Winthrop Viking Youth Cheer Cheerleader: Code of Conduct

As a participant of Winthrop Viking Youth Cheer, I hereby pledge the following:

- I will honor the authority of my head coach, assistant coaches and league officials and treat them with respect.

- I will always practice good sportsmanship and will not participate in *bullying or using abusive language toward my coaches, teammates, officials or members of other teams/squads both on and off the field.

- I promise to be punctual and properly prepared for practices and games or provide appropriate justification beforehand.

- I will not engage in any kind of rude or inappropriate behavior on social media including, but not limited to: leaving unkind comments/posts and/or sharing offensive or inappropriate images, language or videos or other content.

- I will maintain a sports environment free of drugs, alcohol, tobacco and vaping.

** Bullying is defined as follows, adapted for WVYC from the Winthrop Public Schools Handbook: The repeated use by one or more athletes of a written, verbal or electronic expression or a physical act or gesture of any combination thereof, directed at a target that:*

1. causes physical or emotional harm to the target or damage to the target's property; places the target in reasonable fear of harm to himself or herself or of damage to his or her property;

2. creates a hostile environment at WVYC practices, games and competitions for the target;

3. infringes on the rights of the target at WVYC practices, games and competitions; or materially and substantially disrupts the practice and/or performance of the WVYC teams.

Bullying may include but is not limited to: acts of intimidation such as taunting, name calling, verbal and non-verbal conduct that a reasonable person would find intimidating, humiliating and offensive, social isolation such as shunning/spreading rumors or false accusations; physically aggressive behaviors including interfering with the movement of another, stealing or damaging property. Bullying shall include cyber-bullying.

WVYC has a ZERO TOLERANCE policy in regards to bullying and will result in dismissal

I have read the above code of conduct and agree to uphold the terms. I understand that failure to comply with the code of conduct will result in a review by the WVYC Board of Directors and could result in potential suspension or dismissal from the program. The Board of Directors will deem at fault or not at fault and the result will be as follows:

1st offense: verbal warning, parental contact, game suspension

2nd/Final offense: dismissal from WVYC