**Winthrop Viking Youth Cheer: Coach Code of Conduct**

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

* I will always remember that children participate in sports for enjoyment and winning is only part of the fun.
* I will not ridicule or reprimand kids for making a mistake or not winning.
* I will be considerate and reasonable in my demands on children’s time, energy, and enthusiasm.
* I will always operate within the Code of Conduct, rules and fair spirit of the sport and instruct the kids to do the same.
* I will always strive to ensure that the time that children have a positive experience, recognizing that all children are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
* I will display control, respect, and professionalism to all involved within the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents, and other spectators.
* I will always follow the advice of a medical professional when determining whether a child is ready to resume practices and competitions.
* I will ensure that any physical contact with a child is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the child’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.
* 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 other coaches or shared practice calendars.
* I will not purchase anything without the Board of Directors’ approval.
* I will not share information about WVYC or their participants unless approved.