

2010 PSJYFCL CHEERLEADING COACH APPLICATION

Today's Date: _____

Coaching young people is an exciting way to be involved in sports but it isn't easy! Some coaches are overwhelmed by the responsibilities involved in helping athletes through their early sport experiences. That is not surprising, because coaching cheerleaders requires more than bringing the pom poms and any other equipment to the field and just letting them cheer. It involves preparing them physically and mentally, teaching proper techniques, teamwork, to compete effectively, fairly, and safely in their sport and providing them a positive role model.

Many coaches are parents, but the two roles should not be confused. As a parent, you are responsible only to yourself and your child, as a coach, you are responsible to the organization, all the cheerleaders on the squad (including your child, and the parents. A coach assumes the responsibility of doing everything possible to ensure that the cheerleader on her squad will have an enjoyable and safe experience while they learn proper technique and cheerleading skills. If you are ever in doubt about your approach, remind yourself that FUN, FUNDAMENTALS AND SAFETY is most important. Cheerleading should be fun. Even if nothing else is accomplished, make certain your cheerleaders have fun! Take the fun out of cheerleading and you will take the kids out of cheerleading.

At PSJYFCL, cheerleading should mean to have fun, learn cheerleading technique, work as a team, learn about football and how to cheer the game, how to hold up your head in a loss, and be honorable in victory. PSJYFCL is proud of the reputation we have built over the years, let's keep it that way. Before any person will be allowed contact with our children, they must first fill out the appropriate paperwork. Only approved coaches or cheer helpers will be allowed to coach or assist with our cheerleaders. The only exception to this statement will be league and game officials.

PERSONAL INFORMATION _____

NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME #: _____ DAYTIME # _____

CELL # _____ PAGER # _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

FL. DRIVERS LICENSE # _____ SSN _____

How long have you been a resident of Brevard County? _____

EXPERIENCE (with Youth Activities)

DATES POSITION _____

DUTIES / RESPONSIBILITIES _____

POSITION APPLYING FOR

Position Division

Head Coach-----Asst. Coach-----Cheer Helper

Junior Flag-----Flag-----Rookie-----Mighty Mite-----

Pee Wee-----Bantam-----Junior-----Senior-----

Under positions applying for if you check one position that is the only position you will be considered for. If you are willing to be either Head Coach or Assistant Coach then check both. The head coaches will choose assistant coaches. All coaches must be voted on and approved by the Board yearly. All applications will be retained by the league, and held for the season, but are CONFIDENTIAL. All decisions by the Board are final; any protest shall be handled in accordance with PSJYFCL by-laws. ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED. Some, but not all, criteria for selecting a coach are:

Cooperation with the league; a desire to work with children, coaching experience; a positive history with PSJYFCL, conduct at past games / practices; and a willingness to give your time to the children of the league.

REFERENCES (Please give a minimum of three)

NAME PHONE NO. ADDRESS

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Have you ever been convicted of a Felony or **ANY** crime involving a child? _____
If you answered yes, please explain (what, where and how long ago)

**PORT ST. JOHN ROCKETS YOUTH FOOTBALL / CHEERLEADING LEAGUE
PERSONAL INQUIRY WAIVER AND AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF
INFORMATION**

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF BREVARD

Before me on this day of, 2010 personally appeared _____

Who being first duly sworn deposes and says:

- 1. All of the information contained in the Coaching Application is true and correct.
- 2. I knowingly and of my own free will and accord give my consent to the Port St. John Youth Football and Cheerleading League (PSJYFCL), more specifically, to conduct any investigations deemed necessary on behalf of PORT ST. JOHN ROCKETS YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING LEAGUE. I understand that this is to verify the character of persons involved with the Organization (PSJYFCL) and the participating children. I further understand that inquiries may be made regarding police and/or court records, employment records, interviews with current and/or past employers and fellow employees, neighbors and friends as well as any other entity deemed necessary to establish my honesty and reputation and the safety of all persons involved with the League.
- 3. I hereby waive any provision of law forbidding any school official, court, police agency, employer, firm or person, from disclosing to the League President of Port St. John Youth Football and Cheerleading League or his designee, any knowledge or information concerning me and give my permission for such entity to disclose any information and to provide any record or documentation requested concerning me to the League President of Port St. John Youth Football and Cheerleading League or his designee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of 2010.

AFFIANT

The foregoing Affidavit, was acknowledged before me this day ____ of _____, 2010 by, _____ who has produced his/her Florida Driver's License # as identification, or is personally known to me and who took an oath that the matters set forth herein are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

NOTARY
PRINTED, STAMPED OR TYPED NAME

**2010 PORT ST. JOHN YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING LEAGUE
CHEERLEADING - COACHES RULES**

- 1.** All games, practices, and functions are solely for the benefit of the children.
- 2.** All coaches should strive to get along with your parents, the board, and other officials. Do not show seeds of dissension through our League. We are a league, we do not compete with each other, and we help each other.
- 3.** NO DRUGS AND / OR ALCOHOL AT ANY PSJYFCL/BCYFCA FUNCTION. No smoking or any tobacco type product on practice fields or on game fields.
- 4.** When lightening is within sight or sound, practice is to be immediately stopped. Parents will be encouraged to help monitor situations and coaches will respect a parents right to remove their child from potential danger.
- 5.** Only coaches, players, league officials, and game officials are allowed on the field or sidelines. This is for practice and / or games. Also, only league officials will be allowed in the press box. All spectators will remain in designated viewing areas.
- 6.** There will be no weeding out of cheerleaders; we do not have tryouts or cuts. If a child signs up they are eligible and should cheer. If they practice, they cheer.
- 7.** Head coaches are responsible for equipment (i.e. pom poms, pom pom bags, megaphones, etc.) Given to them on loan from the league. At the end of the season, the head coach will ensure that all equipment given to the coach is returned. The head coach is also responsible for equipment given to the cheerleaders and should be sure that the equipment is returned to the league, in decent condition. If a cheerleader should drop out during the season, the head coach shall immediately get the equipment and game uniform from the cheerleader and return it to the Cheerleading Equipment Manager. A date shall be set at the end of the season by the Cheerleading Equipment Manager to turn in the equipment and game uniforms and each head coach will obtain all property of the league from their squad.
- 8.** Coaches shall pick a Team Coordinator (Team Parent) that can be trusted, if one has not been assigned. The Team Coordinator must complete a volunteer application and be approved, by the Board, so that he or she may work with the coaches and cheerleaders. This is mandatory.
- 9.** All coaches must become general members of the PSJYFCL in accordance with the PSJYFCL By-Laws. Head coaches or their designee must attend all PSJYFCL functions. Also, the head coach must attend coaches meetings as called by the Cheer Agent or Asst. Cheer Agent. Three missed board functions or coaches meetings can lead to the removal of the head coach, unless the coach can show a good reason for missing the meetings.

10. Head coaches and assistant coaches must support and participate in all league fund raising activities, meetings and banquets. Failure to do this can and will adversely affect coaching opportunities the following years. Coaches and their squads must participate in all pre season, regular season, and post-season activities, including jamborees, bowl games, playoffs, championship games and competitions. This should be followed in accordance with the Port St. John Youth Football and Cheerleading League (PSJYFCL) and Brevard County Youth Football and Cheerleading League (BCYFCA) By-Laws. Failure to abide by this rule may result in immediate suspension or termination of the coach. Coaches are encouraged to communicate with each other as well as with the Cheer Agent or Asst. Cheer Agent in the event they are unable to attend any of these functions, as well as practices.

11. Coaches and/or Board Members will not make promises as to where a person may coach or play. This is in regard to putting individuals on a team. The Board will make all decisions regarding placement of coaches. The Cheer Agent and Asst. Cheer Agent (and if necessary, the board) will make all decisions regarding placement of a cheerleader. If an individual wants to cheer-up from their age group, the request must be placed in writing and directed to the Cheer Agent and/or Asst. Cheer Agent.

ANY CHILD WHO WISHES TO CHEER-UP FROM HER AGE GROUP MUST FIRST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LEAGUE AND HAVE THE PERMISSION OF THE CHEER AGENT AND/OR ASST. CHEER AGENT.

12. COACHES NEED TO GIVE THE CHEERLEADING AGENT THEIR REQUESTS FOR SPECIFIC PRACTICE LOCATIONS. Coaches will THEN be contacted by the Cheer Agent and/or Asst. Cheer Agent to discuss and obtain approval as to where they may practice. Only approved sights may be used. This is due to safety reasons.

13. The Board of PSJYFCL will approve all coaches. If someone wishes to coach, a coach's application form must be filled out in its entirety. Only official, approved coaches will be allowed on practice fields, game fields, and contact with the cheerleaders. All others must be asked to leave. It is the responsibility of the head coach to make sure that this rule is enforced. Violations of this can and will lead to the suspension of the head coach. Persons who interfere with our activities can be removed by law enforcement persons, if they persist in interfering.

14. NO VERBAL OR PHYSICAL ABUSE WILL BE TOLERATED!! This includes abuse on coaches, parents or children. There cannot be any insulting, coarse or bad language, mistreatment in any form, hateful remarks, or injury of any person, etc. ANY INCIDENT IS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CHEERLEADING AGENT AND/ OR ASST. CHEERLEADING AGENT. Please try and remember that you can destroy a person's self-esteem and create terrible feelings by one nasty remark that you thought no one heard!

15. Again, all Coaches actions must be in accordance with PSJYFCL and BCYFCA by-laws.

16. All team fees and team rules must be turned into the Cheer Agent for approval from the PSJYFCL Board. Once approved they may be passed out to your team. Please do not pass out any rules unless they are approved

ALL RULES MUST BE ENFORCED AT ALL TIMES ON EACH AND EVERY INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED, NO EXCEPTIONS. WE ARE HERE FOR THE FUN OF THE CHILDREN, TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR COMMUNITY, TO TEACH AND TO HAVE FUN. COOPERATION IS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS AND TO PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHILDREN. TO THOSE THAT ARE APPLYING FOR A COACHING POSITION PLEASE KNOW THAT THE CHEERLEADING AGENT AND ASST. CHEERLEADING AGENT POSITIONS ARE TO ASSIST THE COACHES IN ANY NEEDS YOU MAY HAVE. COMMUNICATION IS ESSENTIAL AT ALL TIMES!!!

I have read, understand and will abide by the above coaches rules.

Date

Signature Printed name

Cheer Agent: Danielle True

Phone: 302-5983

League use only: Accepted-----Rejected Date _____

Cheer Agent Sign: _____