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## GALESBURG-AUGUSTA ROCKET FOOTBALL & CHEER PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT

Participation in Galesburg-Augusta Rocket Football & Cheer (GARF) is a privilege. Athletes and cheerleaders are expected to demonstrate good character, sportsmanship, respect, and responsibility at all times.

As a participant, I agree to:

- Treat coaches, teammates, opponents, officials, volunteers, and spectators with respect.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship whether winning or losing.
- Follow the directions of coaches, team staff, officials, and organization representatives.
- Attend practices, games, and team activities prepared and ready to participate.
- Give my best effort and maintain a positive attitude.
- Encourage and support my teammates.
- Use appropriate language and behavior at all practices, games, events, and team activities.
- Respect all equipment, facilities, uniforms, and property belonging to GARF, schools, teams, and others.
- Refrain from bullying, harassment, intimidation, fighting, threats, hazing, or inappropriate behavior toward others.
- Report injuries, safety concerns, or inappropriate behavior to a coach, parent, or organization representative.
- Follow all safety rules and requirements established by GARF.
- Represent GARF with pride and conduct myself in a manner that reflects positively on my team, coaches, family, and community.
- Remember that football and cheer are team activities and place the success and well-being of the team above personal recognition.

**DISCIPLINARY ACTION:** Failure to follow this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action determined by coaches and/or the GARF Board. Consequences may include verbal warnings, reduced participation, suspension from practices or games, removal from team activities, or dismissal from the program depending on the severity of the violation.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT:** By acknowledging this agreement, the participant and parent/guardian confirm that they have read, understand, and agree to abide by the expectations outlined in this Participant Code of Conduct.

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

