



# Spirit Unlimited Competition Code of Ethics\*

\* To be signed and returned along with Registration Form prior to the event.

In effort to maintain the integrity and professionalism in the sports of cheerleading and dance, Spirit Unlimited has established this Code of Ethics. It is our goal to offer safe, positive events where good sportsmanship is upheld and safety guidelines are followed.

Spirit Unlimited promotes a fun, exciting, and motivational atmosphere. All coaches, team members, friends, family members and other persons associated with a team are expected to conduct themselves in a manner displaying good sportsmanship and exhibiting respect, kindness and a positive attitude towards others.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as the head coach and representative for the \_\_\_\_\_ competitive cheer/dance team (and, the assistant coach if a signatory below), acknowledge and agree that I am responsible for the conduct of my team(s), its coaches, participants, friends, family members and all other persons associated with my organization, and we will all abide by the following guidelines:

### SAFETY

1. All Safety Guidelines, established by Spirit Unlimited, must be strictly adhered to, and I acknowledge that I have received, read and understand all such Safety Guidelines and have reviewed them with my team(s).
2. I understand that cheerleading and dancing are competitive activities, which require me to follow and insure that all of my coaches follow proper training techniques for participants under our direction.
3. I attest that I and all of my coaches have been properly trained in basic cheer/dance technique, proper skill progression and safety precautions.
4. I understand that it is my ethical duty to put the interest and safety of my athletes first and not put cheerleaders/dancers under my direction at unnecessary risk. I understand that any pre-existing injuries will be my sole responsibility. I also understand that Spirit Unlimited does not provide Safety Spotters and that it is solely my responsibility to determine the need for and provide Safety Spotters as I deem necessary.
5. All participants must have the basic skills necessary to participate in the competition. I understand that I am solely responsible for insuring that the skill level I have chosen is appropriate for all members of my team(s).

### RULE COMPLIANCE

1. All Rules and Performance guidelines, established by Spirit Unlimited must be strictly followed, both by the letter and spirit of the rule, and I acknowledge that I have received, read and understand all such Rules and Performance Guidelines and have reviewed them with my team(s) and coaches.
2. I and all of my coaches agree to abide by the age/grade stipulations for competing divisions as determined by Spirit Unlimited. We understand if a violation is reported, we are immediately required to supply age verification (i.e. birth certificate, passport or photo ID) to event officials.
3. I and all my coaches will accept all judges' rulings as final. If we feel we have a valid protest or challenge, we may register a protest or challenge for review at Registration.
4. Family members, friends and participants are not allowed to register protests or challenges. I understand that any family member, friend or participant approaching any Spirit Unlimited staff with a protest or challenge will forfeit me or any of my coaches' right to register a protest or challenge for review.
5. I and all of my coaches are aware that due to the fast pace of routines, it is possible that some violations\* of the Safety Guidelines may have been missed at this event, and therefore, were not called against my team. This does not mean that they are legal, and that my team will not be penalized for them during another Spirit Unlimited event, NLCC or USASF company event or at the US Finals. (\*I and my coaches will be sure to check **all** aspects of our routine(s), **including time limits**, as they may have also been missed during prior competitions.)

### SPORTSMANSHIP

1. I understand that any Spirit Unlimited staff member observing inappropriate behavior, in accordance with this Code of Ethics, by any coaches, participant or representative of my organization at the same or other event may, at their discretion, take the following action(s):
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offense – Warning
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – Result in a 10 point deduction from the associated team
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> offense – Result in disqualification of the associated team/program
2. I and all of my coaches will support the outcome of the event and represent our team(s) respectably.
3. I understand my position as a role model for my team(s) and will conduct myself in a professional manner.
4. I will display good sportsmanship and require such of my cheerleaders/dancers and coaches, as well as their family members and friends.
5. I understand that violations of this Code of Ethics will be reported to other organizations administering similar events.

I understand any inappropriate behavior or violation of this Code of Ethics by me, any coach, participant, friend, family member, representative or other person associated with my organization is unacceptable and may, at Spirit Unlimited's discretion, result in the disqualification of my team(s) without refund.

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HEAD COACH SIGNATURE (Seal)

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ASSISTANT COACH SIGNATURE (Seal)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_