# **CHEERLEADING (18.4)**

The NB High School Cheerleading Information Guide will be used unless special playing rules are put forth by the NBIAA. In this case the NBIAA rules will take precedence over any other rules.

#### **Rules and Guidelines**

A minimum of one NBIAA registered cheerleading coach per school MUST be International Cheer Union (ICU) credentialed to a minimum of level 2 in all disciplines (stunts, tosses and tumbling) and MUST be present with the team during all cheerleading related activities (i.e.: practices, games, competitions etc.).

A minimum of one Level 2 ICU/credentialed coach from each school must attend the Safety Clinic. It is required that all coaches be present to help ensure athlete safety.

Cheerleading teams will be limited to the rules and stunt guidelines as set forth by the NBCA and NBIAA. These rules and guidelines will be reviewed at the Coaches Safety Clinic and will be available to all coaches in the NBCRRG.

- Pyramids do not exceed 2 levels.
- No inversions from off the ground (cannot flip from someone's shoulders or hands).
- Legal suspended rolls will be allowed (forward suspended rolls off multi-base stunts, shoulder height or below, where the top person maintains continuous hand to hand/arm contact with the original two bases).
- Inverted dismounts are not permitted (except legal suspended rolls).
- Reversed vaults are not permitted.
- The insurance will not cover activities such as inversions and stunts higher than two people.

### **Team Personnel Form**

Schools may register as many students as they desire. Individuals wearing the school mascot costume must be included on the cheerleading team personnel form.

#### **COMPETITIVE TEAM**

Teams must decide if they wish to operate as an exhibition team or a competitive team. The purpose of an exhibition team is to support your school's sport teams until one week prior to the Provincials. The purpose of a competitive team is to compete at the Provincial Championship and they may also support other sport teams at their school.

**Start Date -** Tryouts and practices can begin three weeks prior to the beginning of the fall season. Please refer to O.R. 15.13.

**Stunt Limitations** - Stunts may not exceed two people high. Further rules are covered in NBCRRG.

#### **Team Composition for Competition**

A team may consist of twenty-five (25) or fewer members. Gender designation not applicable.

#### **Invitational Competitions**

Competitive Teams have the option of competing at any Invitational Competition which follow the NBIAA guidelines.

#### **Provincial Championship**

- 1. Competitive Teams must compete at the NBIAA Provincial Championship, which will be held on the second Saturday of February.
- 2. The New Brunswick Cheerleading Association Executive Committee consisting of the President and all representatives will coordinate the Provincial Championship.
- 3. A set location for a number of years shall be established for the Provincial Championship.

The facility shall be centrally located with adequate space and be accessible to hotels, motels, eating establishments and must be able to hold as many spectators that wish to attend.

- 4. Entry Fees will be charged to schools to cover the cost of the facility rental (where applicable) and judges.
- 5. Admission fees will be charged, please refer to O.R. 5.3.
- 6. Four (4) neutral judges will be engaged to officiate at the Provincial Championship, consisting of one (1) for each of he following categories:
  - a) Building Skills
  - b) Jumps and Tumbling
  - c) Tosses and Overall
  - d) Legalities

Judges must have taken the NBCA prescribed training for the current competition year and must have satisfactorily completed training in the categories that they are assigned to judge.

7. There will be a call back of the top 4 teams to perform their routine a second time and that the two scores be added together for a total to arrive at the actual winner.

## Participation in other Activities

Teams, with permission from their principals, may participate in other school activities, but they do so without NBIAA accident and liability insurance.