

MOJMCA Player Code of Conduct- Practice & Games -updated March 2025

Violating any of these rules at practice or games is reprimandable at the Advisor's discretion. If a parent, or player, disagrees or has any complaints, this should be discussed with the Advisor first off stage. If a resolution cannot be reached, then the matter should escalate to the Board. The Board will then make the final ruling. At no time will a public discussion be conducted. Concerns are to be addressed in private with the Advisor, not in the presence of uninvolved parties and NEVER in the presence of any child.

1. Electronic devices MUST be placed inside the cheerleader's bag prior to practice, games. The Board of Directors and advisors are not responsible for any damage to any device. NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE PERMITTED IN CHANGING AREAS. If usage of device(s) becomes an issue, an Advisor will retain the device(s) in a central location until the end of the game/practice, at which time the device(s) will be returned to the player(s). Devices will be allowed for use to call parents for pick up at the END of practice and games OR for emergencies.

2. NO CHEERLEADER(S) IS ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN STUNTS/PYRAMIDS OR TUMBLE WITHOUT THE SUPERVISION OF THEIR HEAD COACH/ADVISORS OR HIS/HER STAFF.

3. Do not be late to designated practices prior to games OR late returning from break. No leaving games or practices early without prior approval/notification. Parents are to come to the field to collect players unless Advisors states otherwise. (Communicated arrival time through group notification via TeamSnap).

Arriving 15 minutes late to a game will result in the player sitting out during half time. Stunt groups are reworked during this time. *A player leaving immediately after half time counts as a "full game" as practice prior to the game and the half time performance has been completed.*

4. Summer Practices & In Season Games (including playoffs*). **If your Cheerleader plans to stunt, attendance at the stunt clinic is required. Any cheerleader not in attendance may or may not be placed in a stunt group at the coach's discretion at a later date. Summer practices will be held in August on the following dates 8/11-8/22. Attendance at the summer practices is MANDATORY. During our two (2) weeks of practice there will be no dismissals from teams due to attendance, however, absences will greatly affect your players participation in their showcase, pep rally and half time routines. Multiple absences may result in little to no stunt time or participation in the halftime show, due to safety and liability reasons. Players who are not at practice may not be eligible to stunt. All players MUST be medically cleared to participate in summer practices and stunt clinics for the safety of our players. You will be eligible to play again next season upon registration. (*Central Conf, Playoff & Championship Games -Optional) You are allowed to miss a total of 2 in season games, after that players will automatically sit for the following halftime performance. They will be permitted to participate in sideline cheers. All absences are counted equally for the 2 misses - no excused vs unexcused. Should a player miss a total of 4 consecutive in-season games without a medically excused absence on file from a Doctor; it was considered player abandonment and they will be dismissed from the squad. They can return as a "new" player the following season should they decide.**

5. Do not be a disruption to practices or games. This is for PLAYERS & PARENTS This includes talking back to the coaches, advisors and/or directors and horsing around etc. Negative talk, yelling, cursing etc. by parents will absolutely not be tolerated. **This can lead to player dismissal from squad and parent barring from sidelines.** We will not tolerate any poor sportsmanship towards any other organization, before, during or after the game. No profanity, abusive language or obscene/inappropriate gestures. **Please note any behavior of this manner is documented and filed with the Township Recreation Department. See Player & Parent Code of Conduct in Rules and Regulations.**

6. We will not tolerate any inappropriate physical confrontations (fighting) KEEP YOUR HANDS TO YOURSELF.

7. In the event of an issue between teammates, we can ensure that the athletes are not assigned to the same stunt group. However, cheerleading is a team sport, and athletes are expected to collaborate effectively. There will be times when athletes are in close proximity of one another. IE - sidelines, bathroom/water breaks. All players and parents must sign the players code of conduct to participate in the upcoming season.

Violations MUST take place within our program. We are NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ISSUES THAT ARISE OUTSIDE OF OUR PROGRAM. All Issues must be reported to an advisor, coach or our board. Documentation must be on file. Any violation(s) of the above items will result in disciplinary actions as outlined HERE: first 3 offenses result in 5 minutes of seat time during sideline cheers with verbal parent notification. After the 3rd offense it will result in a suspension for the halftime show with written parent notification. Any player in the MOJMCA organization which continues to violate the cheerleading rules as stated in this document is subject to a review by the Board of Directors. The Board's review could result in a disciplinary action from a verbal reprimand to the dismissal of the athlete and/or family for any situation that is deemed to create a hostile environment for the players or coaches from the MOJMCA organization with no refund. A dismissed player will be considered a "new" registrant the following year based on terms of dismissal and in some cases will be ineligible for return of play.

Player Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Team: _____