

CHEER COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT

The Coach's Code of Conduct is intended to provide behavior guidance and establish clear expectations for all involved. It is not conceived to address every possible behavioral circumstance; however, it shall serve as CHANT's standard for behavioral evaluation.

Any person violating the Code shall be subject to administrative action up to and including termination of his/her privilege to participate in, or attend, CHANT sponsored activities.

Illegal, unlawful, and harmful behavior towards the athletes on part of the coach shall NOT be tolerated by the organization CHANT and will be reported to the authorities.

Coaches and assistant coaches shall remain supportive of the organization's commitment to the ideals of good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority. Likewise, coaches shall remain sensitive to the physical and emotional wellbeing of the players on his/her team. To adhere to these doctrines, the coaches and assistant coaches agree as follows:

1. Coaches work to set and communicate expectations clearly to cheerleaders and parents.

2. Coaches will display and instill the principle of godly character, and good sportsmanship.

3. Coaches will lead by example in treating everyone with respect.

- a. I will not berate/ridicule/demean athletes. Rather, I will provide constructive criticism, in private, or in the presence of team members who may also benefit.
- b. I will refrain from any physical contact in an aggressive manner, profanity, verbal abuse, or obscene gestures, knowing these will not be tolerated.
- c. I will not show favoritism to one athlete over another.

4. Coaches will provide instruction in a manner that is constructive and supportive.

5. Coaches will not tolerate behavior that endangers the health or well-being of an athlete.

- a. I will never knowingly permit an injured cheerleader to perform.
- b. I will remove from a game or practice any participant when her health is in question until competent medical advice is available.

6. Coaches will teach cheer to the best of their ability.

- a. I will provide feedback to the athlete(s) and avoid too much negative feedback.
- b. I will teach what is expected of the athlete(s) and how it is to be done rather than expect the athlete(s) to know what to do.

7. Coaches will take the initiative in resolving any known or suspected conflict relating to a cheerleader or family.

- a. I will remember the relationship is more important than the disagreement.
- b. I will resolve with the individual with whom I have a problem.
 - i. I will listen attentively and acknowledge the other person's points without arguing or challenging.

- ii. I will speak truth in love when responding.
- iii. I will take responsibility for my part and apologize.
- c. I will get additional help if needed (Matthew 18:15-17)
 - i. I will bring in another coach or parent to help resolve. If satisfaction is not reached, then:
 - ii. I will bring in the athletic director. If satisfaction is not reached, then:
 - iii. I will request review by the CHANT Board by placing my concerns in writing.

8. Coaches will provide an environment at all CHANT events that is free of drugs, tobacco, e-cigarettes, alcohol, foul/coarse language, and pornography.

9. Coaches will comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policies, and procedures as established or endorsed by CHANT.

10. When the time comes that I am ready to step away/resign as a coach, I will let the CHANT Board know as soon as possible. I will send a letter of resignation to the Board first, then work in conjunction with the Board on how to communicate it best to the team and parents.

11. I agree that I am a believer in Jesus, He is my Lord and I do my best to serve Him according to the Bible.

a. Please write a brief testimony of your relationship with Jesus.

b. Please include what church you are actively attending.

I have read, understand, and agree with the above stated Cheer Coach's Code of Conduct of the organization known as CHANT. I agree to be bound by its provisions.

Name (printed): _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____