

## GCYAA Cheer Bullying & Social Media Policy

*“Bullying” or “harassment” is any gesture or written, verbal, graphic, or physical act (including cyberbullying, through the use of internet, cell phone, computer, etc., that is reasonably perceived as being dehumanizing, intimidating, hostile, humiliating, threatening, or otherwise likely to evoke fear of physical harm or emotional distress.*

GCYAA’s motto is “Kids in sports, not in trouble.” As a member of a GCYAA sport, and as a teammate, it is your responsibility to treat other members of your team with kindness and respect. To protect the rights of all athletes and to promote a safe and secure environment, the GCYAA prohibits acts of bullying, harassment, and other forms of aggression and violence.

Anyone who experiences or witnesses bullying by or of a GCYAA Cheerleader is encouraged to report it to coaches. You may remain anonymous. The consequences for bullying are as follows;

1<sup>st</sup> offense: Parent & Cheerleader will meet with Commissioner. Cheerleader will sit half of the next game.

2<sup>nd</sup> offense: Cheerleader may be removed from Cheerfest, at the discretion of the coaches & commissioner.

**Social Media** – It is important to respect yourself and represent GCYAA in a positive manner. Content such as swearing/ vulgar language, cyber-bullying, or any other inappropriate content posted during the cheer season will be addressed and could result in the cheerleader sitting out a portion or the entirety of a game or Cheerfest.

I have read the above statement and agree to treat my teammates with kindness and respect and report any instances of bullying to a coach immediately.

Cheerleader’s signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_