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AMERICAN CHEER POWER® / POWER DANCE®



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Code of Conduct 2009 -2010

***TO BE SIGNED & TURNED IN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE COMPETITION SEASON WITH COMPLIANCE AGREEMENTS. ***

In an effort to maintain a positive and professional competition, American Cheer Power®/Power Dance® has established a Code of Conduct for coaches, competitors, and parents. It is our belief that offering safe, positive experiences where good sportsmanship is maintained, we teach responsibility and leadership skills needed to become successful adults. The following Code of Conduct will be upheld at all American Cheer Power®/Power Dance® competitions.

As the coach of the(Team Name) _____ cheerleaders / dancers, I agree to adhere to the following guidelines.

NEW – DUE TO THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE SPORT AND THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF ALL-STAR GYMS; WE ARE SEEING MORE & MORE UN-SPORTSMANSHIP BEHAVIOR FROM ATHLETES, PARENTS & COACHES. IN THE ORDER TO PRESERVE THE TRUE SPIRIT OF THE SPORT; CHEER POWER WILL TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION:

1. ***1ST OCCURRENCE - WARN A GYM/TEAM'S HEAD COACH***
2. ***2ND OCCURRENCE - ASSESS A 10-POINT PENALTY***
3. ***3RD OCCURRENCE - DISQUALIFY FOR UN-SPORTSMANLIKE OR UNSAFE CONDUCT BY A COACH, COMPETITOR OR PARENT. LET US TEACH OUR ATHLETES TO BE GOOD SPORTS.***

Safety

1. I have read, understand, and will abide by American Cheer Power®/Power Dance® Safety Guidelines.
2. I understand that competitive cheerleading / dance is an activity, which presents the possibility of injury. Because of this risk, my athletes have received proper training techniques.
3. I confirm I have been properly trained in basic technique, skill progression, and safety.
4. I will put the interest and safety of my athletes above competitiveness and will not put them at risk unnecessarily.
5. American Cheer Power®/Power Dance® Medics are present at every competition for medical emergencies. American Cheer Power®/Power Dance® does not furnish tape for wrapping ankles or other pre-existing injuries. Staff Medics will not be held responsible for wrapping ankles, etc.

Rules

1. I will follow all safety and performance guidelines. I understand that a violation of these guidelines could result in a penalty point deduction.
2. I will abide by the age / grade guidelines for competing divisions. I understand if a violation is reported, I will be required to supply age / grade verification to competition officials at that time. In the case of home-schooled students, official grade verification is necessary. I understand that failure to provide this verification will result in the protest standing.
3. I will accept all judges' decisions as final. If I feel I have a valid protest, I may register a complaint with American Cheer Power®/Power Dance® registration for review. Parents or competitors will not be allowed in registration for this reason.
4. I understand that a parent approaching any Staff with a protest will forfeit the coach's right to protest or review of tape.

Sportsmanship

1. I will support the competition results and represent my program respectably.
2. I understand that I am a role model for my team and I will conduct myself in such a manner.
3. I will display good sportsmanship and require the same of my competitors and parents.

Date: _____

Head Coach

Assistant Coach