



## Competition Rules

### Rules

The Cheer Manitoba competition rules will stand for one competitive season. At the conclusion of each season, the Cheer Manitoba Judging Director will contact Cheer Canada to determine what, if any, changes have been made to their policies for the upcoming season. The necessary amendments will be made to the Competition rules and will be provided to the Membership.

- Cheer Manitoba Rules and Divisions must be complied with at all Cheer Manitoba sanctioned events.
- Cheer Manitoba Membership rules, guidelines and policies must be followed. Events may only offer divisions, levels and categories from the approved Cheer Manitoba divisions or the Cheer Canada approved score sheets and age grids.
- All Cheer Manitoba developed resources are for the use of Cheer Manitoba sanctioned events only. This includes but is not limited to: School Guidelines; Score Sheets; and any policies / programs developed by Cheer Manitoba.
- All teams, whether they are School or All Star / Club teams, whether competing and / or performing must follow Cheer Manitoba rules and policies. Cheer Manitoba will follow Cheer Canada approved rules, scoresheets and age grids.

### Scoring

All school, club and all-star teams will be judged using the current Cheer Canada approved score sheets. A link to these scoresheets can be found on Cheer Manitoba website located at [www.cheermanitoba.ca](http://www.cheermanitoba.ca).

Competition results will be posted on the Cheer Manitoba website no later than 72 hours following the completion of an event.

A copy of the rank sheet for the respective division will be attached to each team's score sheet or posted in an area designated by the Event Producer or host program.



Scoring Process: Teams will be judged by a minimum of four (4) Panel Judges and one (1) Safety Judge / timer. Where possible, an additional Legalities Judge will also be present during warm-up times to advise on any rule infractions. All penalties given during the competition routine will be deducted from the total score to calculate the team's final score.

- Tie Breaker Policy: In the event of a tie score, Cheer Manitoba sanctioned events will follow the Cheer Canada Methodology.
- The first area to be considered in the case of a tie will be the highest performance score. Should the tie remain, the team with the least overall deductions will be placed above the other team(s).
- If overall deductions are the same then the team with the least legality deductions will be placed above the other team(s).  
If the tie remains, then the team with the highest overall difficulty score will be placed above the other teams.
- If the tie remains then the judges will be polled, and their decision is final.

## **Judges**

- All Cheer Manitoba sanctioned events will comply with the following standards in regard to judging.
- Each judge is required to attend a Cheer Manitoba Judge Training Session at the beginning of the respective season.
- Each judge is required to have completed all required practice hours and passed all evaluations deemed required by the Judging Director, before acting in the capacity of a Judge.
- All requests for Cheer Manitoba Judges must be made through the Cheer Manitoba Judging Director and must be received a minimum of 6 weeks prior to the event.
- All Cheer Manitoba judges will be scheduled by the Cheer Manitoba Judging Director, who will also plan all items in regard to travel if required.



- If non-Cheer Manitoba Judges are being used at a Cheer Manitoba sanctioned event, you must notify the Cheer Manitoba Judging Director a minimum of 6 weeks prior to the event and submit their qualifications for approval at least two weeks prior to the event.
- All supplies required by the Judges will be provided by Cheer Manitoba unless otherwise discussed with the Cheer Manitoba Judging Director.
- Event producers and Host programs will be invoiced for all judging expenses within 14 days of the event, by the Cheer Manitoba Treasurer. This invoice is due upon receipt. Late payment penalties may be charged accordingly.
- Event Producers and Host Programs must provide an order of performance to the Cheer Manitoba Judging Director seven (7) days prior to the event date for dissemination to the registered teams and proper scheduling of the Judges. Should the event times/order of performance change such that it affects the Judges, the Judging Director must be informed immediately.
- Changes may be made to the order of performance at the discretion of the Event Producer up to 48 hours prior to the event. Changes to the order of performance will not be made later than 48 hours prior to the event, with the exception of a team's withdrawal from an event.
- School, Club and All-Star teams may request clarification regarding routine skills by contacting the Cheer Manitoba Judging Director no later than five (5) days prior to the event at which the skills will be performed. Any requests received after this will be responded to at the Judging Directors discretion. All clarification requests should be submitted with videos of the skill(s) via email to [cheermanitoba.judging@gmail.com](mailto:cheermanitoba.judging@gmail.com)

#### **NOTE**

Please be advised that if a stunt has been approved by the Judging Director, should the execution of the skill change or the stunt be varied from its approved version during competition, the stunt may be deemed illegal by the Safety Judge during competition.