



CODE OF CONDUCT

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Parent Accountability:

Our culture is predicated on POSITIVITY and we hold our parents accountable the same as we do our athletes.

We WILL NOT tolerate the following actions from parents:

- Gossip or rumors in and around the program.
- Negativity towards other parents, athletes, coaches or staff.
- Withholding practice attendance or competition attendance as punishment.
- Any violations of our communication policy stated below.
- Repeated delinquent payments for tuition, fees, classes and programs.
- Inappropriate behavior at events / competitions, you as the parent are an extension of Titans Cheer & Gymnastics, therefore representing the program just as the athlete does.

We fully understand that competitive cheer is just that... competitive and that sometimes emotions can run high on all sides of the spectrum. We also understand that we as coaches / staff and parents are held accountable for our actions especially in front of our athletes and we will not tolerate repeated instances of the actions above or below. We will handle each situation on a case by case basis and operate on a 2 Infraction policy. First infraction will be a warning and the second will terminate the relationship / agreement of Titans Cheer & Gymnastics with the parent / athlete.

PARENT-COACH RELATIONSHIP

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult roles especially in competitive cheerleading. By establishing an understanding of each role, we are better able to accept the actions of each other and provide a greater benefit to our children. Parents, when your child becomes involved in our program, you have the right to understand what expectations will be placed on your child. This begins with clear communications from the Coach of your program.

COMMUNICATIONS TO EXPECT FROM YOUR CHILD'S COACH

- Squad requirements (uniform/attendance).
- Competition/practice schedule and updates.
- Squad rules, guidelines and consequences for any infractions.
- Injuries, Extra practices.

COMMUNICATIONS COACHES EXPECT FROM ATHLETES & PARENTS

- Any concerns are expressed DIRECTLY to the Coach.
- Advanced notification of any schedule conflicts.
- Advanced notification of any illness or injury – when possible.
- It is the goal of everyone that each cheerleader will experience some rewarding moments in these growing years. It is important to understand that there may be times when things do not go the way you and/or your child wish. When this occurs, discussion with the Coach is encouraged. It is the first and most integral step to understanding and resolution.

CONCERNS ARE TO BE EXPRESSED AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, THAT IS NOT

- During a practice
- During a team meeting
- During an Event/Competition (EVER) These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature usually do not promote positive resolution.
- In front of the athlete

APPROPRIATE TIMES ARE

- We operate on a 24 hour cool down period, if you have an issue give it 24 hours before you contact the coach or director.
- After a practice is complete and in private.
- Scheduling a sit-down meeting with the Coach.
- The days following a competition or event (NEVER DURING)

APPROPRIATE CONCERNS TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

- Treatment of your child.
- Ways to help your child improve.
- Concerns about your child's behavior.
- Coaches are professionals. They make decisions based on what they believe to be in the best interest for the squad and for all the cheerleaders involved. Certain things can be and should be discussed with your child's Coach. Other concerns must be left to the discretion of the Coach.

INAPPROPRIATE CONCERNS TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

- Squad placement.
- Squad Strategy and Stunts.
- Cheer selection.
- Other athletes.

WE ARE THEIR ROLES MODELS!

- The critical factor in determining whether your child has a positive experience is the quality of their adult leaders, their parents and coaches.

WHAT CAN A PARENT OR COACH DO IF THE DISCUSSION DID NOT PROVIDE A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION

- Call and discuss the situation with The Director of Operations.
- The appropriate next step then can be determined.

10 EXPECTATIONS OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

- No taunting, trash talk, and intimidating behaviors have no place in our program.
- Attending competitions / events does not give you the right to abuse coaches, judges, athletes and other spectators.
- Treat others as you want to be treated.
- Be a positive role model
- Control your emotions at practices and competitions/events
- Whether we win or lose, we will uphold a level of sportsmanship to the other teams and programs.
- Respect your child's coaches. Communicate with them in a positive way.
- Sportsmanship begins with you as a parent.
- Your child is always watching
- Always look for that moment to lift someone up

I _____, have read and understand the Parent Code of Conduct Policy.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Witness: _____ **Date:** _____