



# PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT



This agreement lays out expectations and best practices for parents of athletes participating in West Coast Cheer (WCC) teams. Parents must support the team's rules and encourage their athlete to always follow the rules. Any questions or concerns should be brought to the attention of the Board Representatives. Parents of athletes not able to abide by the agreement will be dismissed from the team. Parents must also read and agree to the Athlete Agreement.

## Safety

- Safety is the number one priority for WCC. Unsafe behavior will not be tolerated. Parents shall be good stewards of safe behavior; they must encourage their athlete to practice safe behaviors.
- Stunting will only be done with permission from a WCC coach. If you allow your athlete to practice stunting without a coach present, there is a risk of injury.
- Purposely dropping a stunt at practice, competitions, or any other WCC event will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the team and no refunds will be given; this includes threatening to drop or otherwise injure a member of a stunt group or a teammate. Please encourage your athlete to take stunting seriously.
- All stunting must be done using best practices taught by WCC coaches, any other techniques must be discussed and approved by WCC coaches before being used by athletes.
- Parents **must** inform a WCC coach if their athlete has been injured, even if the injury did not occur during a WCC event, especially if the injury will affect their athlete's ability to safely practice or perform. No Exceptions.
- Any behavior that is detrimental to the health or safety of other participants will not be tolerated; this includes any forms of bullying, abusive language, or physical violence. Other participants include but are not limited to other athletes, coaches, volunteers, competition officials, siblings of athletes, parents, etc.

## Education

- Parents must ensure their athlete is in good standing with their grades and attendance and provide a copy of a progress report or report card if asked.
- School work, homework, athletic activities, achievements, promotions, etc. are priority above competitive cheerleading. Any schedules that may conflict with cheer practice must be discussed with the acting coach prior to missing practice.
  - A proper balance needs to be attained if other activities interrupt practice schedules, as it does affect routine progress and all other athletes who are dedicating full time to the program.
  - If a balance is not attained with the above activities the athlete may be removed from areas within the performance that affect their teammates, allowing other athletes to progress to their full potential due to these scheduling conflicts.

## Expectations

- Parents must set a good example by demonstrating good sportsmanship and positive support.
- Athletes will be placed on a team based on the skill and age of all athletes participating for a given season. If an athlete is placed on a team, that placement is for the season, no



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athlete will be switched for any reason unless the head coach and board decide to change the placement. Siblings, family members, or friends are not guaranteed to be placed on the same team.

- Athletes are not allowed to have phones, earbuds or other electronic equipment during practice or competitions. These items must remain in the athlete's bag on silent. Parents may contact the head coach if an emergency arises during practice.
- Practices and competitions are Mandatory events for all athletes, plan transportation accordingly.
- Parents should expect any competition to last the entire day. Practice and Competition schedules are subject to change with short notice. Please look over the competition/practice dates and plan to have your athlete at each event. Should there be a discrepancy with the competition schedule, a minimum of 4 weeks' notice is required.
- Athletes are expected to arrive on time and be picked up promptly for all events, practices, and competitions. Practice and Competition may run late, do not remove your athlete until they are dismissed by the acting coach.
- Parents must notify their coach if their athlete will be missing a practice at least two weeks before if scheduled or as soon as possible if for illness. Any absence within two weeks of a competition may result in the athlete being removed from the competition routine regardless of the reason. No refunds will be provided for paid competition fees.
- If an Athlete is benched for any reason, they will still be expected to attend the competition and cheer on their teammates from the sidelines with their acting coach.
- Parents are responsible for their own travel expenses and getting their athlete to and from all listed competitions. This is a 7-month program, all athletes are expected to remain in the program for the duration allotted. If your athlete is unable to remain in the program for its entirety, for any reason, perhaps it may be best to reconsider joining the program. All dues will be required for the 7-month program regardless of the time frame athlete plans to attend.
- No smoking (including vaping) inside or within 50 feet of our practice space or competition venues. Remain in designated smoking areas when at venues.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted at any WCC event; this includes but is not limited to events, practices and competitions.
- The space used by WCC must be taken care of by the participants, this includes the bathroom area. Everyone must clean up after themselves and ask for help when necessary.
- Athletes as well as parents are representing WCC on and off the mat, poor conduct is zero tolerance.
- WCC reserves the right to remove any athlete from the program for unbecoming behavior, including a parent's behavior. Anytime an athlete or parent is representing WCC careful attention should be given to not engage in behavior that would reflect poorly on WCC. This may include but is not limited to drinking alcohol while in WCC wear, fighting while dressed in WCC gear, etc. Any parent that breaks a law while on the property of an event, practice or competition will have their athlete removed from the team; this includes physically fighting with another person. The WCC Board has the final say in the removal of an athlete. No refunds will be given if an athlete is removed from the team.
- Athlete/Parent drama and/or talking about other athletes/parents in any negative way will not be tolerated and is a cause for immediate dismissal from the program, including gossip.
- Parents may not interrupt practice. If your athlete needs to leave early or precisely at scheduled time and cannot wait for coaches' dismissal, please let the coach know before practice begins.
- If a parent would like to assist a coach, please apply to be an assistant coach before the season starts. Parents' opinions on placements or positions will NOT be considered by coaches for any routines.
- Parents are not allowed on the practice mat.



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- Practice will be closed sessions, so parents, family and friends will not be permitted in the practice area, unless it is specified at the beginning of the season that there are designated areas.
- Parents can communicate with the head coach of their athlete's team if they have a concern but must do so respectfully. If the parent feels their concern needs additional attention, they may seek out the vice president or president of the board to help solve the issue. No other parents or assistant coaches will be brought into the conversation unless the board feels it's appropriate.
- Negative words about the program shall NOT be spoken during events, practices, competitions, or on social media platforms. Negative social media posts concerning WCC can result in the athlete being removed from the team or not being accepted to return to WCC for future seasons.
- Aggressive communication styles will not be tolerated at WCC (practice, competitions, community events and through social media); this includes disagreements with other families, friends, staff, volunteers, etc.
- Threatening to pull your athlete from the program, pulling them out of a practice (without prior notice), or using events, practices and/or competitions as a punishment for your athlete, will result in the athlete being removed from the program immediately. No refunds will be given.
- ZERO tolerance for bullying of any kind from parent or athlete; this is grounds for immediate dismissal from the program.
- Before leaving an athlete at an WCC event, a coach or board member must be physically seen on property and aware that your child is now present, do not assume the coach is aware that you have left your athlete unattended. Do not leave the premises before the coaches arrive.
- Notify the coach if a different adult is picking up the athlete from an event.

## Communication

- The main form of communication will be through the West Coast Cheer app; Band App will be the alternative. Please download both forms of communication.
- Every parent is required to use the above apps to communicate with the team including coaches or other parents. Notifications for the head coach must remain on at all times.
- Check the above listed apps before events to ensure you have the most up-to-date information.

## Trademark, Logo, and Selling of Goods

- No person or company is permitted to use the name or logo of WCC for any reason (personal or for profit) unless written permission is given by the board. This includes "West Coast Cheer", "WCC", "Eclipse", or any other team names and all WCC supporting logos.

## Fundraising

- All parents and athletes will be required to participate in a minimum of two fundraisers that help benefit West Coast Cheer; all other fundraisers will be at the discretion of the parent who choose the need for financial assistance with their athletes' costs for West Coast Cheer. The parent/guardian will be notified prior to the start of the required fundraisers.
- Fundraisers are planned and carried out by our Board and Parent Committee.
- Fundraising accounts will NOT rollover with your athlete from season to season. Remaining funds will go to the fundraising pool of money to help with program costs.



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- All funds are due by the due date on your promissory note, or the listing on the web page. Any fundraising payments not realized by the due date will not count toward your outstanding fees.
- All WCC fundraisers must be approved by the board. Do not use the WCC or Eclipse logo/name to do your own fundraisers without approval. Independent fundraisers must be clear if they are independent or not sponsored by WCC.

## Expenses

- Parents are responsible for ensuring that all payments are made on time. Payments will be allotted a 5-day grace period. Any payments made after the grace period ends will result in an additional \$20 fee charged to the balance due for that month.
- Uniform funds are due by October 1, 2024. Any fundraiser funds must be submitted by October 1, 2024, to count towards the uniform costs.
- Failure to submit the funds for uniform by October 1, 2024, will result in the Athlete being removed from the team. Uniform fittings are October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, if athlete does not attend the fitting they will be removed from the program.
- Team fees and Competition fees will be broken down into monthly payments. Any payments or fundraisers must be paid by the due date and no later than the grace period. Payments can be made early.
- Parents are responsible for the purchase of required make-up materials for the competitions. Acting coach will provide details of the make-up needed to purchase and if eyelashes will be required.
- **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR ANY REASON AT ANY TIME.** All monies are nonrefundable and non-transferable between athletes or seasons. The only exception to transferable funds will be between siblings, only if the funds have not been allotted towards uniforms, competitions, etc.

## Volunteer Requirements

- At least 1 parent per team must volunteer for the team parent role for each competition, this includes bringing healthy snacks and water bottles for the team.
- WCC will have events that require parents to volunteer, parents **MUST** volunteer for at least one event during the season, when they are reasonably able to do so.

## Athlete Dress Code

### Practice:

- Athletes are required to wear WCC practice wear top and bottoms, cheer shoes with socks, hair pulled back away from the face and **MUST ALWAYS** bring full water bottle (extras if necessary).
- If WCC practice wear has not arrived yet, athletes must dress in appropriate fitting athletic clothing and shoes.
- No jewelry, jeans, jean shorts, sandals, skirts, dresses, hoodies, oversized clothing, under sized clothing, sports bras, etc. will be allowed to be worn during practice
- Athletes **MUST** arrive with a full water bottle (more if necessary).
- No nails longer than an athlete's fingertips.

### Competitions:

- All athletes must wear WCC apparel during competitions.



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- All athletes are REQUIRED to be in full uniform for competition and awards including top, skirt, cheer shoes, makeup, hair done, and bow.
- Each athlete should arrive with their hair and make-up complete, ready to compete unless otherwise asked by the head coach. Refusal to comply with the competition look will result in dismissal from the team. Any concerns for hair or makeup look shall be brought to the attention of the coach at least 48 hours before a competition.
- Eating is not permitted in uniform at any times; if the athlete plans to eat or drink anything with color, they are required to wear their jersey to cover the uniform from stains and spills.
- No jewelry is allowed to be worn during competition.
- Athletes MUST arrive with a full water bottle.
- No nails longer than an athlete's fingertips.

## Athlete Practice/Competition Readiness:

- No food or snacks during practice.
- No drinks besides water will be permitted at practice.
- No food or drinks (besides water) from check in time until after the competitions, or after awards ceremony if the team is close to or the last team to perform before awards begin.
- Any special dietary needs must be discussed with the head coach before the season begins.
- Athletes should use the restroom before practice and before check in at competitions, or during scheduled breaks. If the restroom is needed in between time, they must be excused by their acting coach prior to being dismissed from the mat/team.
- Under no circumstances are parents authorized to enter a warmup area at competition, speak with competition officials, or contact a competition company. This behavior will result in immediate dismissal from the program.

## Signatures

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent of a WCC athlete, have read the above-mentioned information concerning the policies and practices of WCC and agree to follow these policies. I understand the commitment I am making to WCC and that if I should choose not to follow the policies as expressed above and any additional boundaries set forth by the Team's Head Coach and/or the Board of Directors, we may be asked to leave the WCC program with no refunds. This agreement, together with any attachment(s), will be governed by the laws of the State of California. This supersedes all prior oral or written representations or communication between all parties. It also constitutes the entire understanding of the parties regarding the subject matter of this agreement and may only be modified or amended by written supplement signed by both parties.

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Printed Parent/Guardian Name

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date