MOJMCA Player Code of Conduct- Practice & Games

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 <u>off stage</u>. 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. <u>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.</u>

1. Electronic devices should be placed inside the cheerleader's bag prior to practice, games. It is at the Advisors discretion if they will allow the use of devices during break. 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).

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.

4. 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 of 2nd-4th 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.

5. Do not be absent from summer practices or in season games (including playoffs*). You are allowed 2 in season unexcused absences from games & 4 unexcused absences from summer practices. After that you will be discharged from the squad for the season. You will be eligible to play again next season upon registration. Please contact the Board with questions on excused vs unexcused absences. (*Central Conf, Playoff & Championship Games -Optional)

6. Do not be a disruption to practices or games. 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.

7. Do not have a poor attitude or be uncooperative. This includes ignoring coaches/trainers/directors, not giving a full effort, rolling eyes, walking away from practice etc. Constant requests to leave the field or stating you do not want to be present during games. Please remember there is a waitlist for some squads- another player would like to be here. Advisors will be required to send players to parents for the remainder of the game or practice if consistently requesting to leave or not wanting to be there.

8. Do not be disrespectful of coaches, team parents, trainers, or fellow cheerleaders. This includes name calling, making fun of others, Bullying etc.

9. 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.

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

Any violation(s) of the above items will result in disciplinary actions as outlined HERE: first 3 offenses result in 10 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 _____