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## **BC Sport Cheer Association Code of Ethics**

### **1) Definitions**

- a) Within the bounds of this policy the following terms are defined as follows:
  - i) “Organization” — refers to the BC Sport Cheer Association, or its representatives, including but not limited to, board of directors, staff, contractors, and committee members.
  - ii) “Participants” - refers to all members including coaches, judges, athletes and their families.

### **2) Purpose**

- a) All members, coaches and judges of BCSC agree, through their membership, to abide by the BCSC Code of Ethics. The BCSC code of ethics is organized around the ethical principles identified below.

### **3) Principles**

#### **a) Respect for participants:**

Acting with respect for participants means that all members:

- i) Will treat all participants fairly and equitably, by refraining from discriminating against any student athlete on the bases of race, color, ancestry, place of origin, religion, family status, physical or mental disability, sex or sexual orientation.
- ii) Have a responsibility to respect and promote the rights of all participants.
- iii) Will interact with others in a manner that enables all participants in sport to maintain their dignity.
- iv) Will build mutual support among fellow members.
- v) Will agree to follow and accept the language of the BC Universal Code of Conduct as seen [here](#).

#### **b) Responsible behavior:**

Responsible behavior means that members will :

- i) Act in the best interest of the athlete’s development as a whole person.
- ii) Recognize the power inherent in certain positions such as coach and judge.
- iii) Be aware of their personal values and how these affect their involvement, be it coaching or judging.
- iv) Acknowledge their limitations.
- v) Accept the responsibility to work with other coaches and professionals in sport.
- vi) Refrain from hazing of any kind.

**c) Integrity in Relationships:**

- i) Integrity means that members are expected to be honest, sincere and honorable in their relationship with others.
- ii) Members should also be aware of how their perspectives influence their interactions with others.
- iii) Coaches and volunteers are also encouraged to follow the “Rule of Two”

**d) Honoring Sport:**

Honoring sport means that members will:

- i) Act on and promote clearly articulated values related to coaching and sport.
- ii) Encourage and model honorable intentions and actions in their coaching practice.
- iii) Show high regard for and promote the value of sport in Canadian society and around the world.

**4) Review and Amendments**

- a) This Code of Ethics will be subject to periodic reviews to ensure its effectiveness and relevance. Amendments may be made based on feedback from stakeholders, advancements in cheerleading standards, or changes in the sports landscape.