



Cheer Coach's Code of Conduct

As a coach for the Lanier Lions Football and Cheer Association, you play a vital role in fostering a positive and supportive environment for our cheerleading squad. Your conduct, both on and off the field, sets the tone for sportsmanship, integrity, and respect. The following code of conduct outlines the expectations and responsibilities that accompany your role:

1. **Respect for Cheerleaders:**

- Treat all cheerleaders with dignity, fairness, and respect, irrespective of their skill level, background, or performance.
- Encourage and support each cheerleader's individual development, both as athletes and as individuals.
- Cultivate an inclusive and encouraging team atmosphere where every cheerleader feels valued and empowered to contribute.

2. **Sportsmanship:**

- Lead by example in demonstrating good sportsmanship at all times, whether in practice or at competitions.
- Emphasize the importance of fair play, honesty, and respect for fellow teams, judges, and teammates.
- Discourage unsportsmanlike behavior, including negative chants, disrespectful gestures, or any form of disrespect towards others.

3. **Safety:**

- Prioritize the safety and well-being of cheerleaders above all else.
- Adhere strictly to safety guidelines and protocols provided by the association, ensuring proper equipment and safe stunting techniques are followed.
- Educate cheerleaders on proper techniques and spotting methods to minimize the risk of injury.

4. **Positive Coaching Approach:**

- Adopt a positive and constructive coaching style that focuses on encouragement, motivation, and skill enhancement.

- Provide constructive feedback and guidance in a supportive manner, fostering growth and confidence.
- Avoid harsh criticism, belittling, or any form of emotional mistreatment.

5. Communication:

- Maintain open and transparent communication with cheerleaders, parents/guardians, association officials, and fellow coaches.
- Address concerns or conflicts promptly and respectfully, seeking resolution through constructive dialogue.
- Keep cheerleaders and parents/guardians informed about practice schedules, expectations, and any relevant updates.

6. Respect for Parents/Guardians:

- Treat parents/guardians with respect and gratitude for their support and involvement in their children's cheerleading endeavors.
- Listen attentively to parents/guardians' concerns and feedback, responding with empathy and understanding.
- Collaborate with parents/guardians as partners in their children's development, fostering a positive and cooperative relationship built on mutual respect.

7. Coach's Responsibility for Conduct:

- Coaches are accountable for the behavior of their cheerleaders and spectators, ensuring respectful interactions with referees, opposing coaches, cheerleaders, and spectators.
- Verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated. Coaches exhibiting such behavior may face disciplinary action, including suspension or removal from coaching duties.
- Coaches should refrain from confronting officials or challenging decisions in a disrespectful manner, as this may result in expulsion from events, subject to review by the association board.

8. Association Discipline:

- Understand that failure to uphold this code of conduct may lead to disciplinary measures by the association and/or relevant governing bodies, potentially including suspension or loss of coaching privileges.

By adhering to this code of conduct, you contribute to the positive and enriching experience of all participants in our cheerleading program. Thank you for your dedication to the well-being and development of our young athletes.

I, _____, acknowledge that I have read and agree to adhere to the Coach's Code of Conduct outlined above.

Coach's Signature: _____

Grade Level: _____ **Date:** _____