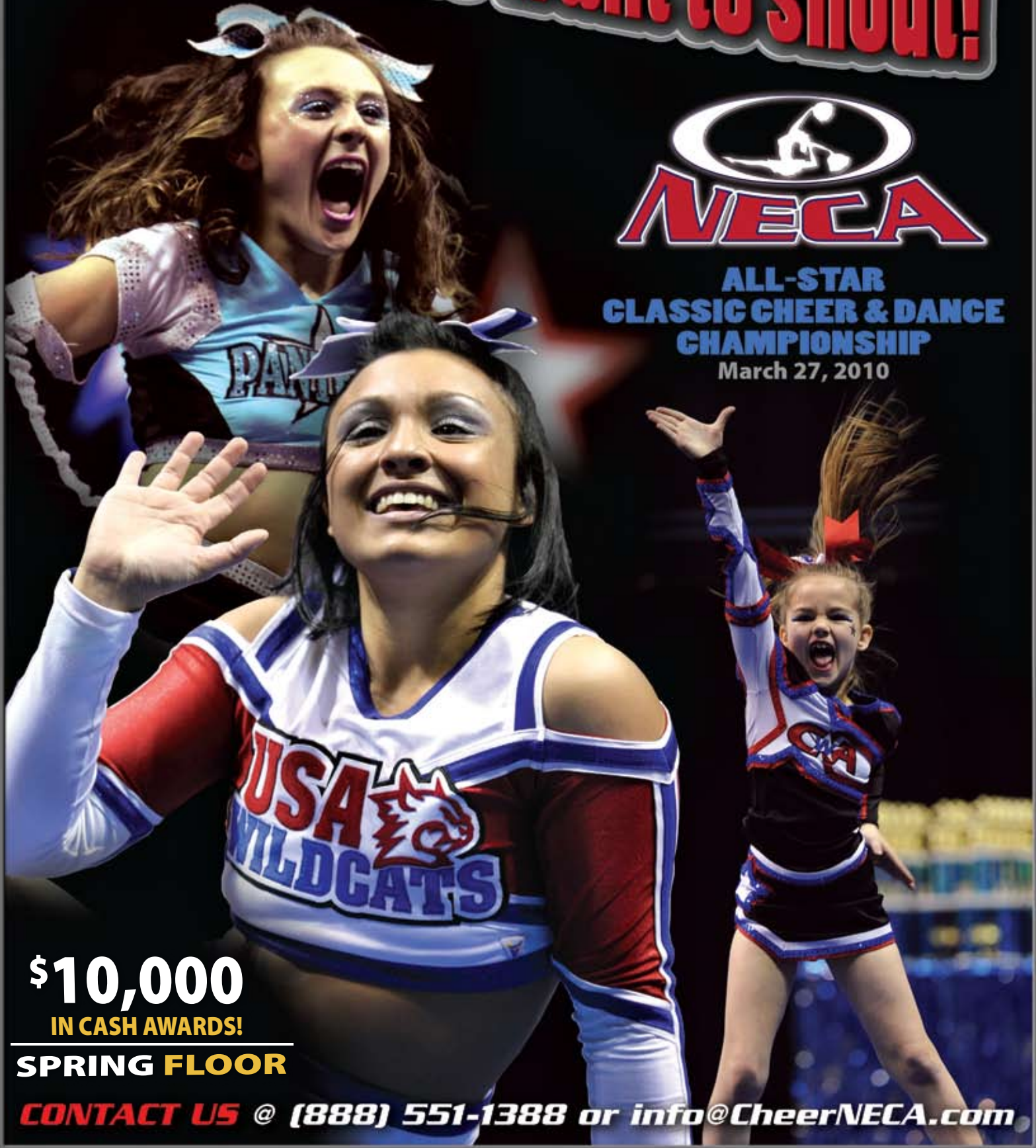


New England Cheerleaders Association Inc.

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**ALL-STAR  
CLASSIC CHEER & DANCE  
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March 27, 2010



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# NECA ALL-STAR CLASSIC RULES AND REGULATIONS

## SAFETY GUIDELINES

The USASF Guidelines and Rules for the 2009-2010 season will be followed for all star teams. Teams are encouraged to perform skills at their ability level. It is the coach's responsibility to know the limitations of their teams 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).

## DIVISIONS AND AGE REQUIREMENTS

1. NECA Divisions & Age Requirements (See Chart).
2. NECA reserves the right to combine divisions when there are less than 3 teams entered.
3. The age of competitors as of August 31, 2009 will be the age used for this event (exception max. sr. 5/31/09).
4. 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 for an additional registration fee per crossover (see registration form). NECA will make every effort to enable cheerleaders to compete on multiple teams however we can not guarantee the "rest period" between competition & warm-ups. Changes to the practice order and/or order of appearance will not be made once they are posted online. Absolutely no changes in the order of appearance will be allowed on the day of the competition.

## 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 and are at the discretion of the head judge.

## MUSIC

1. Cheer, Dance, & Top Gun Stunt routines should be performed entirely to music.
2. All music must be appropriate and suitable for "family viewing".
3. Teams must have a representative to play their music and must bring 2 copies of their CD.
4. To avoid problems with CD compatibility please follow the IMPORTANT instructions below:
  - Music must be furnished on a high quality CD designed specifically for music.
  - Do not use CD-RW disks.
  - 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 such as your car, home stereo, boom box, etc.
5. Always bring a "back up copy" of your CD in case your original is damaged.
6. In case of music disruption teams should continue with their performance unless a tournament official stops that performance.

## INTERRUPTION OF PERFORMANCE

1. If it is the opinion of the tournament official that a team performance is disrupted due to a failure of the tournament equipment, the team will be allowed to start from the point at which the failure occurred without penalty.
2. If it is the opinion of the tournament official that a team performance is disrupted due to failure of the team's equipment, supplies or method, the team will be allowed to start from the point of the disruption ONE TIME using a new CD. A penalty may be assessed at the discretion of the judges panel.
3. All decisions are at the discretion of tournament director and/or head judge.
4. NECA and/or facility medical staff reserves the right to stop a performance due to injury if deemed necessary.
5. Should NECA stop a performance due to injury, the team must either forfeit or continue from that point in the routine, without the injured athlete. The team will not have additional practice time and must continue as soon as the injured participant has left the floor.

## COMBINATION OF DIVISIONS

The competition director reserves the right to combine divisions if there are less than 3 teams in any division. Coaches must recognize that a combination of divisions is possible and that there will be no "extension" of the deadline above as a result of combination of divisions.

## COMPETITION SURFACE

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.

## 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. 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 in a disrespectful manner.
  - b. Declining 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.

## JUDGING AND AWARDS

1. Judges will be qualified and impartial persons with experience in all areas of cheerleading to include gymnastics, stunting, cheer, and dance.
2. Skill violations will be assessed by a USASF credentialed judge.
3. Decisions of the judges are final and may not be contested once placements are announced.
4. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES are cheerleaders, coaches, or spectators allowed to approach the judges in order to question scoring decisions.
5. **AWARD PHOTOS:** All teams must remain in full uniform to participate in the awards ceremony. In the case of the top gym winners athletes must look completely uniform to be able to participate in the team picture. Sweatshirts, t-shirts, jackets, etc will not be considered uniforms. Athletes not in uniform will not be allowed to participate in team photo.
6. The number of trophies and/or medals awarded in each division is determined by the tournament director. All teams will be recognized.
7. The TOP GYM will be awarded a SILVER CUP and \$6,000. The second place gym will receive \$3,000.00 and the third place gym will receive \$1,000.00.
8. FIRST PLACE teams competing in divisions where there are 3 or more teams will receive a full team bid from "All American Cheer and Dance" to the Pro Bowl.
9. SECOND & THIRD PLACE teams competing in divisions where there are 5 or more teams will receive a full team bid from "All American Cheer and Dance" to the Pro Bowl.
10. FIRST, SECOND & THIRD PLACE TOP GUN groups competing in divisions where there are 5 or more groups entered will receive "All American Cheer and Dance" bids to the Pro Bowl.
11. Teams with less than 5 participants or who are not yet in 4th grade are not eligible for bids.
12. Every FIRST, SECOND, & THIRD place team will receive a \$500.00 camp scholarship to a 2010 NECA overnight camp of their choice.

## PENALTIES AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

Penalties for skill violations will be assessed by a USASF credentialed judge and will be approved by the tournament director. Penalties for violation or infraction of any of the rules and regulations outlined in this brochure may be given by the head judge, tournament director, and/or company president. Harmful or flagrant disregard for "NECA Classic All-Star Rules and Regulations" may result in disqualification from the competition and will automatically forfeit the right to any points, prizes, registration fees, or awards. All decisions of the judges are final and may not be contested after they are announced. 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.



## NECA "TOP GYM" RULES & SCORING

To be eligible for NECA "TOP GYM" and the affiliated cash awards you must have a minimum of 4 teams entered and competing in the event. Teams must consist of at least 12 participants to be able to accrue points towards "top gym". Gyms may enter more than 4 teams for more opportunities.

The top four scores from each eligible gym will be added together and averaged to determine the NECA "TOP GYM" winner. Ties will be broken by the head judge & event producer. All decisions are final. Teams that are ineligible to earn points towards top gym are top gun stunt groups, dance teams, open teams, parent teams, or special needs teams.

## CONTESTING ELIGIBILITY

The head coach may contest the eligibility of another team's members prior to the event. The deadline for contesting eligibility is Monday, March 22nd 2010. The coach contesting eligibility 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 team being contested will be informed of the challenge and the challenger and will be asked to produce eligibility documents to the competition director by Friday, March 26th 2010. The eligibility of both teams will be verified prior to and upon arrival to the event. No challenges will be heard after Monday, March 22nd 2010.

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

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- 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.
- Requests for changes will not be accepted once the order is posted.
- Teams should arrive at the event at least 1 and ½ hours before their practice time to ensure they have enough time to report to team meeting area, warm-up and stretch, and to allow the competition officials to verify rosters.
- FIRE CODE REGULATION:** Cheerleaders & coaches should enter through the main lobby but **MUST NOT ASSEMBLE** in the main lobby. This rule will be strictly enforced by the Ryan Center and NECA.
- There will be a designated **TEAM MEETING AREA** for all teams in 2010. We thank you for your full cooperation in helping us keep your athletes safe.
- 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.
- Teams may not use the same routine/team to enter more than one division.
- Teams **MUST** appear for their warm-up or they automatically forfeit their warm-up.
- Each Team member must have an official, signed copy of the release form in order to participate.
- Entrants agree that the time, manner, and method of judging shall be solely within the discretion of the competition director and head judge and the decisions of all judges are final and may not be contested.
- Video Taping of the event is prohibited. The event will be professionally recorded/available for sale.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited from this event.
- The hanging of team banners is prohibited.
- Helium balloons are **NOT ALLOWED** in the facility.
- 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 call 888-551-1388.

## AGE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The age of competitors as of August 31, 2009 will be the age used for this event (exception max. sr. age as of 5/31/09).

## ALL-STAR CHEER DIVISIONS FOR 2009-2010\*

Level 1			
NAME	AGE LIMITS	GENDER	NUMBER OF MEMBERS
Tiny	5 yrs & Younger	Female/Male	5-36 Members
Mini	8 yrs & Younger	Female/Male	5-36 Members
Youth	11 yrs & Younger	Female/Male	5-36 Members
Junior	14 yrs & Younger	Female/Male	5-36 Members
Senior	18 yrs & younger	Female/Male	5-36 Members
Level 2			
NAME	AGE LIMITS	GENDER	NUMBER OF MEMBERS
Mini	8 yrs & Younger	Female/Male	5-36 Members
Youth	11 yrs & Younger	Female/Male	5-36 Members
Junior	14 yrs & Younger	Female/Male	5-36 Members
Senior	18 yrs & Younger	Female/Male	5-36 Members
Level 3			
NAME	AGE LIMITS	GENDER	NUMBER OF MEMBER
Mini	8 yrs & Younger	Female/Male	5-36 Members
Youth	11 yrs & Younger	Female/Male	5-36 Members
Junior	14 yrs & Younger	No Males	5-36 Members
Junior Co-ed	14 yrs & Younger	1 or more Males	5-36 Members
Senior	18 yrs & Younger	No Males	5-36 Members
Senior Co-ed	18 yrs & Younger	1 or more Males	5-36 Members
Level 4			
NAME	AGE LIMITS	GENDER	NUMBER OF MEMBERS
Youth	11 yrs & Younger	Female/Male	5-36 Members
Junior	14 yrs & Younger	No Males	5-36 Members
Junior Co-ed	14 yrs & Younger	1 or more Males	5-36 Members
Senior	18 yrs & Younger	No Males	5-36 Members
Senior Co-ed	18 yrs & Younger	1 or more Males	5-36 Members
Level 4.2			
NAME	AGE LIMITS	GENDER	NUMBER OF MEMBERS
Senior	18 yrs & Younger	Female/Male	5-36 Members
Level 5			
NAME	AGE LIMITS	GENDER	NUMBER OF MEMBERS
Youth	11 yrs & Younger	Female/Male	5-36 Members
Junior	14 yrs & Younger	No Males	5-36 Members
Junior Co-ed	14 yrs & Younger	1 or more Males	5-36 Members
Senior	18 yrs & Younger	Female/Male (0-4)	5-36 Members
Senior	12 to 18 yrs	No Males	5-36 Members
Sr. Limited Co-ed	12 to 18 yrs	1-4 Males	5-36 Members
Sr. Unlimited Co-ed	12 to 18 yrs	5+ Males	5-36 Members
International Open	14 yrs & Older	No Males	5-24 Members
Int. Open Co-ed	14 yrs & Older	1 or more Males	5-24 Members
Level 6			
NAME	AGE LIMITS	GENDER	NUMBER OF MEMBERS
Open All-Girl	17 yrs & Older	No Males	5-24 Members
Open Co-ed	17 yrs & Older	1 or more Males	5-24 Members
Special Divisions			
NAME	AGE LIMITS	GENDER	NUMBER OF MEMBERS
Special Needs	any age	Female/Male	Unlimited
Parent Teams	any age	Female/Male	Unlimited
Stunt Group			
NAME	AGE LIMITS	GENDER	NUMBER OF MEMBERS
Mini	8 yrs & Younger	Female/Male	4 - 5 Athletes
Youth	11 yrs & Younger	Female/Male	4 - 5 Athletes
Junior	14 yrs & Younger	All Female	4 - 5 Athletes
Junior Co-ed	14 yrs & Younger	1 Male/1 Female	2 - 3 Athletes
Senior	18 yrs & Younger	All Female	4 - 5 Athletes
Senior Co-ed	18 yrs & Younger	1 Male/1 Female	2 - 3 Athletes
Open	17 yrs & Older	All Female	4 - 5 Athletes
Open Co-ed	17 yrs & Older	1 Male/1 Female	2 - 3 Athletes
ALL-STAR DANCE DIVISIONS FOR 2009-2010*			
Dance Group			
DIVISIONS	AGE	CATEGORIES	TIME LIMIT
Tiny	5 Years & Younger	Open (any style)	2 minutes 30 sec
Mini	8 Years & Younger	Open (any style)	2 minutes 30 sec
Youth	11 Years & Younger	Open (any style)	2 minutes 30 sec
Junior	14 Years & Younger	Open (any style)	2 minutes 30 sec
Senior	18 Years & Younger	Open (any style)	2 minutes 30 sec
Open	14 Years & Older	Open (any style)	2 minutes 30 sec

**Please Note:** teams in special divisions are eligible for exhibition only and will not receive pro-bowl bids, cash prizes or points towards "top gym". The event producer reserves the right to split/combine divisions.

# 2010 NECA ALL-STAR CLASSIC CHEERLEADING & DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

## HERE'S HOW TO REGISTER

### REGISTER BY MAIL

Please send completed registration and full payment to the address below. Payments must be submitted with registration in order to be complete. Phone registrations are not accepted.

### NECA EVENTS

P.O. BOX 124 - UNCASVILLE, CT 06382

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payments must be in the form of a company check, certified bank check, or money order. Payments made within 2 weeks of the event will require a certified bank check or money order. There is a \$35.00 "check fee" for any returned checks. Gyms with outstanding fees will not be allowed to compete in the event.

### LATE REGISTRATION "FAX PHASE"

Registrations may be faxed to (860) 848-0040 during the "late registration" phase. Please call NECA at (860) 848-0040 to announce your fax is on the way. Faxed registrations will not be complete until payment is received. Payments made within 2 weeks of the event will require a certified bank check or money order.

### REFUND POLICY

A refund of 50% of the total registration fee will be issued for any team withdrawing before February 12th, 2010. Change Fee's and late fees are non-refundable. Absolutely NO REFUNDS will be issued after February 12, 2010 regardless of the reason (including injury). Refunds must be requested in writing by the person who filed the registration.

### REGISTRATION FEES

Take advantage of our EARLY REGISTRATION fee for only \$45.00 per competitor! Gyms must adhere to the fees and deadlines listed in the chart above. Stunt groups are an additional \$15.00 per participant. Spectators are \$17.00 plus \$1.00 per ticket for parking. Children under 5 are free.

### CROSSOVER PARTICIPANTS

Crossover participants pay the FULL registration fee for the first team they compete on and then pay the "crossover fee" for each additional team they compete on. Discounts are based on postmark deadlines.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION	ON-TIME REGISTRATION	FINAL REGISTRATION
Postmark by: <b>December 31, 2009</b>	Postmark by: <b>January 31, 2010</b>	Postmark by: <b>February 28, 2010</b>
\$45.00 PER PARTICIPANT	\$50.00 PER PARTICIPANT	\$55.00 PER PARTICIPANT
\$35.00 PER CROSSOVER	\$40.00 PER CROSSOVER	\$45.00 PER CROSSOVER

**LATE REGISTRATION:** Registrations postmarked & paid after February 28, 2010 are \$60.00 per participant and \$50.00 per crossover participant. Late registrations will be accepted if space is available.

### DIVISION CHANGES

Coaches are encouraged to carefully select the divisions they wish to enter. Teams making more than one change will be charged a \$25.00 change fee for each consecutive change regardless of the reason. Changes must be submitted in writing by the person who filed the original registration. The deadline for requesting a division/level change is Friday, March 19, 2010. Changes will not be made once the order is posted.

### NECA HOST HOTELS & TEAM PRICING!

NECA has partnered with the Hampton Inn South Kingstown to provide group pricing for Friday, March 26, 2010 and Saturday, March 27, 2010. Please see [www.cheerneca.com](http://www.cheerneca.com) for a link to book rooms!

## STEP 1: CONTACT INFORMATION

\*E-MAIL: Required for timely correspondence.

Gym Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach/Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

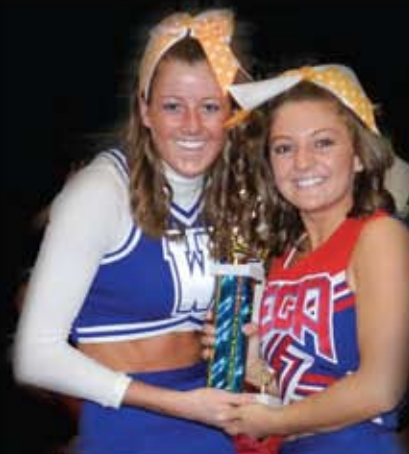
Second Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### COACH ADMISSION

Up to 2 coaches PER TEAM are permitted. They must be listed on your registration form and be insured members of the gym they accompany in order to receive a coaches admission package.





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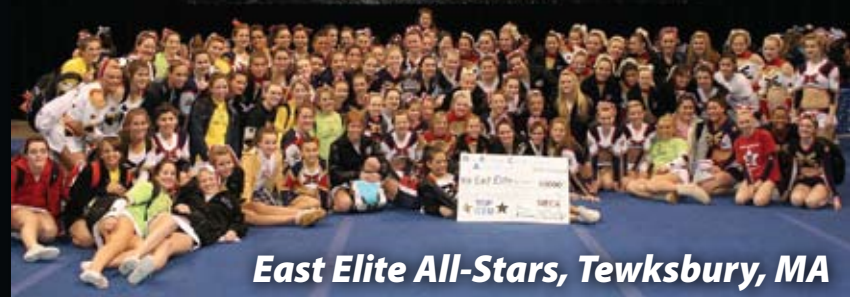
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NECA invites you to attend the longest running cheerleading competition in New England! This Classic event allows teams to compete on a SPRING FLOOR in the beautiful arena at the Ryan Center. Located on the University of Rhode Island campus in scenic Kingston, RI this event is sure to be an enjoyable day for everyone! The Ryan Center seats over 7,000 spectators and has plenty of space for families to shop, eat, relax, and celebrate the spirit of competitive cheerleading! Join us for great competition and fun!

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## COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- SPRING FLOOR EVENT!  
SPRING TUMBLING STRIP FOR WARM-UPS!
- CASH AWARDS TO "TOP GYMS"  
TOTALING \$10,000.00!
- SILVER CUP TO TOP GYM!
- AWARDS FOR EVERY TEAM!
- OVER \$45,000.00 IN CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS!
- NECA EXCLUSIVE! \*TEAM BIDS TO PRO-BOWL FOR 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD PLACE TEAMS!
- MEDALS & \*PRO BOWL BIDS FOR 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD, PLACE STUNT GROUPS!
- RIBBONS FOR PARTICIPANTS!
- FREE T-SHIRT FOR COACHES!
- EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ONLY \$45.00 PER PARTICIPANT!

\*IN QUALIFYING DIVISIONS

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