

2016-2017

COMPETITION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Varsity Spirit has implemented policies and procedures for all events. In order to provide a positive, fair and professional competition environment the coach/gym owner is required to sign this form, but before signing, please read and review the following:

A. GENERAL

1. Coaches' credentials must be worn at all times. You will not be allowed to enter the warm up area, Coaches Hospitality Room (if applicable) or enter AccuScore without these valid credentials. Bracelets or lanyards attached to bags do not count.
2. I will follow all USASF (All Star Team) or School/Rec rules and regulations posted on our Varsity Louisville Brands websites. I understand that any violation of these rules and regulations could result in a penalty, point deduction or disqualification.
3. I have read and understand the Varsity registration and competition guidelines.

B. SAFETY GUIDELINES

1. I am aware of the rules pertaining to each division and agree to abide by them (athlete eligibility, safety).
2. I understand that Varsity Spirit reserves the right to remove any persons from a competition for unsafe or unsportsmanlike conduct.

C. SCORING

1. Scoring officials will only discuss my routine and scores. I understand that my coaches/directors may not challenge scores and/or deductions of other teams.
2. (Cheer Teams) I understand that I have 20 minutes after my performance to report to AccuScore to review my scores. After this time period, I waive the right to review my scores.

D. SPOTTER POLICY

In an effort to promote a higher level of safety for competing athletes, Varsity Spirit will allow programs to provide spotters at Varsity Spirit competitions. We feel that the program is more qualified to provide spotters because of their familiarity with routine skills and safety concerns. The use of spotters is left to the discretion of the coach or gym owner. Programs may use up to 4 spotters for each performance; however, spotters are not required. **Definition of Additional Spotter:** Individuals on the competition floor provided as a safety precaution to spot certain elements of a routine.

Additional Spotters:

- a. Should only be used during the stunt, pyramid, and/or basket toss sections. Additional spotters are provided for added safety and should stand at the back of the floor when not spotting those sections.
 - b. Should not touch, assist, or save skills being performed.
Additional spotters should only be used to prevent a fall to the competition floor. Any touch, assist, or saved skill will be given a major fall deduction.
 - c. Should be dressed so that they are presentable, professional, and distinguishable from the performing athletes. Program provided additional spotters should not wear clothing similar to the performing team's uniform.
 - d. Should not dress or act in a manner that distracts from the athletes and their performance.
 - e. Should be at least 18 years old and familiar with spotting the skills of the performing team.
- Note:** To provide the safest competitive environment, teams should not attempt skills beyond their ability level.

E. INTERRUPTION OF PERFORMANCE

1. UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

- a. If, in the opinion of the competition officials, a team's routine is interrupted because of failure of the competition equipment, facilities, or other factors attributable to the competition rather than the team, the team affected should **STOP** the routine.
- b. The team will perform the routine again in its entirety, but will be evaluated **ONLY** from the point where the interruption occurred. The degree and effect of the interruption will be determined by the competition officials.

2. FAULT OF TEAM

- a. In the event a team's routine is interrupted because of failure of the team's own equipment, the team must either continue the routine or withdraw from the competition.
- b. The competition officials will determine if the team will be allowed to perform at a later time. If decided by officials, the team will perform the routine again in its entirety, but will be evaluated **ONLY** from the point where the interruption occurred.

F. MUSIC GUIDELINES

1. Each team is required to have a representative remain at the music station that knows the routine and music. This representative is responsible for starting the music and stopping the music in case of technical malfunction or injury. Please make sure that all devices have a head phone jack to connect to sound system and are fully charged, volume turned up and placed in airplane mode. If using a CD make sure it's unscratched so it doesn't skip.
2. We highly recommend using an iPod, CD or other music-playing device without a cellular connection for music playback. Should you choose to use a device that does have a cellular connection to play your routine music for your performance, and you experience an issue, this issue will be deemed as a problem caused by your device.
3. The iPhone 7 does not have headphone jacks and this can cause issues during playback, and the Samsung Galaxy S7 has a major recall. These phones should not be used at events for music playback. Should you experience an issue with your routine music being played from one of these devices, the issue will be deemed as a problem caused by your device.

I have read, understand and will abide by all Varsity rules and regulations and at all times I will support the results of the competition, as I am a role model for my program.

Program/Club Name _____

Coach/Director's Print Name _____ Coach/Director's Signature _____

Event Name/Date _____ Today's Date _____