



Active Sports Participants Code of Conduct

Sports is built upon the values of teamwork, respect, integrity, discipline, and sportsmanship. Athletes and coaches are ambassadors of the sport and are expected to represent themselves, their teams, and the cheerleading community with dignity and professionalism at all times.

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to promote a positive, safe, and respectful environment for all participants, officials, volunteers, spectators, and event personnel. All athletes, coaches, team representatives, and entourage are expected to uphold the highest standards of behaviour from arrival at the event venue until departure.

The Organizer reserves the right to investigate and take disciplinary action against any individual or team found to have violated this Code of Conduct. Depending on the severity of the violation, consequences may include warnings, score deductions, removal from the venue, disqualification, suspension, or exclusion from future events.

General Code of Conduct

The following standards apply to all athletes, coaches, team officials, and entourage members.

Respect and Sportsmanship

All participants shall:

1. Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times, regardless of competition results.
2. Treat fellow athletes, coaches, officials, judges, volunteers, event staff, and spectators with courtesy and respect.
3. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
4. Support and encourage teammates and fellow competitors in a positive manner.
5. Respect competition results and judging decisions.
6. Conduct themselves professionally on and off the competition floor, including warm-up areas, spectator areas, awards ceremonies, and online platforms.



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Prohibited Conduct

1. The following behaviours are strictly prohibited:
2. Harassing, intimidating, threatening, bullying, or abusing any athlete, coach, judge, official, volunteer, event staff member, spectator, or participant.
3. Using foul, abusive, vulgar, discriminatory, degrading, or profane language.
4. Making obscene, offensive, or threatening gestures.
5. Taunting, mocking, ridiculing, baiting, or provoking another team, athlete, coach, or spectator.
6. Celebrating or drawing attention to another team's mistakes, falls, deductions, injuries, or misfortunes.
7. Deliberately distracting or interfering with another team's performance.
8. Publicly confronting, arguing with, or aggressively challenging judges, officials, or event staff.
9. Spreading rumours, making defamatory comments, or engaging in negative social media conduct directed at participants, teams, judges, officials, sponsors, or organisers.
10. Engaging in any behaviour that disrupts, delays, or interferes with the competition or awards presentation.
11. Failing to comply with instructions provided by event staff, security personnel, judges, or organisers.
12. Any conduct that compromises the safety and wellbeing of participants or spectators.
13. Possessing, consuming, distributing, or being under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or prohibited substances during the event.
14. Participating in any form of betting, gambling, or promotion of betting activities related to the competition.
15. Damaging venue property, event equipment, or the property of others.

Reporting and Enforcement

1. Any event official, judge, staff member, volunteer, coach, athlete, or spectator may report a violation of this Code of Conduct.
2. All reported incidents will be reviewed by the Organiser and, where applicable, the judging panel.
3. Penalties may include verbal warnings, score deductions, removal from the competition area, disqualification, suspension, or exclusion from future events.
4. Multiple or severe violations may result in immediate disqualification.
5. The Organiser reserves the right to remove any individual whose behaviour is deemed unsafe, disruptive, or detrimental to the event environment.
6. Decisions made by the Organiser and judging panel regarding disciplinary matters are final.



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Athletes Code of Conduct

In addition to the General Code of Conduct, athletes shall:

1. Uphold the honour, integrity, and reputation of cheerleading through their actions, attitude, and behaviour.
2. Display respect toward teammates, opponents, coaches, judges, officials, volunteers, and spectators.
3. Compete fairly and honestly, adhering to all event rules and regulations.
4. Demonstrate positive sportsmanship before, during, and after performances.
5. Support fellow athletes and refrain from negative comments, gestures, or behaviour directed toward competitors.
6. Accept judging decisions and competition results respectfully.
7. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
8. Refrain from taunting, mocking, ridiculing, or provoking other teams or individuals.
9. Conduct themselves responsibly on social media and avoid posting content that is abusive, offensive, discriminatory, misleading, or damaging to others.
10. Follow all instructions from coaches, officials, judges, event staff, and organisers.
11. Prioritise safety by following approved training methods and competition rules.
12. Abstain from the possession, use, or distribution of illegal substances, tobacco products, vaping devices, alcohol, or prohibited performance-enhancing substances.
13. Refrain from any behaviour that could endanger themselves or others.
14. Serve as ambassadors of goodwill for their team, organization, and the sport both on and off the competition floor.



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Coaches Code of Conduct

1. In addition to the General Code of Conduct, coaches shall:
2. Uphold the honour, integrity, and reputation of cheerleading through exemplary conduct and leadership.
3. Serve as positive role models and mentors for athletes, demonstrating professionalism, respect, and ethical behaviour at all times.
4. Promote a culture of sportsmanship, inclusion, safety, and respect within their teams.
5. Ensure athletes, team personnel, parents, and supporters understand and comply with all event rules and codes of conduct.
6. Refrain from criticising, insulting, or undermining athletes, judges, officials, event staff, organisers, sponsors, or other teams in public forums, including social media.
7. Address concerns, questions, or disputes through the appropriate channels and in a respectful and professional manner.
8. Never encourage, condone, or participate in unsportsmanlike conduct.
9. Accept judging decisions and competition outcomes respectfully, even when disagreement exists.
10. Take reasonable steps to manage the behaviour of parents, supporters, and entourage members associated with their team.
11. Prioritise athlete safety above competitive success and never encourage participation in unsafe practices.
12. Abstain from the use, possession, or distribution of illegal substances and prohibited performance-enhancing substances.
13. Refrain from smoking, vaping, consuming alcohol, or engaging in conduct that may negatively reflect on the team or sport while representing the team or event.
14. Maintain appropriate professional boundaries with athletes and never engage in behaviour that may be perceived as abusive, exploitative, harassing, or inappropriate.
15. Foster an environment where athletes feel safe reporting concerns related to welfare, misconduct, bullying, or safety.

Dispute Resolution

Should questions regarding rules, scoring, or event administration arise, discussions shall be conducted only between the designated coach representative and the appropriate event official or organiser in a private and professional setting.

All parties are expected to communicate respectfully and constructively. Public confrontations, aggressive behaviour, and attempts to influence officials or judges are strictly prohibited.

The decisions of the judges and Organiser are final.