



Gulf Coast Elite Cheer

CODE OF CONDUCT

Applies to Athletes and Parents

1. Fundraising is a privilege we offer our parents. When you are fundraising on behalf of the gym, our code of conduct is in force for both athletes and parents.
2. Gulf Coast Elite Cheer maintains the right to refuse services at any time.
3. Good Sportsmanship, polite manners and a good disposition are mandatory at all practices, classes and competitions.
4. It is the athlete's responsibility to wear the appropriate practice wear to every practice (including cheer shoes). If an athlete shows up unprepared for practice, they will sit out and will be charged as an unexcused absence.
5. Personal items such as cell phones, school bags, or gym bags must be stored in the proper place during practices. All cell phones must be turned OFF before practice starts. Cell phones left lying around the gym floor will be removed from the gym. GCE is NOT responsible for lost or stolen items.
6. NO GOSSIP about any other teams (all-star or school). NO GOSSIP about a child on your team or another team. NO GOSSIP about coaches or staff. It is much better to address a problem than to listen to idle gossip. If you have an opinion or problem, bring it to your coach, the All Star Director or the Owner. Gossiping will not be tolerated and is grounds for dismissal from the gym. It is the single most detrimental issue for a gym to have and can cause moral and overall health of the gym to decline quickly. This includes bullying between athletes as well. Athletes should never comment on another team mate. If they have an issue, it is to be brought directly to their coach.

Refrain from using any social networking, messaging services or electronic media to distribute negative or inappropriate information that could be detrimental to yourself, your family, and the GCE brand or reputation in any way. This is grounds for immediate dismissal from the program.
7. Never withhold an athlete from class and/or practice as a form of punishment. This punishes not only your child, but every other team member and parent.
Refrain from threatening to quit or pull your child from a team. This is unacceptable parent behavior that will not be tolerated. Any such threats will result in immediate dismissal from the program
8. NO PROFANITY/ NO DABBING or making any kind of OBSCENE gestures while in GCE uniform or representing GCE in any way.
9. Athletes must arrive at all practices, competitions or any scheduled events on time. Punctuality is a MUST. Appropriate practice wear, cheer shoes, hair in a HIGH pony and practice bow.

10.. There are absolutely no food or drinks allowed on our cheer or tumbling floors. All food and drinks must remain in the parent areas. If your child is assigned a locker, no open drinks or food may be left overnight in the locker. Failure to do so will result in loss of locker privilege.

11. Please feel free to talk to your coach about anything. We do ask for a 24 hour notice should you wish to meet with your child's coach.

12. ALL -STAR practices are CLOSED for safety reasons. From time to time, we will open practice at the end for parents to come in and watch. These are usually not scheduled in advance.

13. It is the parent's responsibility to know what is going on with your child's team(s). Please check Gym/Team Facebook pages frequently for updates and last minute changes, especially on competition days. Team Moms may also use email and/or text messaging.

14. Parents, relatives, friends, and cheerleaders are never allowed to speak with competition officials for any reason.

15. If a state of emergency is called during the weekend of a scheduled competition, we will NOT travel to the area under the state of emergency. There will be no refund or re-scheduling if a competition is missed due to a state of emergency warning.

16. At competitions, coaches are there to coach. Please do not approach a coach about any team or competition issues during a competition (unless it's an emergency), including questions about scoring and shore sheets. These will be reviewed with you at practices following competitions.

17. All Gulf Coast Elite LOGOS and lettering are property of Gulf Coast Elite and may not be copied or used for individual purposes without permission from the owner.

18. The Gym Manager/Owner/All-star Director may change, add or subtract any rule at any time.

Athlete Name _____

Athlete Signature _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____