

# VALLEY VIEW JUNIOR COUGARS FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING ORGANIZATION



#### PO BOX 56 JESSUP PA 18434

## **VVJC Parent & Volunteer Code of Conduct**

As an organization, we are committed to achieving the general goals of Youth Football and Cheer. Briefly, we seek to teach the sport of football and cheer in a safe and constructive environment. Children should come away from the program with elevated levels of fitness, discipline, sportsmanship, teamwork, and leadership.

The Valley View Junior Cougars program has grown to a level that we never imagined. As volunteers, it is very difficult to manage an organization of this size while achieving the goal of a fun experience in cheer and competitive contact football. Below are a few simple guidelines that will ensure the season will be safe, enjoyable, and hopefully successful for everyone.

I/We agree that all participating football players and cheerleaders on the following teams/squads: I, C, and B shall be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian or other adult designee during all practices, games, and/or other events unless special arrangements have been made with the head football coach or cheer advisor for that team or squad.

I/We agree to support the decisions of the volunteer coaching staff and understand that they work hard to evaluate the talent levels of all players and position them where they will contribute the most to the team while best developing their individual skills.

I/We agree not to deliberately incite or participate in "unsportsmanlike" conduct at any Valley View Jr Cougar function. I/We agree not to criticize, belittle, antagonize, berate or otherwise incite the coaches, players, cheerleaders, fans, officials, and/or opposing team, coaches, cheerleaders or fans verbally or by gesture. Action will be taken as follows for any verbal abuse, physical altercations, intimidation and/or any other "unsportsmanlike" conduct:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense Parent/Guardian/Child(ren) may be removed from the game or practice.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense Parent/Guardian/Child(ren) may be removed for the season.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense Parent/Guardian/Child(ren) may be banned from any ACCJFL program for the current and future seasons.

I/We agree not to use abusive or profane language at any time at Jr Cougar functions.

I/We agree to accept all decisions of the game officials, judges or conference officials as being fair and called to the best of their ability.

I/We agree to take responsibility for any actions that violate this code of Conduct by a guest or relative of attending parent/guardian.

I/We agree to be financially responsible for Jr Cougars equipment/uniform issued to player/cheerleader other than normal wear and tear. I understand that all equipment and uniforms need to be returned clean and in good condition.

I/We agree not to smoke or chew tobacco on the practice or playing field, or in the presence of a gathering of the team/squad. The use of tobacco products is not allowed Jessup Memorial field grounds per the Jessup Borough. Per the Valley View School District the tobacco use is not permitted at John Henzes Memorial Stadium or any other school district facility.

I/We agree to abstain from the possession and drinking of alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substance at any Jr Cougars Function. Alcohol is not permitted on Jessup Memorial field Grounds per the Jessup Borough. Per the Valley view School district consumption of alcohol is not permitted at Henzes Memorial Stadium or any other school district facility.

I/We agree to not drink colored drinks or eat (including gum or sunflower seeds) within the confines of the playing area of John Henzes Memorial Stadium. Per the Valley View School District neither drinks other than water nor food are permitted within the paying area of the John Henzes Memorial Stadium.



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I/We understand that each player is guaranteed a set number of plays during a regular season game. The ACCJFL minimum play rule requires coaches to play a child at least 6 plays, seeing the child has attended all practices and has met all obligations.

I/We agree to take part in all fundraisers and participate in working the concession stand. I/We understand that by not participating in the fundraising or the concession will lead to my child being unable to participate in practice or games, and/or not able to receive postseason awards. I/We agree to pay the \$40.00 if we do not fulfill our obligation for working the stand. I understand that it is my responsibility to find out my scheduled time to work the stand. No minor, under the age of 18, are allowed to work the concession stand.

I/We agree not to use any form of social media (i.e. FACEBOOK) to threaten, harass, berate, belittle, or negatively reflect on, the VVJC, ACCJFL, officers, fellow members, or participants. No form of bullying including cyber-bullying will be tolerated. Note that the ACCJFL (the league our teams compete in) now have a strict, zero-tolerance policy of negative use of social media and cyber-bullying. Any use of social media or any other form of media in such a manner can lead to immediate, indefinite expulsion from the VVJC Organization. The use of social media in an inappropriate manner will result in the following order of disciplinary action; this applies to all parents, guardians, coaches including cheer advisors, board members, and participants both football players and cheerleaders or any other individual who is involved with the VVJC or a paying member (members shall be held accountable for actions of their guests):

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense A warning will be issued to players/guardians by coaches.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense Automatic suspension of participant for one week (includes practices and games).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense Expulsion from the program for the remainder of the season.

I/We agree to follow the proper Chain of Command when filing a complaint or voicing my opinion regarding any possible rule infraction.

The Chain of Command is as follows in the exact order shown below:

All issues must go through the proper chain of command in order for it to be resolved.

- 1. Head Coach or Head Cheer Coach/Advisor of the team.
- 2. If your complaint is regarding the Head Coach/advisor, first speak with that coach/advisor, if possible.
- 3. Chad Anuszewski Football Representative, or Cynthia Snyder, the Cheerleading Coordinator.
- 4. Chris Conserette, President of the Valley View Junior Cougars.
- 5. Write a letter to the Valley View Junior Cougars Board of Directors, PO Box 56, Jessup, PA 18434.