



### **2025 Coaches Code of Conduct:**

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of the cheerleaders ahead of a personal desire to win; remembering that I am a youth sports coach, and that the sport is for the children, not adults
- I will be knowledgeable of and teach the principles of cheerleading to all participants and help them to develop the basic concepts of competition.
- I will be knowledgeable of and teach the basics of football to all participants, teaching my team proper sideline etiquette by being clean and attentive at games.
- I will treat each cheerleader as an individual. I understand the large range of emotional and physical development for each child and will strive to make each cheerleader feel as if he/she is a valuable member of the squad, regardless of any physical or developmental limitations.
- I will provide a safe and healthful environment for the youth to experience the fun of cheer. I promise to review and practice basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries. As well as remove from a game, practice or competition any athlete when even slightly in doubt about his/her health, whether or not as a result of injury, until competent medical advice is available.
- I will lead by example in all things: punctuality, dependability, respect for myself and my peers, and positive sportsmanship towards all cheerleaders, football players, board members and officials from Silver Lake and opposing towns.
- I will set a standard of respect and accountability for my athletes and strive for them to become respectful, confident cheerleaders with athletic integrity. I will not tolerate bullying of a teammate, football player or athlete from an opposing town.
- I will use positive coaching methods to make the experience enjoyable for our cheerleaders, increase their self-esteem, and foster them in a true sense of enjoyment.
- I will refrain from using, or being under the influence of, alcohol or any substance (including tobacco) during practices, games, clinics, competitions and any other youth cheerleading event. The use of these products is strictly prohibited at our facilities.
- I will handle all parents' complaints with professionalism and report any unresolved issues to the SLYC Executive Board.
- I will listen to and follow all directions from SLYC Executive Board & OCYCA League officials.
- I understand that the Executive Board will discuss and take appropriate action should I violate any part of the Code of Ethics or display questionable behavior that is detrimental to the organization.