

# **New Canaan Junior Cheerleading Behavior Policy: Grades 5-8**

## **Cheerleader Behavior Expectations**

In addition to the New Canaan Junior Cheerleading fundamentals of learning teamwork and confidence, the program's cheerleaders are expected to demonstrate increased maturity, leadership, and accountability.

### **Cheerleaders in Grades 5–8 Agree To:**

#### **1. Respect & Leadership**

- Show respect to coaches, teammates, officials, and others
- Use appropriate language and behavior at all times
- Be positive role models for younger cheerleaders

#### **2. Accountability & Responsibility**

- Follow instructions promptly and completely
- Take responsibility for actions and behavior
- Accept feedback and correction respectfully

#### **3. Safety & Focus**

- Follow all stunt and safety rules without exception
- Stay focused during practices and games
- No horseplay, arguing, or unsafe conduct

#### **4. Team Commitment**

- Arrive prepared, on time, and ready to participate
- Put team success ahead of individual behavior
- Display good sportsmanship at all events

## **Grades 5–8 Behavioral Consequences**

Behavior issues may result in:

1. Verbal warning
2. Parent notification and/or written warning
3. Temporary suspension from practice, game, or performance
4. Removal from the program for repeated or severe behavior

Consequences will be determined by coaches and program leadership based on severity and frequency.

## **Parent Expectations (Grades 5–8)**

Parents/guardians are expected to:

- Support coaching staff decisions
  - Address concerns through proper communication channels
  - Model respectful behavior at all events
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## **Acknowledgment**

By enrolling in the cheerleading program, cheerleaders and parents/guardians acknowledge that they have read, understand, and agree to follow this Behavior Prerequisite and Code of Conduct.

**Cheerleader Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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