Winthrop Viking Youth Cheer: Coach Code of Conduct

As a coach of Winthrop Viking Youth Cheer, I understand that I am responsible for ensuring a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for athletes, families, and other volunteers.

I hereby agree to the following:

- I will always remember that athletes participate in sports for enjoyment and winning is only part of the fun.
- I will not ridicule or reprimand athletes for making a mistake or not winning.
- I will be considerate and reasonable in my demands on athlete's time, energy, and enthusiasm.
- I will always strive to ensure that athletes have a positive experience, recognizing that all athletes deserve equal attention and opportunities.
- I will maintain a professional demeanor at games, practices, competitions, and other cheer related events.
- I will display control, respect, and professionalism to all involved within the sport. This includes athletes, opponents, coaches, officials, families, other volunteers, and other spectators.
- I will ensure that any physical contact with an athlete is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the athlete's skill development or medical care.
- I will maintain a sports environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, vaping, and alcohol.
- I will conduct myself in a professional manner on social media knowing that I am a direct representation of WVYC, and I will refrain from posting or sharing negative comments about the organization, other athletes, or parents.
- I will refrain from gossiping or speaking negatively about any athlete, coach, parent, board member, official or any organization.
- I will collaborate with other coaches and communicate team decisions clearly and constructively.
- I will follow the Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures of WVYC and support all decisions made by its Board of Directors.
- I will appropriately and timely raise any concerns or issues to the WVYC Board of Directors.
- I will respect the rights of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.
- I will not schedule any practices without consulting the shared practice calendars and President (or designated board member who owns the scheduling) of WVYC.
- I will not purchase anything without a majority vote of approval from the Board of Directors.
- I will not share information about WVYC, athletes, coaches, board members or athletes' families unless approved.
- I agree to address conflicts respectfully and through proper channels.
- I understand that violations of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including removal from the coaching role without any prior warning

Signature: _____

Date: _____