

# Bridgetown Youth Cheerleading Association 2010 Code of Conduct

The goal of Bridgetown Youth Cheerleading Association (BYCA) is to provide area youth an opportunity to participate and learn organized cheerleading skills in such a way as to: develop the fundamentals of cheerleading; introduce the team concept to participating children, coaches and parents; promote team spirit to our Football Organization; and act as a feeder system for experienced cheerleaders to the local middle schools and high school.

## As a coach, parent, or cheerleader representing BYCA, I promise I will:

- remember that cheerleading is supposed to be FUN for everyone!
- be responsible for my conduct at all times. I will always be a positive representative of BYCA.
- demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
- recognize the importance of the coaches, the parents, and the cheerleaders. They are ALL essential to the development of the squad.
- treat all cheerleaders, coaches, BYCA board members, parents, and spectators with dignity and respect in language, attitude, behavior and mannerisms. This includes, but not limited to, texting and social networking sites.
- actively participate in all BYCA fundraising.
- never yell at or humiliate any cheerleader for making a mistake.
- never swear, use profanity or make obscene gestures, or engage in any inappropriate behavior or conduct, at any time. This includes, but not limited to, texting and social networking sites.

## In addition, as a Head Coach/Assistant Coach/Team Mom/Junior Coach for BYCA, I promise I will:

- set goals for my squad in order to develop new skills and learn how to be a part of a team.
- lead by example by being a positive role model.
- be at every game and practice on time.
- do my best to make all practices safe.
- motivate all cheerleaders in a positive way.
- treat each cheerleader as an individual.
- refrain from using alcohol or tobacco products while in coaching capacity. I will never use drugs.
- ensure all Assistant Coaches and Team Moms for my squad also adhere to this Code of Conduct.

## In addition, as a parent of a BYCA cheerleader, I promise I will:

- set goals for my child in order to develop new skills and learn how to be a part of a team
- refrain from coaching the cheerleaders. It is unfair to put the cheerleaders in a position of having to decide who to listen to-- their parents or their coach.
- make every attempt to have my child attend every game and practice on time. As team members, we must be fully committed to the team. If my child misses practice, they are jeopardizing the experience of all the squad members. I understand that practice times, days, and location may change depending on facility availability.
- pick up my cheerleader promptly at the end of each practice, game, any other BYCA function, being respectful of the coaches' time and family commitments.
- refrain from using alcohol or tobacco products in the presence of cheerleaders. I will never use drugs.
- ensure all members of my family adhere to this Code of Conduct when at BYCA activities.

## In addition, as a Cheerleader for BYCA, I promise I will:

- never verbally or physically threaten another cheerleader or a coach. I understand that doing this will cause me to be removed from the squad.
- be on time for practices and games and will notify my coach if I will be late or cannot attend. I understand that if I have more than 2 unexcused absences I will not be allowed to compete. In order for my absence to be considered excused, in the event of illness or family emergency, I must notify my coach prior to the event. I also understand that if I am more than 15 minutes late to practice it will be considered an unexcused absence.
- come to all BYCA events dressed according to the dress code for our squad.
- always say no to alcohol, drugs and tobacco products.

***The adherence to this code of conduct is a requirement of all coaches, parents, and cheerleaders who choose to participate in BYCA. Disciplinary action, up to dismissal from the organization, may be taken against any individual who fails to comply with this code. Any individual dismissed from the organization will not be reimbursed for any fees paid.***

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Cheerleader Name (printed)

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Parent Name (printed)

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Head Coach (printed)

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