

2017 FALL NOTICES OF MOTION

GENERAL BYLAW AND POLICY NOTICES

Notice #1: Policy – Section XI–Cheerleading, 2. Eligibility, page 93

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Current:

- A. There are four categories for competitive purposes (alternates are not included in these totals)
 - i. High School Division I – one male – 4-28 members
 - ii. High School Division II – one male – 4-28 members
 - iii. Co-ed Team – two or more males – 4-28 members
 - iv. Game Day (trial for 2017/18 season) – 4-28 members

Proposed:

- A. There are four categories for competitive purposes (alternates are not included in these totals)
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 - ii. High School Division II – one male – 4-28 members
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Rationale: Changing the wording to allow several male athletes to compete in the Division I category. This is meant to encourage the involvement of male athletes in cheerleading. Currently coaches may be hesitant about allowing males to join a new team because two or more males will force the team into the much more difficult, and competitive, coed category. Stunting in the Division I category is much less difficult than Division II stunting and focuses more on technique and precision, requiring less strength. This means that the natural advantage of having more males on the team will be mitigated.

Notice #2: Policy – Section V–Activities, 2. Interschool Competition and Invitational Events (Sanction Policy), Addition of new item, pages 52-55

Current:

NEW

Proposed:

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- In the sport of cheerleading only, school teams can attend competitions hosted by a non-school entity provided that the non-school entity meets the following conditions:
- i. Proof of event and association/company insurance is submitted to the ASAA Office. This must include a minimum of \$2 million general comprehensive liability insurance as well as a Sport Accident Insurance Policy. It is strongly recommended that the insurance also included Officers and Directors liability insurance.
 - ii. All safety requirements are met as outlined by the Alberta Cheerleading Association Policies.
 - iii. No prize money can be awarded.
 - iv. The non-school entity agrees to be accountable to the ASAA to uphold the standards and expectations of ASAA and to report to ASAA as requested. That is, should violation of any conditions occur, consequences will be at the discretion of the ASAA.
 - v. All entry fees for the high school divisions are approved by the ASAA.
 - vi. All relevant sanction forms must be completed at least 30 days prior to the event as per ASAA policy.
- If a non-school entity fails to meet all of the outlined conditions, ASAA member school teams will be ineligible to participate at all events hosted by that non-school entity.

Rationale: Cheer has been an ASAA sport for over 30 years. During that time, the sport has been modified to such an extent that most school programs do not have the capacity (mats, facility, spectators) to safely host a competitive cheerleading competition. What has happened, more so in recent years, is that cheerleading organizations and companies have taken on the role of hosting these competitive events. The cheerleading community feels that the development of the sport and the safety of their athletes depends on allowing cheerleading events to be hosted by non-school entities. This proposal formally brings the last 10 years of practice into policy.