

Cheerleading Code of Conduct

Parent-Coach Relationship:

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult roles. By establishing an understanding of each role, we are better able to accept the actions of each other and provide a greater benefit to our children. Parents, when your child becomes involved in our program, you have the right to understand what expectations will be placed on your child. This begins with clear communications from the Coach of your program.

Communications to expect from your child's Coach:

- Squad requirements (i.e. special equipment/uniform).
- Game/practice/concession schedule and updates.
- Squad rules, guidelines and consequences for any infractions.

Communications Coaches expect from athletes/parents:

- Any concerns are expressed DIRECTLY to the Coach.
- Advanced notification of any schedule conflicts.
- Advanced notification of any illness or injury – when possible.
- It is the goal of everyone that each cheerleader will experience some rewarding moments in these growing years. It is important to understand that there may be times when things do not go the way you and/or your child wish. When this occurs, discussion with the Coach is encouraged. It is the first and most integral step to understanding and resolution.

Appropriate Concerns to Discuss with Coaches:

- Treatment of your child.
- Ways to help your child improve.
- Concerns about your child's behavior.
- Coaches are professionals. They make decisions based on what they believe to be in the best interest for the squad and for all the cheerleaders involved. Certain things can be and should be discussed with your child's Coach. Other concerns must be left to the discretion of the Coach.

Inappropriate Concerns to Discuss with Coaches:

- Squad placement.
- Squad Strategy and Stunts.
- Cheer selection.
- Other athletes.

WE ARE THEIR ROLES MODELS!

The critical factor in determining whether your child has a positive experience is the quality of their adult leaders – their parents and coaches.

If you have a concern with a coach, here are the procedures and order to be followed:

- Call the coach to discuss or discuss after practice.
- Please do not attempt to confront the coach before or after a game. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature usually do not promote positive resolution.

The Next Step....What can a parent or coach do if the discussion did not provide a satisfactory resolution:

- Call and discuss the situation with either one of the Cheerleading Directors.
- The appropriate next step then can be determined.

Ten expectations of Good Sportsmanship:

- Taunting, trash talk and intimidating behavior have no place in youth sports.
- Attending games does not give you the right to abuse coaches, officials, players, cheerleaders, and other spectators.
- Treat others as you want to be treated.
- Be a positive role model
- Control your emotions at practices and games
- Make sure your child understands that win or lose, you love him or her.
- Respect your child's coaches. Communicate with them in a positive way.
- Sportsmanship begins with you as a parent.
- Your child's eyes are watching
- It is simply..... The Right Thing To Do!

I _____, have read and understand the Cheerleading Code of Conduct.

Signature

Date