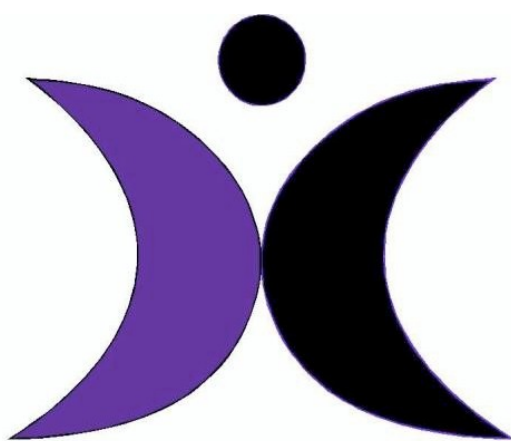


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COMPETITION GUIDELINES

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SAFETY GUIDELINES

The USASF rules and guidelines for the 2017-2018 season will be followed for All Star. College cheer teams will follow AACCA safety regulations, College dance teams will follow the Advanced SPIRIT dance guidelines and school cheer & dance teams will follow NFHS guidelines. 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. All Star coaches should continually check the USASF guidelines for clarifications and rule changes. All teams must adhere to their respective safety rules/guidelines:

1. All Star/ All Star Prep - USASF Rules: www.usasf.net
2. College Cheer - AACCA Rules: www.aacca.org
3. College Dance - Advanced SPIRIT Rules: www.advancedspirit.com/rulescoring
4. School Cheer & Dance - NFHS Rules: www.nfhs.org
5. Performance Rec/Traditional Rec will follow USASF Rules: www.usasf.net

COACHES INFORMATION CENTER

The Coaches Information Center will be the hub for team registration and general questions regarding the event. Please feel free to bring questions or concerns to the Coaches Information Center so that we may assist you. Scoring Questions should be brought to the Advanced SPIRIT Score Representative near the judges' riser.

COACHING STAFF & EVENT ACCESS

Advanced SPIRIT will provide 2 complimentary coaches badges per team. Coaches and personnel should be officially recognized and insured by your school or program and **MUST BE LISTED** on your official team roster. All Star coaches and personnel must have up to date USASF memberships and appropriate background checks to gain access to warm-ups. It may be helpful to use this checklist; 1. *Coach/Coaches are recognized/insured by school/gym*; 2. *All coaches/personnel are listed on the official roster(s)*; 3. *All Star Only: All coaches' memberships and background checks are current*. Thank you for your assistance with keeping our athletes safe.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. All Star participants are required to be USASF member athletes and must adhere to USASF member guidelines.
2. All participants must submit a signed participant release/waiver form in order to participate.
3. All Star participants must meet age eligibility requirements per the USASF age grid.
4. Team rosters **MUST** be completed for each team entered. Falsification of participant information on team rosters is a violation of event rules and may result in disqualification pending review of the appropriate governing body. A non-compliance form will be sent to the USASF for any All Star team who falsifies athlete information. A letter will be sent to the department head for any school team that falsifies athlete information.
5. Teams should report to their scheduled warm-up time approximately 10 minutes early to check in.
6. A draft of the Order of Appearance will be posted on the Tuesday prior to the event. The final copy of the Order of Appearance will be posted the Thursday prior to the event. Visit us at www.advancedspirit.com to print out a copy.
7. All Star Coaches & Staff must have a current background check denoting "Greenlight Status" to gain access to warm-ups. Proper ID will be required at team "check in".



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PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY POLICY

All Participants must have a participant release/ waiver form signed by a parent or legal guardian in order to participate. It is the responsibility of the Coach / Gym Owner to ensure all release /waivers have been verified prior to submitting to the Advanced Spirit Registration personnel. A final roster **MUST BE SUBMITTED** to the coaches' information center for every team registered for this event. USASF membership is required for All Star Athletes including All Star Prep teams. All Star programs must use the rosters generated by their USASF athlete membership, specific to the event you are registering for. School and Rec teams may use any standardized roster. Final rosters are due on the day of the event upon team check in.

CODE OF CONDUCT

To ensure the most positive experience for all participants, coaches and spectators alike, we ask that the following Code of Conduct be adhered to during all aspects of the event.

1. Participants, coaches, advisors and spectators must maintain a high level of good sportsmanship.
2. Belligerent behavior by participants, coaches/ advisors or spectators toward any event personnel, Advanced SPIRIT Event Staff or other participants, coaches/ advisors or spectators will not be tolerated. Unsportsmanlike conduct by coaches/ athletes may result in a 2.0 deduction, team disqualification and/or removal from the event and future events.
3. Routines and music should be appropriate and suitable for family viewing. Vulgar, suggestive or offensive words, movements and/or music are not permitted and will result in a .5 deduction at the discretion of the head judge/judging supervisor.
4. Participants, coaches, advisors and spectators are prohibited from making contact with the Judges during the competition.
5. General questions or concerns may be brought to the Coaches Information Center. The appropriate Advanced SPIRIT Official will then be called to discuss the situation with the coach or advisor. Questions regarding scoring should be brought to the Advanced SPIRIT "Score Rep" located in the arena.

CROSSOVERS

Crossovers are allowed at all Advanced SPIRIT events. All Star teams must follow the USASF guidelines. Participants may compete on up to 3 teams. Our staff will make every effort to schedule warm-ups and competition times to accommodate crossovers however time between performance and practice cannot be guaranteed. Upon registering your teams please be sure to complete the **crossover information portion**. This will help us identify all participants competing on more than one team. Be sure all crossover participants are still within the age requirements set forth by the USASF age grid. The crossover athlete will pay the full price for the first team they compete on and then the crossover fee for each additional team he/she is competing on. See price listing for details.

SPOTTERS

Advanced SPIRIT will not provide additional spotters at our events. We feel program owners and coaches know their routines best and therefore should determine for themselves if additional spotters should be utilized. Advanced SPIRIT will allow teams to use *additional* "routine spotters" from their gym. "Routine Spotters" are additional spotters who are not part of the routine but have intimate knowledge of the stunts being performed in the routine. They exist solely for the purpose of spotting "errant skill" and may not participate in stunts or help *save a skill* or spot tumbling. A maximum of 5 additional "routine spotters" are allowed. They must follow safety guidelines with regard to apparel/dress and should wear clothing that designates them as a spotter and is not distracting. Any infraction of the safety rules by routine spotters (ie; jewelry, inappropriate clothing, etc) may result in a safety violation of .5 per infraction.



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WARM-UP & PERFORMANCE SURFACE

Each team will have a total of 12 minutes for Warm-ups at our Classic events and Approximately 21 minutes at our Nationals event. There will be 1 station with 2-3 carpet bonded foam warm-up floor then a separate 12' X 60' spring tumbling strip for a proper tumbling warm-up, then finally a 54' X 42' carpet bonded foam warm-up floor will be provided. Coaches/ Advisors should also be aware that safety is Advanced SPIRIT's number one concern. Therefore practicing stunts, pyramids, tosses, jumps or tumbling is prohibited outside these designated areas. All teams will compete on a standard 54' X 42' Spring Floor.

TIMING & ROUTINE FORMAT

1. All Star Cheer teams and Rec. will have a maximum of 2 minutes and 30 seconds to compete.
2. All Star Prep teams will have a maximum of 2 minutes to compete.
3. College Cheer will have a maximum of 2 minutes and 30 seconds to compete.
4. School teams will have a 2 minutes and 30 second maximum.
5. Dance Teams will have a Maximum of 2 minutes and 30 seconds with a minimum of 1 minute 45 seconds.
6. Timing will start with the first organized movement, voice, or beat of music.
7. Participants should enter and exit the performance area in a timely fashion. Organized entrances or exits that involve cheers, jumps, tumbling, or stunts are not permitted
8. Routines must be appropriate and suitable for "family viewing". Crude or suggestive movements will result in a .5 deduction at the discretion of the head judge.

MUSIC

1. All music used for cheer & dance routines must be properly licensed as per U.S. copyright law. Gym owners/coaches attest that by registering their team for Advanced SPIRIT events, their music has been appropriately licensed and proper permissions have been obtained in order to play their music at the events. Proof of permissions and licensing must be made available upon request. Please see the "agreement of terms" for further details.
2. A program representative must be present at the music station. This person will be responsible for playing/stopping the music and must be responsible for making decisions about music as it relates to interruption of performance. This person must remain in the music area throughout the entire performance.
3. All Music must be appropriate for "family viewing".
4. Use of portable devices such as iPod, iPad, etc. may be used. HOWEVER any notification interruptions by said device (call, text, voicemail alerts, etc.) will NOT be considered a technical malfunction. We suggest setting your device to "airplane mode" to avoid interruptions.
5. Music should be on a high quality CD. Duplicate CDs or "back-up CD's" must be available at the music station in the event of a technical malfunction.
6. In the event a technical malfunction occurs which interrupts a team's performance, the designated event official will discuss the interruption with the team coach and determine if the routine may be repeated.
7. If it is decided that the team will repeat the performance 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 1st performance to the point of interruption. The head judge will determine the point of the routine interruption.



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INTERRUPTION OF PERFORMANCE DUE TO INJURY

Event officials, coach of the injured athlete and/or the injured athlete may stop a routine due to an obvious injury when the injury would compromise the safety of said athlete or his/her team members. If the routine has been stopped due to an injury, the team will clear the floor and report back to the warm-up area within 15 minutes of the injury. They will be given the opportunity to rotate through the warm-up stations if they so choose. That team will then have the option of performing their routine again at the discretion of the head coach. The safety of performing the routine without the injured athlete should be top priority and is at the discretion of the coach. Judging will resume from the point at which the injury/interruption occurred as determined by the Head Judge. The original routine must be performed "full out" from the beginning. All point deductions accumulated to that point, will carry over from the 1st performance. If a team prefers not to re-work the routine and perform again, at the coach's discretion, they may take the score they have received up to that point. If a skill has not been performed a "0" will be given in those categories.

ATHLETE RETURNING TO COMPETITION (after injury)

An injured participant may not return to the competition floor unless the competition officials receive clearance from ALL of the following; event medical personnel AND parent/guardian AND head coach/gym owner of competing team. In the event of a suspected head injury the participant will not be allowed to return without written authorization from a licensed medical professional with training in the field of head injuries.



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Divisions

DIVISIONS

1. All Star Cheer
2. School Cheer (elementary school, junior high, JV /Varsity high school)
3. College Cheer (All-Girl and Co-Ed)
4. All Star Prep Cheer
5. Performance Rec/Traditional Rec Cheer
6. Dance: All-Star, All-Star Prep, School, College and REC Dance.

ALL STAR CHEER / DANCE

All-Star Cheer is defined as a program with teams that are based out of a private gym or studio, whose sole purpose is to compete at cheerleading/dance events. This type of team does not cheer/dance or support any other athletic team or sport. Team members must fulfill the age requirement for the division that they are competing in, on/before August 31, 2017. Teams must be associated with a USASF member gym which requires all member gym athletes to be registered with USASF for a valid Athlete ID #. Participants may not represent more than one all-star organization within the same event.

SCHOOL CHEER / DANCE

A School Team is defined as one that is governed by their school administration and primary affiliation is with an accredited Elementary, Middle, Junior High or High School and whose primary purpose is to increase school spirit at pep-rallies, tailgates and school sponsored events. Athletes must be official students of the school team they represent.

COLLEGE CHEER / DANCE

A College Team is defined as one with a primary affiliation to an accredited College, University or post-secondary institution, and whose primary purpose is to increase school spirit at pep-rallies, tailgates and school-sponsored athletic contests. Team members must be officially enrolled as full-time students continuously throughout the academic calendar year, with the institution for which they cheer. No age restriction is imposed.

ALL STAR PREP

The Advanced SPIRIT Association defines an All Star Prep team as a team composed of members, belonging to an All Star gym, who do not cheer a "traditional" or "full" year season. Some gyms call them ½ year teams. The goal of the All Star prep division is to provide for increased opportunities for these ½ year teams without forcing them to compete against traditional All Star teams which are more competitive in nature and have a longer season. Requirements for this division are as follows;

1. Routine Length will be 2 minutes (timing violations will be assessed if over).
2. Basket Tosses are NOT allowed.
3. All Star Prep athletes are not allowed to crossover to another USASF All Star Cheer division at the same event.
4. All Star Cheer Teams MAY NOT move into an All Star Prep division to gain a competitive advantage.
5. Athletes registered in All Star Prep division will count towards a gym's enrollment when determining small gym status.
6. Teams registered in the All Star Prep division will not be combined into USASF All Star divisions, even if there is no other team in their division.
7. Athletes in All Star Prep divisions must be USASF members.



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RECREATIONAL (REC) CHEER

The age of competitor as of August 31, 2017 will be used for the 2017-2018 competition season for all REC divisions. See the DIVISIONS listing for available divisions and age requirements. Recreational Cheerleading teams must be affiliated with, report to, and be governed by an organization such as the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, City/County Parks and Recreation Program, Community Youth Organization ie. Pop Warner Association and/or any other community run program that is NOT associated with a school or all-star program.

Advanced SPIRIT recognizes that REC Cheerleading does not have an "overall" official governing body and that REC teams may have different guidelines to follow within their individual organizations. Please adhere to the guidelines of your organization and select the division that best fits the age and abilities of your athletes. Advanced SPIRIT reserves the right to combine or open new divisions at any time leading up to the event.

Programs must choose one REC Type (Performance or Traditional) and ALL teams within the program must compete in the same division "TYPE". **Please note:** Neither performance rec nor traditional rec teams may be part of an all-star program. If your team is part of an all-star program they must register as All-Star Prep.

PERFORMANCE REC

Performance Rec is defined as a competitive rec division that has level restrictions (like all-star) and will be judged on The Advanced SPIRIT Performance Rec Score Sheet. Teams in these divisions practice and compete on a regular basis and their focus is on competition.

TRADITIONAL REC

Traditional Rec is defined as a lower commitment and/or entry level competitive rec division. Teams in this division often practice less and focus on cheering for athletic teams (ie; Pop Warner, YWCA, Park and Rec departments). The basic component of traditional rec is that they focus on cheering for athletic teams and compete periodically. This division will be judged on the Advanced SPIRIT Traditional Rec Score Sheet.

The following skill caps will be in place for traditional rec divisions:

1. 2:30 minute time limit;
2. No basket tosses allowed at any level;
3. No stunt quantity or coed quantity requirement;
4. Jumps are capped to the high range;
5. Stunt difficulty, pyramid difficulty, standing tumbling difficulty and running tumbling difficulty are capped at mid-range.

ALL STAR PREPDANCE

All Star Prep Dance teams are designed with the purpose of introducing athletes into the sport of dance with a lower commitment than full year teams. All Star Prep Dance Divisions are for those teams that do not follow the same participation (full-year) guidelines or requirements as a competitive All Star dance team. Competitive Prep dance teams may or may not be affiliated with an All Star program. Prep Dance teams typically practice and compete less than "full-year" All Star teams. Prep Dance teams are often "half year" teams or teams that are developed to offer a shorter season, more relaxed environment and less travel.



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EXHIBITION TEAMS

This division was created for teams who are looking to perform for evaluative purposes only but who are not ready to compete. Teams will be categorized as REC, all-star, school, college, etc. for the purpose of placement in the schedule. Team members must fulfill the age requirement for the division that they are entering and must adhere to the Division/Age Grid and Level Rules as would any other team. Registration fees for exhibition teams will be the same as All Star Prep registration fees for each specific event. Teams will receive recognition for their participation. Awards will vary from event to event. Teams are automatically ineligible for prize money, level champ awards and specialty awards.

ALL STAR DIVISION II

Advanced SPIRIT may offer "Division II" (formerly "small gym" division) which will be eligible for the same awards as the larger gyms. The USASF "Definition of a Program" and "Division II" definition will be followed. A gym must register with the USASF by the November 1st deadline. Please NOTE: Multi-location programs must follow the USASF "Definition of a Program" and declare their status before November 1, 2016 as either: (1) multiple locations sharing athletes; or (2) multiple locations not sharing athletes. Based on their declaration with the USASF, individual locations may or may not qualify for Division II.



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Judging & Scoring

SCORE REP STATION

In order to serve you better we offer a station with a Score Representative. This will be the location where coaches may review the *Difficulty Range Verification Form or DRV*. This form and verification procedure is outlined in the scoring section of this document. Coaches will also PICK UP their score sheets from this station upon the completion of the awards ceremony. We ask that all questions regarding score sheets and legalities be brought to the Official Advanced SPIRIT Score Rep. Inquiries regarding score sheets may be made ONLY by the rostered coach(s) and/or program owner of your team. Please do not send more than 2 coaches, advisors or gym owners to the score rep station at any given time.

JUDGING & SCORING

1. The Advanced SPIRIT scoring system is based on the industry standard and has been developed through the collective efforts of industry professionals. Score grid & Score sheets are available at www.advancedspirit.com.
2. Panel judges will score each team performance using the scoring grid to determine the appropriate range.
3. Point Deduction / Legality judges will assess each performance from beginning to end of each routine.
4. A head judge will oversee the panel and the point deduction/legality judges.
5. Decisions of the head judge are final and may not be changed once placements are announced.
6. Coaches should not approach the judge's table under any circumstance.
7. **DRV:** Your Difficulty Range Verification form (see below) will be available at the Score Rep Station 10 minutes after you compete. All inquiries with regard to range scoring must be addressed at this time prior to the awards. Final Score Sheets will be available at the Score Rep Station after each awards ceremony.

DIFFICULTY RANGE VERIFICATION (DRV)

Advanced SPIRIT offers coaches the opportunity to review their scored range, PRIOR to the awards ceremony. The Advanced SPIRIT "Score Rep" will receive a copy of each teams' *difficulty range verification form (DRV)* within minutes of the routine end. Coaches should visit the Score Rep Station to pick up a copy of this form within 10 minutes of completion of their performance to ensure there is adequate time to discuss any concerns prior to awards. Coaches may opt to have the routine reviewed by the Score Rep provided they do so within 10 minutes of picking up their form. This must happen prior to the awards ceremony. The Score Rep will review the routine and answer any questions. If the Score Rep feels there is a discrepancy he/she will communicate with head judge for final ruling. Decisions of the head judge are FINAL.

RULE INTERPRETATION

Inquiries about the legality of a particular skill (stunt, pyramid and/or tumbling) may be submitted as follows:

1. **All Star/All Star Prep:** Submit questions directly to the USASF. Use the following link to access the appropriate procedure. <http://usasfrules.com/cheerquestions/> NOTE: Save advanced rulings on your mobile device in the event you need to discuss with the Score Rep. Please note that if the skill varies or it is performed differently at the event you may incur a safety deduction.
2. **College/School/Rec:** Submit questions to Advanced SPIRIT at info@advancedSPIRIT.com and follow below procedure.
 - a. Must be submitted 14 days prior to the event and be limited to skill in question only (no full routines).
 - b. Include team name, team division, level, coach's name, phone number and e-mail address.
 - c. Show the skill in question from the front and side and include a written explanation of the skill AND the question.

Advanced SPIRIT will contact you with a determination based on how the skill was performed on the video submitted. Please note that if the skill varies or it is performed differently at the event you may incur a safety deduction.



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Awards

CLASSIC EVENT AWARDS

1. All competing teams, including All Star, All Star Prep, Rec, School and College, will receive a Placement Banner.
2. In the event of a tie teams will share the placement.
3. **Level Champs** receive a Level Champ Banner.
4. **Level Champs** will receive a FREE Registration Bid to return to the same event and defend their title the following year.
5. Each Individual on the Level Champ team will receive a Level Champ Bow. Male Participants receive an event t-shirt.
6. Levels 3 & 3.1 (rec only) and Levels 4 and 4.2 will be combined when determining level champs.
7. The All Star team with the highest percentage score AND the REC team with the highest percentage score for the entire competition will earn a **FREE** bid to the Advanced Spirit Nationals.
8. **All Star Prep, School, College and Dance** teams are **NOT** eligible for level champ awards.

LEVEL CHAMPS

In accordance with the new Advanced SPIRIT Scoring System all teams are judged within their own competing division and are scored comparative to that division only. In other words once a new division begins (even when it's within the same level) the scores from the division prior are not necessarily a factor in determining the scores for the current division. Since the new scoring system functions this way Advanced SPIRIT has designated the following process for level champs selection.

LEVEL CHAMPS SELECTION

Level Champions will be selected based on judge's choice after a comparison of all the division winners at each level. Through careful evaluation and direct collaboration, judges will determine the level winner. All factors of the routine will be considered. The judge's panel will have the option for video review. All judge's decisions are final and may not be contested.

NATIONALS BIDS

The Overall Highest Scoring All Star and Rec Teams will receive a PAID bid to the 2018 Advanced Spirit Nationals. Teams may receive ONE bid to the Advanced SPIRIT Nationals per season. Teams may NOT receive multiple bids. Bids are for FREE REGISTRATION for the exact number of participants on the team. Bids are not transferrable to other events and may not be used for other teams within the same program.

NATIONALS EVENT AWARDS

1. All competing teams, including All Star, All Star Prep, Rec, School and College, will receive a Placement Banner.
2. All Star Cheer/Rec individuals on a 1st, 2nd or 3rd Place team will receive a Custom ASA Gold National Champ Medals.
3. **All Star Prep** teams will receive a Placement Banner (All-Star prep, school/college individuals will **NOT** receive medals).
4. All teams placing 1st will receive a National Champion Banner.
5. National Championship gift will be awarded to each participant on 1st place All Star, All Star Prep Rec and Dance teams only.
6. In the event of a tie teams will share the placement.
7. All Level Champs receive a Level Champ Banner.
8. Each individual on the Level Champ team will receive a Level Champ Bow. Male Participants receive an event t-shirt.
9. Each team winning Level Champs at our Nationals will receive a Check in the Amount of **\$1,000.00**.
10. **All Star Prep** teams are **NOT** eligible for level champ awards or cash prizes.
11. We will be awarding a **Spirited Spectator Award** to the program's fans demonstrating the most spirit through the day!

CASH PRIZES for Advanced SPIRIT Nationals

1. All Level Champs receive \$1,000. Levels 3 & 3.1 and Levels 4 and 4.2 will be combined when determining level champs.
2. Division II (Small Program) Award will be \$5,000.*
3. Division I (Large Program) Award will be \$5,000.*
4. Highest Scoring DI Team will receive \$3,000*.
5. 2nd Highest Scoring DI Team will receive \$1,500*.
6. Highest Scoring DII Team will receive \$3,000*.
7. 2nd Highest Scoring DII Team will receive \$1,500*.

*In order to be eligible for the program award and highest score awards your program must bring 75% of its' full year teams to the event. All Star Prep, Exhibition Teams, Special Needs Teams and Dance Teams MAY NOT be included in this percentage. **The program's registration must be paid in full (as per our payment policies) with no outstanding balances due on the day of the event to be considered for this**



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Cash Awards-Nationals Event Selection & Eligibility

LEVEL CHAMPS

In accordance with the new Advanced SPIRIT Scoring System all teams are judged within their own competing division and are scored comparative to that division only. In other words once a new division begins (even when it's within the same level) the scores from the division prior are not necessarily a factor in determining the scores for the current division. Since the new scoring system functions this way Advanced SPIRIT has designated the process below for level champs selection.

LEVEL CHAMPS SELECTION

Level Champions will be selected based on judge's choice after a comparison of all the division winners at each level. Through careful evaluation and direct collaboration, judges will determine the level winner. All factors of the routine will be considered. The judge's panel will have the option for video review. All judge's decisions are final and may not be contested.

LEVELS AWARDED	CASH AWARD
1	\$1,000
2	\$1,000
3 & 3.1 _{REC} (combined)	\$1,000
4 & 4.2 (combined)	\$1,000
5	\$1,000
6	\$1,000

PROGRAM AWARD & HIGHEST SCORING TEAM ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for the program award and highest scoring overall awards, your program must bring 75% of its' full year teams to the event. All Star Prep, Exhibition Teams, Special Needs Teams and Dance Teams MAY NOT be included in this percentage. **The program's registration must be paid in full (as per our payment policies) with no outstanding balances due on the day of the event to be considered for this award.**

PROGRAM AWARD SELECTION

Program Award will be selected based on judges' choice. Judges will evaluate the programs' full year teams. Decisions will be based on team scores, deductions and overall performances for each level throughout the day.

PROGRAM TYPE	CASH AWARD
Division II (formerly small gym)	\$5,000
Division I (formerly large gym)	\$5,000

HIGHEST SCORING TEAM SELECTION

The teams with the highest first and second place scores in each bracket below will be awarded cash prizes as follows;

LEVELS COMPARED	CASH AWARD
Highest Scoring DI	\$3,000
2 nd Highest Scoring DI	\$1,500
Highest Scoring DII	\$3,000
2 nd Highest Scoring	\$1,500



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Registration Policies

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

1. **ON-LINE-** Through our on-line registration process you can register and make a payment with a credit card. Visit us at www.advancedspirit.com, click online registration, and follow the steps listed through to payment. Your registration will only be finalized once payment is received. The final balance of payment must be made 10 days prior to the event date.
2. **MAIL-** Payments can be made 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. **No company/personal checks will be accepted on the day of the event. If a payments must be made on the day of the event, we will require a credit card which will be charged on site. Gyms with outstanding balances will not be allowed to compete at the event.** There is a \$35 "check fee" for any returned checks. Checks can be mailed to:
Advanced SPIRIT Association
P.O. Box 65
Slatersville, RI 02876
3. Email: Info@advancedSPIRIT.com with any questions.

COACHING STAFF & EVENT ACCESS

Advanced SPIRIT will provide 2 complimentary coaches badges per team. Coaches and personnel should be officially recognized and insured by your school or program and **MUST BE LISTED** on your official team roster. All Star coaches and personnel must have up to date USASF memberships and appropriate background checks to gain access to warm-ups. Additional coaches passes may be purchased provided coaches meet the above criteria.

DIVISION CHANGE

Advanced SPIRIT does allow a program up to (1) division change per team. These division changes must be made prior to 10 days from the event. If a division change must take place after this date, Advanced SPIRIT will assess a \$250.00 fee for each change.



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Cancellation Policies

CANCELLATION POLICY

Team Cancellation must be presented in writing to info@advancedSPIRIT.com to be official. Please call our office at 774-473-8816 to inform us of any cancellation that is within a week of the event. Advanced SPIRIT does not process individual participant cancellations nor will we refund individual participants. The following team cancellation policies shall apply:

1. Team cancellation must be requested, in writing, by the gym owner or person who filed the original registration.
2. If we receive written cancellation 90 or more days prior to the event you may transfer all fees to another Advanced SPIRIT event in the same season OR receive a full refund. The transfer/refund must be requested, in writing, for cancellation to be considered.
3. If we receive your written cancellation 89-30 days prior to the event you may transfer your registration fees to another Advanced SPIRIT event in the same season. The transfer must be requested, in writing, to be considered.
4. No refund/partial refund will be issued for teams opting to change to an "exhibition" division for any reason including illness/injury.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If Advanced SPIRIT chooses to cancel an event due to inclement weather and it is not rescheduled, your team will eligible for a refund or transfer credit. Host venues may force us to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances, in which case a backup date will be provided (when possible). If you cannot attend the backup date, you are free to transfer your fees to another event within the same competition season. Otherwise, if the facility is open, the event will go on. Please make any necessary travel arrangements so that you will not have any problems making it to the event on time safely. No refunds will be made for teams that choose not to attend.



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2017-2018 AGREEMENT OF TERMS & POLICIES

- I agree to the *terms and conditions* outlined for this event. I agree to adhere to the terms and conditions with regard to, but not limited to; general event policy, participant eligibility policy, code of conduct, judging & scoring, payments & cancellation policy and music licensing requirements (see below).
- I understand my responsibilities regarding the **use of copyrighted music** at this event; that all recorded cheer music **MUST** be properly licensed and that written confirmation of said license must be made available upon request. **Please visit USA Cheer to review the policy at <http://usacheer.net/presssafety/music>**
- I certify that ALL MUSIC, associated with the teams I have registered, has been properly licensed and that proper permissions have been obtained for its' use.
- I warrant that all information provided in this registration is true and correct and that I am authorized to make such representations/signatures for my company. I, for myself and for my company, agree to indemnify and hold harmless Advanced Spirit Association, it's owner, respective officials, agents, and employees for any misrepresentation and/or violation of applicable law.
- **Gym Owner or Authorized Signature will be required at team check in.**

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Authorized Signature: _____