

Fairhope Youth Cheerleading Association (FYCA)

Code of Conduct

The Fairhope Youth Cheerleading Association (FYCA) is committed to providing a positive, safe, and supportive environment for all athletes, coaches, volunteers, and families. The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to establish clear expectations for behavior, sportsmanship, and accountability.

This Code applies to **all participants**, including athletes, parents/guardians, coaches, board members, and volunteers.

SECTION 1 – ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

All athletes agree to:

1. Show Respect

- Treat teammates, opponents, coaches, judges, and spectators with respect at all times.
- Use positive language and refrain from bullying, teasing, or put-downs.

2. Maintain Good Sportsmanship

- Demonstrate fairness, effort, and a positive attitude whether winning or losing.
- Support fellow teammates and maintain team unity.

3. Follow Rules & Directions

- Listen to instructions from coaches and follow all safety guidelines.

- Refrain from horseplay, dangerous behavior, or refusal to participate.

4. Commitment & Attendance

- Attend scheduled practices, games, events, and competitions unless excused.
- Arrive on time and prepared.

5. Conduct & Behavior

- No use of profanity, inappropriate gestures, or disrespectful conduct.
- No possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or vaping products.

Violations may result in warnings, temporary suspension, removal from activities, or dismissal from the program.

SECTION 2 – PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

All parents/guardians agree to:

1. Be Positive Role Models

- Encourage your child with positive reinforcement.
- Support all athletes, coaches, and volunteers.

2. Respect FYCA Leadership

- Direct questions, concerns, or disputes to coaches or board members privately and respectfully.
- Refrain from yelling, criticizing, or interfering with coaches during practices or games.

3. Support Safety & Discipline

- Ensure your child complies with team rules and arrives on time.
- Notify coaches of injuries, concerns, or necessary absences.

4. Behavior Expectations

- No harassment, bullying, or inappropriate communication (in person or online).
- No alcohol, drug use, or disruptive behavior at FYCA events.

Parents who violate the Code may be asked to leave events and may jeopardize their child's participation.

SECTION 3 – COACHES & VOLUNTEERS CODE OF CONDUCT

All coaches and volunteers agree to:

1. Provide a Safe Environment

- Prioritize athlete safety at all times.
- Ensure skills and stunts are taught responsibly and progressively.

2. Act with Professionalism

- Treat all athletes and families respectfully and equally.
- Avoid favoritism, inappropriate language, or any form of harassment.

3. Leadership & Communication

- Set a positive example in behavior, punctuality, and attitude.
- Maintain clear and respectful communication with athletes and parents.

4. Compliance

- Follow FYCA policies, bylaws, safety rules, and reporting procedures.
- Participate in required trainings, background checks, and certifications.

5. **Zero Tolerance**

- No physical punishment, intimidation, discrimination, or verbal abuse.
- No alcohol, drugs, or inappropriate conduct while representing FYCA.

SECTION 4 – SOCIAL MEDIA & DIGITAL CONDUCT

All members agree to:

- Not post content that is harmful, offensive, or damaging to FYCA, coaches, families, or athletes.
- Avoid sharing private information about minors or internal conflicts.
- Represent FYCA positively and responsibly online.

SECTION 5 – DISCIPLINARY PROCESS

1. **Verbal or Written Warning** may be issued for first-time or minor violations.
2. **Suspension** from practices, games, or events can be issued for serious or repeated violations.
3. **Removal from FYCA** may occur for ongoing misconduct, safety violations, harassment, or any behavior that jeopardizes the integrity of the organization.

All disciplinary decisions are at the discretion of the FYCA Board of Directors.

SECTION 6 – ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By participating in FYCA, all athletes, parents, coaches, and volunteers agree to follow this Code of Conduct and understand the consequences for failing to comply.

Athlete Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____