

## 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 Open	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.