

# FUTURE CHEER

## 2018-19 POINT DEDUCTION SYSTEM

### ROUTINE INFRACTIONS

#### ATHLETE FALL – 0.25

- Drops to the performing surface during tumbling and/or jump skills
  - Includes the following:*
    - Hand, hands or head down in tumbling or jump skills
    - Knee or knees down in tumbling or jump skills

#### BUILDING FALL – 0.75

- Drops to a cradle and/or load in position from a stunt, pyramid and/or toss
  - Includes the following:*
    - Base or spotter drops to the performance surface during a building skill

#### MAJOR BUILDING FALL – 1.25

- Drops to the performance surface from a stunt, pyramid and/or toss by the top person and/or the bases/spotters
  - Includes the following:*
    - Top person drops to the performance surface
    - Multiple bases and/or spotters drop to the performance surface
    - Top person lands on base and/or spotter who drops to the performance surface

#### MAXIMUM – 1.75

- When multiple deductions should be assessed during a stunt or toss (by a single group) or during a pyramid sequence, then the sum of those deductions will not be greater than 1.75. During pyramids where a fall continues to affect other portions of the pyramid, the deduction will not exceed 1.75. Two separate pyramids will result in separate deductions. The MAX deduction for a pyramid will not exceed 3.5.

### RULE VIOLATIONS

#### BOUNDARY VIOLATIONS – 0.25

The performance surface is defined as the 42' by 54' competition floor. The competition boundary is defined as the performance surface and any immediate adjacent safety border. A 0.25 deduction will be assessed per occurrence for an athlete that makes contact with both feet outside the competition boundary. Stepping on, or just past the white tape is not a boundary violation.

#### TIME LIMIT VIOLATIONS – 0.25

Teams that exceed 2:30 will be subject to the following deduction:

- 1 or more seconds over time will result in a 0.25 deduction
  - The time limit is 2:30. Routines that exceed this time limit run a risk of being assessed a deduction. Judges will use a stopwatch to measure the official time. Acknowledging the potential variance caused by human reaction speed and sound system time variations, judges will not issue a deduction until their stopwatch shows a time that exceeds 2:32.

#### SAFETY VIOLATIONS

- **0.50** – Tumbling skills performed out of level and General Safety Guidelines will be issued a 0.50 deduction
- **1.0** – Building skills performed out of level will be issued a 1.0 deduction.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CHOREOGRAPHY/MUSIC – 0.25

Inappropriate choreography and/or music will be issued a 0.25 deduction.

#### UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT DEDUCTION – 1.0

When a coach is in discussion with an official, other coaches, athletes and parents/spectators they must maintain proper professional conduct. Failing to do so will result in a 1.0 deduction and removal of coach or disqualification.

#### *Includes the following:*

- Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between athletes during the event
- Abuse of equipment or any items associated with the event
- Using language or a gesture that is obscene, offensive, or insulting
- Using language or gestures that offend race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin
- Failing to perform a routine
- Excessive appealing at Score Check
- Showing dissent towards scoring official decision by word or action
- Threat of assault to an event representative
- Public criticism of an event related incident or event official

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## OTHER PENALTIES

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### **IASF MINIMUM ATHLETE NUMBERS NOT MET – 5.0**

Teams in IASF divisions that do not have a minimum of 16 athletes on the floor will be subject to a 5.0 point deduction.

Teams that do not have the minimum number of athletes on the floor will be scored based on a number of 16 athletes for all scoring ranges.

At FC Internationals (Summit Bid Qualifying Event), a team that competes with fewer than 16 athletes on the floor will also not be eligible for a Summit bid.

### **EXCEEDING REGISTERED ATHLETES ON THE PERFORMANCE FLOOR – 15.0**

Additional athletes may not be added to the team on the day which would then exceed the number of athletes on the team roster without prior notification to the Event Director. Failure to comply with this will result in a 15 point deduction.

### **ADDITIONAL SPOTTERS ASSISTING WITH SKILLS OR EXCESSIVE COACHING BY ADDITIONAL SPOTTERS – 3.0**

Teams may bring their own additional spotters to the floor. Any additional spotters must be wearing attire that will clearly distinguish them from the athletes on the team. If an additional spotter touches an athlete during a stunt/skill then a penalty of 3.0 points will be applied to that team's score. This also applies to the required spotter for partner stunt routine (except when the IASF safety rules dictate that an additional spotter must assist with a catch).

Please note that the role of additional spotters is solely for safety purposes, not coaching. Excessive coaching by additional spotters (including but not limited to shouting counts, marking/performing the routine choreography, shouting encouragement to the athletes on the floor) will result in a 3.0 penalty.

### **COACHING FROM THE FRONT OF THE FLOOR – 3.0**

For **TINY TEAMS ONLY** a maximum of **ONE** coach may kneel at the front of the performance floor throughout the entirety of the routine. This coach may 'mark' the choreography and offer prompts to the athletes on the floor, however this will directly impact your scores in a negative way in terms of difficulty and overall impression, in comparison to teams who do not require this type of assistance. Tiny teams with more than one coach at the front of the floor will receive a 3.0 penalty.

For all other age groups, coaches will not be allowed to kneel at the front of the floor but will be required to either in the dedicated coaches area, at the music desk or on the spectator area. Teams that are in violation of this will be assessed a 3.0 penalty.

### **SPECIAL EFFECT PROPS – 15.0**

Please note that the use of confetti cannons, indoor fireworks and other special effect props are prohibited at Future Cheer events. Use of such items will result in penalties being assessed against the team at a minimum of 15 points.

### **SOLICITING**

Soliciting will not be tolerated from outside businesses. This includes Gyms/Programmes approaching athletes/parents from another gym to encourage them to move gyms/programme. Failure to comply may lead to team disqualification, penalties assessed against scores and/or removal from the event. Future Cheer appreciates your help in making our events a fun and supportive environment and for instilling sound and positive values in anyone associated with your program.

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