

ATHLETE'S CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CHANT (CHEER)

The Athlete's Code of Conduct is intended to provide behavioral 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.

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

Participation in CHANT is a privilege. This privilege will be available as long as the athlete displays proper conduct on and off the field. By signing this Code of Conduct for Athletes you agree to the following.

I Corinthians 10:31 "...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

- I will conduct myself with integrity on and off the field. (integrity – doing what is right even if no one is looking)
- I will take care of my body by getting enough rest, eating well, and staying properly hydrated.
- I will not hide any injury. I will report it to my coach, parent, or athletic trainer immediately.
- I will respect my commitment to the team by being punctual and prepared for all practices and games.
- I will participate during practice; non-participation will result in not cheering at the next game.
- I will attend all scheduled practices and games, including away games. If I can't attend, I will let my coach know beforehand. (missing practice directly before a game can result in a loss of cheering time)
- I will respect, protect, and maintain my equipment. (Uniform, backpack, bows, and poms, etc.)
- At the end of the season or immediately upon dismissal from CHANT, I will return my uniform, poms, and bows. Failure to do so will result in a fee for equipment cost
- I will show respect in speech and action to all coaches, captains, co-captains, and helpers. This includes when receiving feedback, critique or correction.
- I will show respect for my teammates and work to develop unity within my team.
 - I will not purposefully cause conflict or strife with my words or actions. Nor will I speak meanly or snarky to others on the team.
- I will show respect to game officials, opponents, and all spectators.
- I will respect the rules of the property and facilities we use. (no sugary drinks or food on the field)
- If I have an unsportsmanlike event, it will result in my immediate removal from a game or practice and a loss of playing time or expulsion from CHANT will result.
- I understand when a coach holds me accountable for my actions, she is doing it to make me better.
- I will abide by the rules of what to wear and not to wear during practices and games.
- I will always wear my practice or game uniform appropriately during practice or any CHANT game. And will dress appropriately when attending a CHANT event.
- During the season I will refrain from activities that can lead to a greater chance of injury.
- I will not use profanity, offensive language, or inappropriate gestures. Nor will I make racist, sexist, sexual/homosexual comments, or jokes.
- I will **NOT use** alcohol, tobacco (including e-cigarettes), illegal and non-prescriptive drugs.
 - If I show up impaired to any CHANT event, I know that the coach will contact my parents and evaluate what is causing my impairment. I will not be allowed to continue practicing or participating in the event until it is resolved. Depending on the cause of impairment, termination from CHANT may be a consequence.

- I will not view or distribute pornography with or among my teammates or anyone within the CHANT organization, such as the football players.
- I will attend and be respectful during times of prayer and discipleship/Bible study.
- I will not rush to gossip or be a talebearer. (Telling the truth is important but don't just do it to stir up trouble)
 - [Proverbs 26:20] "Without wood, a fire goes out; without gossip a conflict ceases."
- I will not participate in or instigate Cyber Bullying against a fellow teammate, football player or anyone.
 - **Cyber bullying** – is the act of intentionally and consistently mistreating or harassing someone using electronic devices (phones, gaming systems, computers, etc.) or other forms of electronic communication (Instagram, Snap Chat, Tik Tok etc.)
 - Spreading lies
 - Harassing someone
 - Posting embarrassing or inappropriate pictures/videos of someone without their consent.
 - Sending hurtful, threatening, or abusive messages, images, or videos
 - Impersonating someone and sending messages through their account or a "fake" account.
 - People may try to downplay cyberbullying by saying it was just a joke. However, any incident that continues to make a person feel shameful, hurt, or blatantly disrespected is not a joke and should be addressed. People who engage in cyberbullying tactics know that they've crossed these boundaries from being playful to being harmful.

Handling Problems/Solving Dispute (This is separate from being disciplined by the coach)

- ****Go to the individual with whom you have a problem/conflict. If satisfaction is not reached, then:**
- Bring in a coach or parent to help resolve. If satisfaction is not reached, then:
- Bring in the athletic director. If satisfaction is not reached, then:
- Request review by the CHANT Board by placing your concerns in writing.

It is important to learn how to handle conflict as you will encounter it throughout your life. Following these steps is necessary to resolve it in a God-honoring way. If you have a problem/conflict with a coach and complain to your teammates or parents without saying anything to the coach, you are not acting in a God-honoring way. Resolving conflict isn't easy but it makes for healthier relationships.

****Depending on the seriousness of the problem/conflict you may need to involve your parents or an authority figure at the beginning of the steps.**

I have read the Code of Conduct for Athletes and agree to fulfill them as a member of the team. I also understand that failure to comply with the codes could result in one or more of the following:

- **Being addressed by my coach.**
- **My parents will be contacted.**
- **Loss of cheering time.**
- **Being asked to leave the team.**

I understand that my family will not be entitled to any refund if I was asked to leave the team, or if I quit after the season started.

Athlete's Printed Name: _____

Athlete's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____