

The purpose of this document is to summarize the larger changes implemented from the AGM and communicate these to our membership. For the details of all rule revisions from the AGM, please review the AGM Minutes found on the website.

Team Coaching & Safety Guidelines

An effort is being made to provide better guidelines and requirements for practice areas.

Competition Host Invoicing & Judges' Honorariums

The SCA will now officially invoice competition hosts for the cost of score sheets and judges' honorariums. This provides a convenience service to the host, as the SCA will take on the responsibility of distributing the honorariums to all judges. Judges will now be compensated for the time that they are judging, not the number of routines they score.

Competition Floor for All-Star Teams

If a competition is hosting all-star or collegiate divisions, they must have a competition surface width of 54' (9 mats).

Use of USASF/IASF All Star Rules for School Divisions

This is a significant change and one that is happening in other provinces as well. This promotes safety as coaches can choose the skill level that their team is at instead of being pigeon-holed into the general senior division. This is great for new teams who are just starting out as well. Coaches will need to become familiar with the all star rules, and this will also ease judging as the levels will be same for all star and school. We will not only be educating high school coaches on which level they should choose to compete at, but also at the same time we will be looking to have a couple of divisions that are popular so that teams will have other teams to compete against.

Mandatory Team Tumbling Element

The rule that states that school teams must have one mandatory team tumbling element has been removed. This rule was implemented to address the disparity between teams starting to implement tumbling into their routines and scoring lower than a team who has one high level tumbler earning all the marks. This will now be addressed with a new scoring method. We still encourage coaches to develop tumbling skills in all their athletes!

Scoring Methods & Score Sheets

A sub-committee was struck to review and revise our score sheets and scoring methods. The SCA will be adapting the tentative score sheets developed by Cheer Canada for the coming year. The Cheer Canada score sheets were an amalgamation of score sheets from across the country and will be completed and published at the end of September.

Competition Requirements

A sub-committee was struck to review and flesh out the requirements and duties of competition hosts so that we can continue to have a high standard of competition and this information is readily available and communicated to competition hosts.

NOTE: For a complete list of changes, please see our AGM Minutes on our website.