

**Barnstable Silver Bullet Cheerleaders
2008 Code of Conduct**

The Barnstable Silver Bullet Cheerleaders require that the following Code of Conduct shall apply to **ALL PARTICIPANTS** in our program. This includes cheerleaders, coaches, directors of the board, volunteers and parents in attendance at games, practices or events related to BSBC.

The Barnstable Silver Bullet Cheerleaders shall in all instances related thereto be guided by the core values of **SAFETY, INTEGRITY, RESPECT, and GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP**. All participants are expected to exhibit behavior that adheres to these core values at all times, in any activity or situation that is related to Barnstable Silver Bullets.

CHEERLEADERS:

Violations for cheerleaders shall include but are not limited to:

- ▶ The use of alcohol or tobacco or illegal drugs on or off the field
- ▶ Misuse of Barnstable Silver Bullet Cheerleaders equipment or Barnstable High School Equipment
- ▶ Profanity or Inappropriate language
- ▶ Taunting, hazing or any other degrading activity
- ▶ Arguing or showing disrespect to football officials or coaches
- ▶ The posting of inappropriate information or statements both on FaceBook, IM, My Space or any like program
- ▶ Any intentional endangerment (both verbal or physical) of a fellow cheerleader will be cause for immediate dismissal
- ▶ Violations of the above may result in a verbal and/or written warning (1st offense); suspension (2nd offense); and/or expulsion (3rd offense)

ADULTS:

- ▶ At any Silver Bullets event, practice or competition, any adult who: 1) verbally abuses; 2) attempts to intimidate; 3) is flagrantly rude; 4) cannot control their language or actions with an official, coach, player, volunteer, or fellow parent, will be asked to leave that event. He or she will receive a written warning regarding their behavior. In addition, his or her child(ren) will be immediately removed from that Silver Bullet event.
- ▶ Any adult who commits a second, similar offense that is pursuant to a preceding offense during the same season, will be banned from attending Silver Bullets events for the remainder of that season. In addition, the offending adult's child(ren) may be barred from participating for the remainder of the season.
- ▶ Any adult who physically assaults an official, coach, cheerleader, fellow parent or volunteer will be banned from Silver Bullets participation and their child removed from participation for one full calendar year from the date of the offense. Upon the culmination of the 1-year suspension, parents may reapply for re-instatement of their child(ren) in the following registration period. If the adult commits a subsequent offense, he or she will be permanently banned from participating in Barnstable Silver Bullet Cheerleading with no opportunity for appeal.
- ▶ The term "physical assault" includes, but is not limited to: hitting, striking, slapping, pushing, spitting, kicking, or striking in any way with any part of the body or the usage of any physical implement as a weapon.
- ▶ Parents/fans are prohibited from being on the playing field/sidelines or practice facility during practice/games unless they are a coach-appointed volunteer serving a specific purpose.
- ▶ Failure to pick-up your child in a timely manner after any BSB practice, game or event may result in board review for disciplinary action.

The board of directors and/or a board-appointed investigatory subcommittee may review any Code of Conduct infractions, violations or incidences as outlined above. All suspensions and/or expulsions will be at the sole discretion of BSBC board of directors. Head Coaches may give recommendations for punishment or sanctions for players who commit a "first offense" violation or infraction of the Code of Conduct.

I hereby acknowledge that I have received and read the Barnstable Silver Bullet Cheerleaders Code of Conduct and by signing it agree to abide by it.

Cheerleaders Name: _____ Cheerleaders Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent (s) Name (s) _____ Parent (s) Signature (s) _____ Date _____

Head Coach Signature _____ DATE _____ TEAM/DIVISION _____

A copy of this form must be maintained on file with the Barnstable Silver Bullets board of directors during the course of the season it pertains to. Head coaches must also maintain a copy of all signed Code of Conduct forms, for each cheerleader on their roster, for the course of the season. Any violation of the Barnstable Silver Bullets Code of Conduct may be subject to executive board review and/or may result in disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion from Barnstable Silver Bullets participation. Any player charged with violating the Code of Conduct shall given full course of due process if he or she so chooses. Cheerleaders and their parents have the right to request a meeting with Silver Bullet Cheerleading officials about any situation they feel merits review or discussion.