your student ID to be admitted. Enter through the main entrance by the Bob Cousy statue. A security guard will check your name and look through your bags and cases. A roster of current members is provided to the security guard for each game. Store your coats and cases in the storage area under the band bleachers. Only Holy Cross instruments, sousaphones, drums and music stands can be stored at the Hart Center overnight.

Attendance Procedures
Warm-up and rehearsal occurs one hour prior to the scheduled game starting time (rounded back to the nearest half-hour). Arrive EARLY so can be set up by that time! Prior permission is required to arrive late. Call or e-mail Dr. Riley.

It is expected that you perform at the events for which you signed up. If serious illness or emergency comes up, CALL or E-MAIL the director in advance of your absence. In order to be eligible for post-season travel opportunities and to remain a member of this band in good-standing, your absences must be made up by participating in a future event.

All absences will be considered “unexcused” if no contact is made with the director. Unexcused absences will affect your chances to travel! Contact Dr. Riley if you have any questions.

For 2015-2016, each member is expected to perform at a minimum of 15 events. The ideal breakdown would include:
- 5 men’s games
- 5 women’s games
- 1 hockey game
- 4 break games/other events.

For those students who also participate in the marching band, attendance for the pep band began on October 9 with the first Hockey game. For all other students, attendance will begin on November 15.