

Rules, Regulations, Agreement of Compliance & Program Waiver

This form must be completed and received before registration is processed. In an effort to maintain the integrity and professionalism of The Global Games, we require agreement to the following. It is our goal to offer a positive event where good sportsmanship is the major theme, and all rules and safety rules are followed. We strive to uphold the highest standards and promote this to the best of our abilities, and believe that coaches/advisors/directors are instrumental in promoting and instilling this among their respective team members.

Gym/Program Name Team Name City State/Country

I, _____, as the coach/gym/studio owner and person in charge and responsible of the _____ Team(s), agree to abide by the following:

1. SAFETY

- (a) I understand that cheerleading is a competitive activity, which requires the proper training techniques for all athletes under my direction.
- (b) I attest I have been properly trained in basic cheerleading techniques, proper skill progression, and safety precautions.
- (c) I understand it is my ethical duty to put the interest and safety of my athletes first, and not to put cheerleaders under my direction at risk unnecessarily.

2. SPORTSMANSHIP

- (a) I will support The Global Games and represent my program with integrity, including on all social media.
- (b) I understand my position as a role model for my team and will conduct myself in a professional manner at all times; and I understand that my behavior is subject to disciplinary action if violated according to the Professional Responsibility Code.
- (c) I will display good sportsmanship and require such of my cheerleaders, dancers, parents/family of performers, including on all social media.
- (d) Smoking and the use of alcohol by an athlete is prohibited at any Global Games event location. An athlete in violation of this rule is subject to immediate disciplinary action.

3. HOTEL GUIDELINES

- (a) Absolutely NO tape or paint of any kind on any walls, windows or doors. Be sure your team knows to leave the rooms as they find them (furniture) when they check out.
- (b) Illegal substances are prohibited.
- (c) We recommend traveling in groups of three or more.
- (d) Security will be on site. All participants will have a midnight curfew, and will be asked to show courtesy in keeping noise levels down.
- (e) Quiet time will be from 10 pm - 10 am. No practicing is permitted during these times, no parties outside, no loud music, etc.
- (f) Please don't damage the hotel or competition venues. You will be charged for any damage and could be removed.
- (g) REQUIRED: Every team must have at least one coach, gym owner or responsible adult for every seven participants staying at the hotel to supervise their team members

4. CHEER GENERAL GUIDELINES

The Global Games ("Global Games") will follow the 2015-2016 USASF General Rules and Age Grid, Level Rules. Refer to the USASF.net website for details.

5. COMPETITION AREA

- (a) Participants must start and end in the competition area and may line up anywhere inside the competition area to begin their routine. The competition area will be determined by the tournament director according to the size of the facility being used.
- (b) Approximate floor size for cheer will be 54 feet wide by 42 feet deep (9 strips spring floor).
- (c) Approximate floor size for dance will be 52 feet wide by 42 feet deep (8 strips marley floor).
- (d) All skills must originate and be completed within the competition boundary. No lineups, skills, or transitions are allowed outside of the competition boundary. The competition boundary is defined as the actual competition floor/spring floor, the carpet bonded foam panels that connect to the spring floor, and any additional border that supports/surrounds the floor.
- (e) A deduction will be assessed per occurrence for an athlete that makes contact outside the competition boundary. Stepping on, or just past the boundary tape is not a boundary violation.
- (f) If a sign or prop is thrown outside the performing area, that team will receive a deduction for each violation. Signs or props may be placed or dropped outside the performing area by a team member who must remain inside the performing area.

3. MUSIC AND TIME LIMITATIONS

- (a) Routine performance time may not exceed 2:30. Timing will begin with the first movement, voice, or note of music, whichever comes first. Timing will end with the last movement, last voice, or note of music, whichever comes last.
- (b) All introductions (tumbling, entrances, chants, spell-outs, etc.) are considered part of the routine and are timed as part of the performance. There should not be any organized exits or other activities after the official ending of the routine.
- (c) If a team exceeds the time limit, a penalty will be assessed for each violation. Because penalties are severe, it is recommended that all teams time their performance several times prior to attending the competition and leave a several second cushion to allow for variations in sound equipment.
- (e) As the person in charge and responsible for the Team participating in the Event I understand that I must obtain all necessary licensing and permission(s) relating to the use of any intellectual property, including copyrighted music (including but not limited to a single song or remix, mash up, or medley of songs) that I or the Team will play at the Event. I therefore certify, represent, and warrant that I have obtained all necessary licenses. I fully understand I may be liable in relation to violations of intellectual property laws, including copyright laws relating to music the Team plays at the Event.
- (f) In the unlikely event someone ever claims that I or the Team infringed upon any intellectual property, including copyrighted work of music, I agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Producer and her/its representatives from any and all liability, damages, and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees and costs) that the Producer may incur as a result of my or my team's use of any intellectual property at the Event.

4. ATHLETE BEHAVIOR

Athletes of teams at The Global Games are expected to exhibit the utmost of sportsmanship, respect and support throughout the entire event. Teams will be assessed a point penalty for exhibiting unsportsmanlike, unprofessional, disrespectful and/or unsupportive behavior. The amount of the penalty will be determined by the competition officials.

5. IMAGE GUIDELINES

- (a) Judges reserve the right to assess warnings and / or deductions when a team's choreography does not meet the appropriate standards.
- (b) COVER UP GUIDELINES — Athletes with non-full top uniforms must wear a t-shirt or other suitable cover up over their uniforms unless they are in the warm-up area, traveling as a group directly to or from the warm up area, or on the performance stage.
- (c) APPROPRIATE CHOREOGRAPHY — All facets of a performance/routine, including both choreography and music selection, should be appropriate and suitable for family viewing and listening.
- (d) MAKEUP — Makeup should be uniform and appropriate for both the performance and the age of the athletes. Face/eyelid rhinestones are not allowed. False eyelashes are allowed but may not be decorated in rhinestones or additional jewelry.
- (e) BOWS — Bows should not be excessive in size (acceptable bows are generally no more than 3" in width) and shouldn't be a distraction to the performance. Bows should be worn in a manner to minimize risk for the participants, should be adequately secured and should not fall over the forehead into the participants' eyes, or block the view of the participant while performing.
- (f) GENERAL UNIFORM GUIDELINES — No risqué, sexually provocative or lingerie looking or inspired uniform or garments allowed. All uniform pieces should adequately cover an athlete and must be secured to eliminate any possible wardrobe malfunction. Appropriate undergarments must be worn. In addition to the below specific guidelines, athletes also must consider that a combination of uniform pieces may also deem a uniform appropriate or inappropriate. ALL garments must properly cover the athlete and the athlete's undergarments during the routine.
- (d) UNIFORM SKIRT/SHORT GUIDELINES — When a skirt is worn as part of the uniform, briefs under the skirt are required. The skirt must fully cover the hips. The skirt must completely cover the briefs and must fall 1 inch below the briefs (regular and boy-cut briefs). When shorts are worn as part of the uniform, there must be a minimum of a 2" inseam.
- (e) UNIFORM TOP GUIDELINES — Uniform tops may not include an exposed midriff (crop top) except when worn by athletes in Senior divisions. Uniform tops must be secured by straps or material over at least one shoulder or around the neck (tube tops are not allowed).
- (f) Visit www.USASF.net for more information about uniform guidelines.

6. INTERRUPTION OF PERFORMANCE

- (a) UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES - 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 or competition officials may stop the routine. The degree and effect of the interruption will be determined by the competition officials. 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. The spot in the schedule where the re-performance is to take place is at the sole discretion of competition officials.
- (b) FAULT OF TEAM - In the event a team's routine is interrupted because of failure of the team's own representative, equipment and/or music, the team must continue the routine. The degree and effect of the interruption will be determined by the competition officials and a possible penalty will be assessed. 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. The spot in the schedule where the re-performance is to take place is at the sole discretion of competition officials.
- (c) INJURY
 1. The only persons that may stop a routine for injury are: a) competition officials, b) the gym owner/head coach from the team performing or c) an injured individual.
 2. The competition officials will determine if the team will be allowed to perform at a later time. If the competition officials allow a routine to be performed at a later time, the spot in the schedule where the re-performance is to take place is at the sole discretion of competition officials. If permitted to perform again the team must (pending the injury's impact on the routine) perform the routine again in its entirety, but will be evaluated ONLY from the point where the interruption occurred.
 3. If a team needs to re-perform the routine in its entirety, (example: throwing a back tuck instead of the full twist thrown in the original performance) then this team will receive a four-point (4.0) penalty AND receive a score based on the lower level performance.
 4. The injured participant that wishes to perform may not return to the competition floor unless:
 - a) The competition officials receive clearance from: first, the medical personnel attending to that participant, the parent/guardian (if present) AND THEN the head coach/director of the competing team.
 - b) If the medical personnel do not clear the participant, the participant can only return to the competition if a parent or legal guardian in attendance signs a return to participation waiver. (excluding a suspected concussion).
 - c) In the event of a suspected concussion, the participant cannot return to perform without clearance from a licensed medical professional that has training related to head injuries (medical doctor or designated official specifically trained in concussion management), even with a waiver from a parent or legal guardian.
 - d) In addition to the USASF head injury policy, we encourage you to be familiar with the specific law of where the competition is being held.

6. LIABILITY WAIVER

As the responsible coach/gym/studio owner I freely acknowledge that I have voluntarily registered my teams to participate in cheerleading and dance activities held by Cheer and Dance Hawaii INC Ltd, (hereinafter "Global Games"), which include dance, gymnastics, stunting, jumping, and tumbling components. I acknowledge that participation in cheerleading and dance activities entails known and unanticipated risks that could result in serious and permanent physical and emotional injuries to (myself/my athletes/my team(s)), death, damage to property, and injury to others. I understand that such risks are inherent in these activities and that even with precautions and safety measures they cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activities. I also

understand and acknowledge that injuries may be compounded or increased by negligent rescue operations and as such, I understand that other than telephoning for an ambulance, no medical assistance shall be provided by the Global Games member, its' agents, staff or other representatives in the event an injury occurs during the event. Understanding such dangers, I hereby knowingly and voluntarily enroll in events held by the Global Games, and I assume the risk of the activities involving me myself and my team(s).

I hereby agree to and shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the Global Games Representatives from and against any and all loss, liability, damage, or cost they may incur, including attorneys' fees and litigation costs, arising out of or related to the above-described activities, whether cause by negligence or otherwise. I hereby agree that the assumption of risk, the release and waiver of liability, and the indemnity agreements contained herein extend to all acts of negligence and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law where those laws apply to the activities, and that if any portion of this Form is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. By signing this Form, I represent that I have read this Form thoroughly and understand it completely, including the substantial legal rights I am giving up for (myself/Gym/Studio and my Team(s)) by signing it. I have had the opportunity to have my own attorney review this Form and my attorney has done so or I have knowingly and voluntarily chosen not to have my attorney review this Form. I have signed this Form freely and voluntarily without inducement of any kind or guarantee being made

7. HOW TO HANDLE PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS

Any question concerning the rules or procedures of the tournament will be handled exclusively by one designated representative of the team (i.e. gym owner/director, coach or captain) and will be directed only to a competition official. Such questions should be made prior to the team's competition performance. Any questions concerning the team's performance should be made to a competition official immediately after the team's performance.

8. FINALITY OF DECISIONS

By participating in this championship, each team agrees that the decisions by the judges will be final and will not be subject for review. Each team acknowledges the necessity for the judges to make prompt and fair decisions in this competition and each team therefore expressly waives any legal, equitable, administrative or procedural review of such decisions.

9. SPORTSMANSHIP

All participants agree to conduct themselves in a manner displaying good sportsmanship throughout and following the tournament. The directors, coaches and advisors of each team is responsible for seeing that team members, coaches, parents and any other persons affiliated with the team conduct themselves accordingly. Severe cases of unsportsmanlike conduct are grounds for disqualification as explained in this document above.

10. GENERAL SAFETY RULES AND ROUTINE REQUIREMENTS

The Global Games follows the USASF Cheerleading Rules and Guidelines, please refer to <http://www.USASF.net> for all rules and the complete glossary of terms.

On behalf of my team, I hereby accept the Global Games Competition Rules, Routine Rules, Safety Guidelines and Program Waiver and agree to abide by these rules. I agree to follow all safety, sportsmanship, hotel and performance rules. I understand that if any rules are violated and there is damage to pay I will be responsible for repaying the total cost of any funds received through any paid bid. I understand and agree that this form cannot be amended or modified by an oral statements or other writings and that it is binding on me/my Gym and Team(s). I also understand that our registration will not be processed without this signed form.

Agreed to this, the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Coach Signatures:

Head Coach/Gym Owner

Assistant Coach/Gym Owner

Coach