

## **Maple Grove Youth Competition Cheerleading**

**\* You will NOT be allowed to participate until this form is completed & turned in\***

I hereby pledge to be positive about my cheerleading experience in the Maple Grove Youth Competition Cheer program and accept my responsibility for my participation by abiding to this code of conduct.

1. I have read the handbook in its entirety and agree to all of the policies.
2. It is my choice to participate in this program. I will inform my coaches of any physical injury or ailment that may affect my safety or the safety of others.
3. I will demonstrate good sportsmanship by showing respect, courtesy, and positive support for all cheerleaders, players, coaches, officials and spectators and at every practice, competition or other event.
4. I will treat all individuals equally regardless of their race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
5. I will attend all practices, and competitions and will arrive on time, ready to participate. I will notify my coaches ahead of time if I will be late or if I cannot attend due to sickness or other reason.
6. I will do my best to listen and learn from my coaches, captains, and veteran cheerleaders. I will follow the rules and policies of the team, program, school, and state.
7. I will treat my coach and all other coaches in the program with respect and will honor any decision that they make regarding myself and the team.
8. I deserve to practice and compete in an environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. I will refrain from the use of these substances and also expect my fellow teammates to do the same.
9. I will encourage my parents to be positively involved with my experience, team and program.
10. I will do my best in school, and agree that my performance in the classroom is as important as my performance in cheerleading.
11. I will not encourage or participate in any behavior or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of my teammates or peers.
12. I will not encourage or participate in the bullying of any athlete in this program or any student in general, whether it's with words, gestures, and written communication or text messages. I will also not bully anyone through social media, such as Instagram and Facebook.
13. I understand that I may be required to attend additional practice time if my skills are not at the level of my teammates (tumbling, stunting, etc.).
14. I will treat my uniform with respect and realize that any damage done to it will result in replacing the uniform at my expense.
15. I understand that if I fail to abide by the code of conduct listed above, that I will be subject to disciplinary action which could result in removal from practices, or competitions and/or the program. Should I be removed from the program or decide to quit the team, I will not be reimbursed for any payments made thus far.
16. I shall not engage in sexual, racial or religious harassment or sexual, racial, religious violence or hazing during the school year or any portion of an activity season which occurs prior to the start of the school year or after the close of the school year.
17. Sexual, Racial, Religious Harassment and Hazing Violations A. Penalty for Category I Activities: 1) First Violation: The student shall lose eligibility for the next two consecutive interscholastic contests or two weeks, 14 calendar days, of a season in which the student is a participant, whichever is greater.

**Athlete & Parents: By signing our cheerleading code of conduct, you acknowledge that you have read and are in full agreement with this policy. You acknowledge that both you and your athlete take full responsibility for their actions while participating in this program.**

**Cheerleader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**