

FUTURE CHEER

POINT DEDUCTION & SAFETY PENALTIES

Point Deduction

Athlete Bobble – 0.25 point deduction for each occurrence. EXAMPLES:

- Hands down in tumbling
- Knees down in tumbling or jumps
- Incomplete tumbling twist(s)

Athlete Fall – 0.5 point deduction for each occurrence. EXAMPLES:

- Multiple body parts down in tumbling or jumps
- Drops to the floor during individual skills (tumbling, jumps, etc)

Building Bobble – 0.5 point deduction for each occurrence. EXAMPLES:

- Stunts & Pyramids that almost drop/fall but are saved (this includes excessive movement of the bases)
- Blatant incomplete twisting cradles (landing on stomach, etc)
- Knee or hand touching ground during cradle or dismount
- *Controlled* cradling, dismounting or bringing down a stunt or pyramid early (not timing issues).

Building Fall – 1.0 point deduction for each occurrence. EXAMPLES:

- *Uncontrolled* cradling, dismounting or bringing down a stunt or pyramid early (not timing issues).
- Base falling to the floor during a cradle or dismount.

Major Building Fall – 1.5 point deduction for each occurrence. EXAMPLES:

- Falls from individual stunt, pyramid, or tosses to the ground (top person lands on ground).

Maximum Building Fall – 3 point deduction per occurrence. EXAMPLES:

- When multiple deductions should be assessed during an individual stunt or toss (by a single group), or during a pyramid collapse, then the sum of those deductions will not be greater than 5 points.

Time & Boundary Violations

Time Penalty – 2 point deduction:

The routine time limit for Cheer & Dance teams is 2 minutes 30 seconds and for Group Stunt/Partner Stunt & Individuals is 1 minute 15 seconds. Time penalties will be assessed from 2:31.0 for Cheer/Dance and 1:16.0 for Group Stunt/Partner Stunt/Individuals.

Boundary Violation – 1 point deduction:

Both feet off the performance surface and adjacent safety border.

Safety & Legality Deductions

Safety/Legality Deductions – 3 point deduction:

This will be given for each illegal skill performed.

Other Penalties

Exceeding registered athletes on the performance floor – 20 point deduction

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 20 point penalty and may lead to disqualification.

Additional Spotters assisting with skills or excessive coaching by additional spotters – 5 point deduction

Teams may bring their own additional spotters on 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 5 points will be applied to the team's score.

Please note that the role of additional spotters is solely for safety purposes, not for coaching. Excessive coaching by Additional Spotters (including but not limited to shouting music counts, marking/performing the routine choreography, shouting encouragement to the athletes on the floor) may result in a 5 point penalty.

Additional Information:

Coaching from the front of the Floor:

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 routine 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. For all other age groups, coaches will not be allowed to kneel at the front of the floor but will be required to be either in the dedicated coaches area, at the sound desk or in the spectator area.

Special Effect props:

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 20 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.