



Parents/Guardians Code of Ethics

Welcome to SLYC! Your support of our program is important.

As a parent/guardian, I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child/children participating in Silver Lake Youth Cheerleading (SLYC) by following this code of ethics:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all cheerleaders, players, coaches, board members and officials at every game, practice or other youth cheerleading event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child cheer in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all. I will remember that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth cheerleading events.
- I will ask my child to treat other cheerleaders, players, coaches, fans and officials with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- I will not engage in bullying in any form (including cyberbullying), and will instruct my child(ren) to refrain from bullying others.
- I will help my child enjoy their youth cheerleading experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, volunteering as necessary or providing transportation.
- I promise to make a commitment to volunteer and/or fundraise for the youth cheerleading program when asked.
- I understand my volunteer/fundraising check will be cashed and I can recoup the amount by participating in fundraising requirements as set by the SLYC board each year.
- I will ensure timely arrival and pick up at all scheduled practices, clinics, games and competitions. I will make every effort to attend and always be on time to all team events. A commitment to the team is important; plus, on game days, plenty of time should be allowed for proper warm-ups. If you can't make it to the game early enough, please arrange for alternate transportation.
- I understand practices are closed to spectators and will stay off the field/off the gym floor during practice time, unless otherwise directed by my child's coach.
- I will ensure that the uniform (top and skirt) that is being loaned to my cheerleader(s) for the season is returned clean and unaltered; if it is not, I understand my uniform deposit check (\$250) will be cashed to cover the cost to replace it.
- I will bring all questions/concerns to the head coach in a timely manner. I will address any team or player problems quietly and only with our team coach. Arguing or questioning the coach in public is detrimental to getting a successful resolution and sets a bad example for the players.
- I understand that I have the right to report any misconduct to the Head Coach of my child(ren)'s team and, if the issue is not resolved to my satisfaction, I have the right to bring it to the attention of the SLYC Executive Board.
- Abusive or profane language will not be tolerated on facilities and grounds or toward any person or coach. We have a zero-tolerance policy for unruly behavior.