

## **COPA All-Star Cheer Team Practice and Competition Etiquette for Cheerleaders and Parents 2013-2014**

1. Always have respect for your team members, teachers, and parents.
2. Do not talk while you are in a class or while others are performing. Listen to your instructor and follow classroom rules.
3. Parents: If you have an issue with a teacher, the studio, another child, dance, costume, etc, please talk to the instructor directly first. If it is about a student, go to their parent in an appropriate way, and then let the owners know of the situation about your feelings. It is not acceptable to talk about others in or out of the studio. This is not setting a good example for the kids nor is it healthy. It must be discussed immediately so that things do not get out of hand.
4. Be positive and willing to learn and try new things.
5. No bullying will be tolerated. That includes physical, emotional, taunting, calling names, talking about one another, etc. If you are a victim of this behavior, you must come to a teacher or owner immediately so we can address this issue. Do not wait.
6. If you cannot say anything nice, do not say anything at all. We are not here to build up our own children or ourselves by tearing down someone else's.
7. Do not talk about other dancers, and where people should stand in numbers, and whether they should be on a team, this is the instructor's responsibility. It is also the instructor's responsibility to teach the classes and do extra practices if needed. The owners and instructors will call extra practices if needed but an instructor must be present. Due to liability issues, we cannot have practices without an instructor present.
8. Be responsible for yourself and for your children/teenagers in the studio or at competitions. Students are not allowed in dance rooms without an instructor.
9. Clean up after yourselves at studio.
10. Be an encourager by supporting the others in classes, performances, and competitions.
11. Be a Team player!!
12. If you have an issue with someone or something, please go to the owners and/or teachers.
13. Social networking is a personal choice and freedom of speech (facebook, my space etc) , but it is not ok to post negative comments about your team members or negative ideas associated with competitions and members of the COPA family. Go to people when you have an issue in a rational way to minimize negativity.
14. Do not post any competition numbers on facebook, u tube, etc.
15. As a team member, you are committing to the team fully beginning in August. The expectation is that you will finish out the year until after recitals, and if there is a need after recitals as well. This means that if you get injured, sick, illness, or choose to not come back, we have the authority to buy back the costume in order to replace it with another dancer so that the entire team is not affected by your child not being able to finish year out. If you cannot attend a performance, nationals, etc, we have the right to borrow a uniform in the event your cheerleader cannot attend.
16. Do your best and Have fun!

I agree to the following rules and guidelines.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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