

# ALL-STAR & COLLEGE CLASSIC RULES & REGULATIONS

## SAFETY GUIDELINES

The USASF Guidelines and Rules for the 2011-2012 seasons will be followed for all-star teams. College teams will follow AACCA safety regulations. Teams are encouraged to perform skills at their ability level. It is the coach's responsibility to know the limitations of their team and the restrictions of the division they have entered. Coaches should continually check the USASF guidelines for clarifications and rule changes. The USASF guidelines may be downloaded at [www.usasf.net](http://www.usasf.net). AACCA safety regulations may be found at [www.aacca.org](http://www.aacca.org).

## DIVISIONS AND AGE REQUIREMENTS

1. USASF divisions & age grid may be found by visiting [www.usasf.net/safety/cheerrules/](http://www.usasf.net/safety/cheerrules/)
2. College divisions offered are All-Girl and Co-Ed Cheer & Dance.
3. NECA reserves the right to combine divisions when there are less than 3 teams entered.
4. All-Star Coaches **MUST CARRY** proof of age for each team member. Age eligibility requirements must be available upon request. Approved documents are birth certificates or state/fed ID.

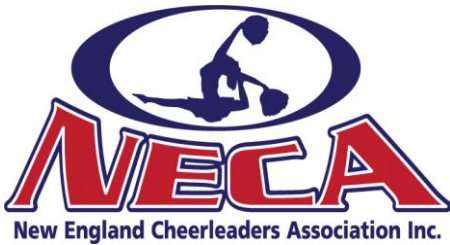
## CROSSOVERS

Crossovers are allowed at the NECA All-Star & College Classic for an additional fee per crossover. NECA will make every effort to accommodate cheerleaders to compete on multiple teams. Please be sure to indicate your crossover athletes on your team rosters and be sure they meet the appropriate age requirements for each team they are competing on. Team rosters **MUST ACCOMPANY** your registration forms in order for NECA to ensure sufficient time between teams.

## PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY POLICY

NECA strictly enforces the age requirements for each division. A team roster **MUST** be provided upon registration. Changes to your roster must be submitted in writing and a copy of the final roster must be provided upon check-in in order for a team to participate. NECA reserves the right to disqualify any team found to be in violation of the eligibility policy. A gym owner may contest the eligibility of another team's members prior to the event. The deadline for contesting eligibility is Monday, March 26, 2012. The gym owner must submit their challenge in writing and produce their own eligibility documents at the time of the challenge. Anonymous requests will not be accepted. The gym being contested will be informed of the challenge and the challenger and will be asked to produce eligibility documents to the event producer the Friday before the event.

**Approved Eligibility Documents:** Birth Certificate or State/Federal issued ID.



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## TIMING & ROUTINE FORMAT

1. Cheerleading and Dance teams will have a maximum of 2 minutes and 30 seconds to compete. Stunt Groups will have a maximum of 1 minute to compete.
2. Timing will start with the first organized movement, voice, or beat of music.
3. All introductions (tumbling, entrances, chants, etc.) are considered part of the routine and are timed as such. Point deductions will be assessed for going over the time limit.
4. Teams should not perform any skills, chants, etc. upon exiting the mat.
5. Routines must be appropriate and suitable for "family viewing". Crude or suggestive movements will result in point deductions which are at the discretion of the head judge.

## MUSIC

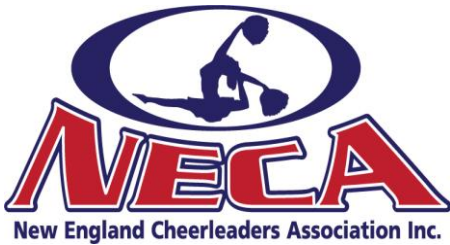
1. Cheer, Dance, & Stunt routines should be performed entirely to music. Exception: college teams.
2. All music must be appropriate and suitable for "family viewing".
3. Teams must have a representative to play their music.
4. Please follow the IMPORTANT instructions below:
  - Music must be furnished on a high quality CD designed specifically for music.
  - Record all music in CD format. MP3 CD's should not be used.
  - Test the compatibility of your CD prior to the event in SEVERAL CD players.
5. Always bring a "back up copy" of your CD in case your original is damaged.
6. In case of music malfunction the coach will have the opportunity to decide if they want their team to perform the routine again. They must perform it "full out" from the beginning. Judging will resume from the point at which the performance was interrupted. All point deductions and rule infraction deductions will carry over from the 1<sup>st</sup> performance to the point of interruption.

## COMPETITION SURFACES

Cheerleading and Dance Teams will perform on a 54' by 42' foot spring floor. The practice mat will be a 54' by 42' foot floor with a separate spring tumbling strip for tumbling warm-up. Safety is of great importance and therefore *NO Stunting and/or Tumbling is allowed outside these designated areas.*

## INTERRUPTION OF PERFORMANCE (DUE TO INJURY)

Event officials reserve the right to stop a performance due to perceived injury. If the routine has been stopped by an event official for the purpose of an injury, the team will be given the opportunity to rotate one more time through the warm-up stations to regroup. Every effort will be made to have the team compete within their existing division. The team will then have the option of performing their routine again. The routine must be performed "full out" from the beginning. Judging will resume from the point at which the injury/interruption occurred as determined by the head judge. All point deductions accumulated to that point will carry over from the 1<sup>st</sup> performance. If a team/coach prefers not to perform a second time they may take the score they have received up to that point. Any skills not performed will result in a "0" for those categories.



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## **COMBINATION OF DIVISIONS**

The event producer reserves the right to combine divisions if there are less than 2 teams in any division. Coaches must recognize that a combination of divisions is possible and that there will be no “extension” of the deadlines set forth as a result of combination of divisions.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

NECA believes strongly in the importance of good sportsmanship and expects all participants, coaches, parents, and/or spectators to treat each other in the highest regard. Gym owners and participants will need to sign off on the NECA Sportsmanship Code prior to the event. The following rules will be in effect from the time each individual enters the facility until the time that they leave.

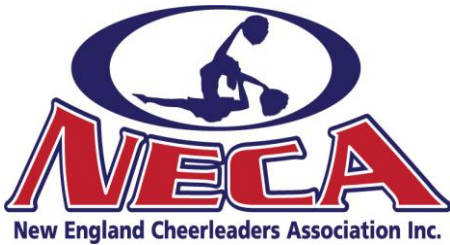
1. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their teams at all times.
2. Participants, coaches, parents, and/or spectators are to display sportsmanlike behavior at all times.
3. Penalties will be assessed for “unsportsmanlike” behavior which may include but is not limited to the following:
  - a. Approaching judges, event staff, coaches, spectators, and other cheerleaders with disrespect.
  - b. Refusing to follow instructions of event staff and/or site personnel.
  - c. The use of profanity or obscene gestures (either on or off the competition surface).
  - d. Chanting or shouting negative remarks at other teams, cheerleaders, staff, and/or spectators.

## **PENALTIES and DISQUALIFICATIONS**

Penalties and legalities will be assessed by a USASF credentialed judge and will be approved by the head judge and judging coordinator. Penalties for violation or infraction of any of the rules and regulations outlined for this event may be given by the head judge or event producer. Harmful or flagrant disregard for “NECA All-Star & College Classic Rules and Regulations” may result in disqualification from the competition and will automatically forfeit the right to any points, prizes, registration fees, or awards. Penalties/Disqualifications may result from but are not limited to the following:

1. Infraction of USASF Safety Guidelines and/or level violations
2. Infraction of General Competition Rules or Age Requirements
3. Exceeding the appropriate time limit or team members
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct including disrespect to tournament officials or spectators
5. Inappropriate moves, gestures, or music
6. Use of profanity

Deductions will be made for each infraction.



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## JUDGING & SCORING

1. The NECA scoring grid & sample score sheets are available at [www.cheerneca.com/allstar.php](http://www.cheerneca.com/allstar.php)
2. Scoring is based on a tenth of a point much like gymnastics and figure skating.
3. Judges will score each team performance using the "scoring grid" to determine the appropriate range.
4. A head judge will oversee the panel and the deduction/legality judges.
5. Judges will be qualified and impartial persons with experience in all areas of cheer and dance.
6. Decisions of the head judge are final and may not be changed once placements are announced.
7. Coaches should not approach the judges table under any circumstance.
8. Score sheets will be available at the coach's information center after each awards ceremony.

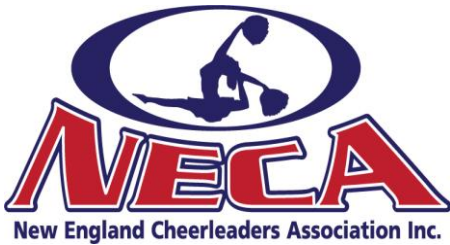
## AWARDS

1. CASH AWARDS will be distributed for EVERY USASF LEVEL (1-6) and to the TOP DANCE TEAM.
2. ALL TEAMS will receive an official NECA placement trophy.
3. FIRST PLACE TEAMS will receive GOLD BIDS to Xtreme Spirit's National Championships.
4. SECOND PLACE TEAMS will receive SILVER BIDS to Xtreme Spirit's National Championships.
5. THIRD PLACE TEAMS will receive BRONZE BIDS to Xtreme Spirit's National Championships.
6. FIRST, SECOND, & THIRD PLACE TEAMS will receive a \$500.00 camp scholarship for NECA Camp.
7. *Please remain in full uniform for the awards ceremony. Level winners should look completely uniform for their team pictures in order for their team to be featured in future advertising.*

## CASH AWARDS!

**NECA will GIVE BACK \$10,000.00 in CASH AWARDS** to the top teams at the NECA All-Star Classic! This year we have expanded our cash award distribution process to provide more gyms the opportunity to WIN BIG!!! The more teams you enter the **MORE CHANCES TO WIN!**

1. The highest scoring cheer team at each level (1-6) will receive a \$1,000.00 CASH AWARD.
2. The second highest scoring cheer team at each level (1-6) will receive a \$500.00 CASH AWARD.
3. The highest scoring dance team will receive a \$500.00 CASH AWARD.
4. Levels 4 & 4.2 will be combined when determining cash awards.
5. First & Second Place tied scores at any given level will result in those teams splitting the cash award. If 2 teams earn the exact same high score in a level they will each receive \$500.00. If 2 teams earn the exact same second highest score they will each receive \$250.00.



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. All participants must submit a signed participant release and sportsmanship code.
2. Participants must meet the age eligibility per the USASF age grid.
3. Teams may not use the same routine/team to enter more than one division.
4. Team rosters **MUST** be sent as a part of your team registration. Changes may be faxed (860) 848-0040.
5. Team registration and warm-up times will be available online at [www.cheerneca.com](http://www.cheerneca.com) the Monday prior to the event. Coaches should verify times the day before the event.
6. Requests for changes will not be accepted once the order is posted.
7. Please arrive at the event at least 1 hour prior to your scheduled practice time to ensure enough time to report to team meeting area, warm-up and stretch, and to allow the competition officials to verify rosters.
8. Teams **MUST** appear for their warm-up or they automatically forfeit their warm-up.
9. Video Taping of the event is prohibited.
10. The use of tobacco and/or alcohol/drugs is prohibited.
11. Helium balloons are **NOT ALLOWED** in the facility nor are banners to be affixed to any surface.
12. Should you need to withdraw your team from the event please make every effort to contact NECA by calling 860-848-0040. On the day of the event please text to 508-479-9973.

## TEAM MEETING AREA-PARENT DROP OFF

1. The entrance for all patrons & participants is through the main lobby.
2. There will be a designated **TEAM MEETING AREA** for all teams. Special credentials are required for access to the TEAM MEETING areas. Cheerleaders, Coaches, & Gym owners are the only people allowed access. We thank you for your full cooperation in helping us keep your athletes safe.
3. The **TEAM MEETING** area is located on the upper concourse behind the blue curtain and in the arena seating overlooking the warm-up area.
4. **PARENTS NOTE:** please inform parents to obtain an admission bracelet for themselves prior to escorting young children to the team meeting area. Young children should be escorted by an adult/parent to the team meeting area. Parents are not allowed inside the team meeting area however NECA staff will be available to assist parents with locating their child's coach.

## COACHES INFORMATION CENTER

The coaches information center will be the hub for team registration, score sheet pick up, questions or concerns. In order to serve you better we ask that all questions regarding score sheets, legalities, and event procedures be brought to the coaches' information center by the team coach and/or gym owner so we may locate the appropriate event official to assist you.