



MKCA Parents Code of Conduct for Events and Competitions

As the parents of cheerleaders, it is essential to maintain a positive and supportive environment during events and competitions. Your behavior and attitude play a significant role in shaping the cheerleading experience for your child and others involved. Please adhere to the following code of conduct:

1. **Respect the Coaches:** Trust the expertise of the coaches and respect their decisions. Avoid interfering with their coaching methods, and if you have concerns, address them privately and respectfully.
2. **Promote Good Sportsmanship:** Encourage your child to exhibit good sportsmanship, and set an example by doing the same. Congratulate and support all teams, regardless of the outcome.
3. **Avoid Negative Comments:** Refrain from making negative comments about other teams, cheerleaders, or coaches, both in person and online. Remember that your words can have a lasting impact.
4. **Cheer for Everyone:** Cheer loudly and enthusiastically for all participants, not just your child's team. Positive energy and support can make a significant difference in the cheerleading community.
5. **Maintain a Positive Attitude:** Approach events and competitions with a positive mindset. Focus on the experience and growth rather than solely on winning.
6. **Be Respectful to Officials:** Show respect to event officials, judges, and volunteers. Accept their decisions gracefully, even if you may not agree with them.
7. **Practice Good Sports Parent Etiquette:** Stay in designated spectator areas and follow any event rules and guidelines. Avoid distracting or disrupting the event in any way.
8. **Refrain from Coaching from the Sidelines:** Avoid coaching your child during competitions or practices. Let the coaches handle the instruction and guidance.
9. **Address Conflicts Appropriately:** If any conflicts arise, handle them calmly and constructively. Communicate with the appropriate parties in a respectful manner.
10. **Respect Privacy and Consent:** Seek permission before taking photos or videos of cheerleaders, and avoid posting them online without consent.
11. **Assist with Volunteer Opportunities:** Whenever possible, offer your help with event or competition logistics. Volunteering fosters a sense of community and supports the cheerleading program.
12. **Follow Safety Guidelines:** Be aware of and adhere to safety protocols at all times. The safety and well-being of the cheerleaders are of utmost importance.
13. **Celebrate Team Efforts:** Acknowledge the efforts of the entire team, not just individual cheerleaders. Cheerleading is a team sport, and each member contributes to the success.
14. **Handle Disputes Privately:** If you have concerns or issues, address them directly with the appropriate personnel rather than discussing them openly in public.
15. **Be a Role Model:** Display positive behavior and attitude to set an example for your child and other parents. Encourage a culture of respect, support, and camaraderie within the cheerleading community.

By adhering to this code of conduct, you contribute to creating a safe, positive, and enjoyable environment for all cheerleaders, parents, coaches, and spectators at events and competitions. Remember that your actions have a direct impact on the cheerleading experience and the well-being of all involved. Let's work together to foster a culture of positivity and sportsmanship within the cheerleading community.