



JOPLIN YOUTH CHEERLEADING ASSOCIATION

PO Box 3414, Joplin, MO 64803

Coach Code of Conduct

- I will treat each cheerleader as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will not show favoritism to specific cheerleaders on my squad, including my own child.
- I will stress the fact that cheerleading is a team effort and see that no one cheerleader is considered "head cheerleader".
- I will teach each cheerleader the rules and fundamentals of cheerleading.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my cheerleaders.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my cheerleaders.
- I will provide a sports environment for my squad that is free of profanity, drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- If a violation of this sort is observed or overheard by parents or a League Official, that Coach will be asked to leave the JYCA function and serve an immediate and mandatory one-week suspension that includes practices. If a second offense occurs, the Coach is suspended indefinitely and must appear before the Board.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to all my cheerleaders.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my cheerleaders.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
- I will practice open communication with JYCA Cheer board members, coaches, team moms and parents.
- I will never voice any complaints or concerns towards parents, other coaches, referees or JYCA Cheer Board Members in front of the children during practice, games or other sports events. Complaints or concerns can be directed to JYCA Cheer Board before or after the games, practices or other sports events.
- I will not physically or verbally abuse any cheerleader.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for the children and not adults.
- I will make the Cheer Board aware of any issues with parents within 48 hours of the occurrence.
- I am aware that there is a responsibility which must be met, not only to their cheerleaders, but also to JYCA. The following actions by parents/coaches/cheerleaders are strictly forbidden in all related Cheer activities and/or practices:
 - Foul or abusive language
 - Harassment or acts of aggression toward cheerleaders, league officials, referees or spectators
 - Accepting any form of assistance from any person officially suspended from all Cheer activities or JYCA
 - Any other conduct contrary to the rules and/or spirit of the rules of JYCA
 - Any violation of the above may result in a warning, and/or suspension of all JYCA related activities for an indefinite period of time.

Date Signed: _____

Coach Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____