



Tyneside Ignite Cheerleading CIC

Parent Code of Conduct

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Introduction

Tyneside Ignite Cheerleading CIC and Barnsley Ignite values the involvement and support of parents in our cheerleading community. This policy outlines the expected conduct of parents to ensure a positive and respectful environment for all participants, coaches and other parents/carers.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Foster a supportive and positive atmosphere.
- Ensure respectful and appropriate behaviour from parents/carers.
- Outline the expectations for parents during training, competitions, and other events.

Scope

This policy applies to all parents and guardians of athletes involved with Tyneside Ignite Cheerleading CIC or Barnsley Ignite.

General conduct

Parents are expected to:

- Show respect and courtesy to all athletes, coaches, volunteers, and other parents/ carers.
- Support their child's involvement and encourage good sportsmanship.
- Communicate respectfully with coaches, athletes and other parents/carers whether this be in person or through an electronic device.
- Follow the club's policies and procedures.

Training and practice sessions

- During training and practice sessions, parents should:
- Drop off and pick up their child on time.
- Avoid interfering with coaching sessions or distracting athletes.
- Encourage their child to listen to coaches and follow instructions.
- Refrain from coaching their child from the sidelines.

Communication

Parents should:

- Address any concerns or issues directly with coaches in a private and respectful manner.
- Not assume coaches have the capacity to discuss matters whilst coaching or at the beginning or end of a session.
- Use official channels for communication, such as email or scheduled meetings.
- Avoid discussing sensitive issues or concerns in public or on social media.

Conduct at Competitions

During competitions, parents are expected to:

- Show respect and support for all athletes, coaches, judges, and spectators.
- Refrain from making negative comments about other teams, athletes, or judges.
- Follow the competition venue's rules and regulations.
- Encourage and cheer for all athletes in a positive manner.
- Avoid any actions or comments that could be seen as unsportsmanlike or disrespectful.
- Respect the decisions of the coaches and/or judges without confrontation.

Social Media

When using social media, parents should:

- Represent the club in a positive light.
- Avoid posting negative or critical comments about the club, other clubs, coaches, athletes, or other parents/carers.
- Obtain consent before posting photos or videos of other athletes.
- Report any inappropriate content related to the club to the Social Media Officer.

Consequences of Misconduct

- Any breach of this policy will be taken seriously and may result in disciplinary action.
- Misconduct may result in a warning, suspension, or expulsion from the club, depending on the severity of the behaviour.
- Serious incidents may be referred to external authorities if necessary.

Review and monitoring

- This policy will be reviewed annually by the Directors.
- Feedback from parents/carers, coaches, and athletes will be considered in the review process.

Acknowledgement

By enrolling in our cheerleading programme, parents/guardians acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agree to comply with this Parent Code of Conduct

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