Windham Youth Cheerleading Parent Code of Conduct

As a parent of a participant in the Windham Youth Cheerleading program (hereinafter referred to as "WYC"), you play a vital role in fostering a positive and supportive environment for our cheerleading squad. Your conduct sets the tone for sportsmanship, integrity, and respect. The following code of conduct outlines the expectations and responsibilities that accompany you and your child's participation in WYC:

Respect for Cheerleaders and Coaches:

- Treat all cheerleaders with dignity, fairness, and respect, irrespective of their skill level, background, or performance.
- Encourage and support each cheerleader's individual development, both as athletes and as individuals.
- Treat coaches with respect and defer to the coaches decisions related to team assignments, positions, and activities.
- Ensure your child is on time for practices and games and is prepared to participate.
- Require consistent attendance regardless of injury status, unless the athlete is actively contagious.

Sportsmanship:

- Lead by example in demonstrating good sportsmanship at all times.
- Emphasize the importance of fair play, honesty, and respect for fellow teams, judges, coaches, and teammates.
- Discourage unsportsmanlike behavior, including negative chants, disrespectful gestures, or any form of disrespect towards others.
- Parents should refrain from confronting officials or challenging decisions in a disrespectful manner, as this may result in expulsion from events.

Participants Code of Conduct:

- Be aware of the Code of Conduct signed by your child and ensure your child understands and abides by the Code of Conduct.
- If your child is not meeting the expectations detailed in the Code of Conduct, the coaches will speak to you and your child.
- I understand that:
    - First strike will be a warning.
    - Second strike, your child will be asked to sit out of practice(s) and/or game(s), determined by the coaches.
    - Third strike, the coaches will involve the WYC board to determine the next consequences, which may include suspension or removal from the WYC program.
    - Grades 3-8: Missing practice and games without advanced notice will lead to reduced participation in games and events. Cheerleaders MUST be present consistently to ensure safety during stunt groups.

WYC Investigation and Discipline Process:

- Failure to uphold this code of conduct may lead to disciplinary measures by the association and/or relevant governing bodies, potentially including suspension of your child or removal of your child from the WYC program.
- If you have a complaint against another parent, coach, or cheerleader, the complaint must be timely reported to WYC at windhamyouthcheerleadingme@gmail.com.
- In the event of an allegation that a coach, participant or parents has violated WYC's Code of Conduct, WYC will form a subcommittee of the Board of Directors to review the complaint. The subcommittee may interview involved parties, collect evidence, or suggest mediated discussions as the subcommittee sees fit to investigate the complaint and/or resolve the issue.
- All information collected by the subcommittee shall be kept confidential.
- Any decisions made by the subcommittee shall be final.

Parent's Signature: _____

Child's Name: _____ Date: _____