



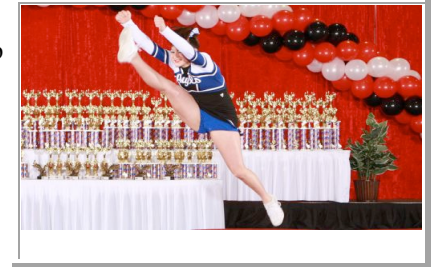
15-16 Individual General Guidelines

Be sure to enter Individual Divisions to Qualify for High Point. High Point is available for Individual Cheer and Dance Divisions. A violation of any of these requirements will result in a 1.0-point deduction per violation from final score

- If the individual team is attending competition the individual registration forms should come from the gym, school, etc. and must pay through the gym, school, etc. If participant is not with a school, gym, etc. participant will still be allowed to participate in Individuals and may send in their own paperwork.
- Each participant will pay per individual event/division registered.
- No refunds or credits for drops/No-shows at competition. See Cancellation Policy.
- All participants MUST follow Cheer USA general guidelines and rules. See General Guidelines

- **See:** Competition Registration Fees for individual, couple, partner stunt, and group rate!

- There is no limit to how many categories a participant or group can participate in. **NOTE: NO Bids are Necessary to Attend Nationals on April 9th, 2016.** Although, there is no limit to how many categories an individual participates in; **the individual cannot compete in Elite and Best Cheerleader or Elite/Best Cheerleader and Crowd Leader; you must choose ONE.**



- Although it is not Necessary to qualify to Attend Nationals, Individuals are encouraged to participate in Individual Divisions throughout the competition season to qualify for High Point. See High Point for details.
- Individual Participants will receive a placement trophy; if participants are participating with a couple or group each member will receive a placement award.
- See Competition Fees and or check under Event Date for Early Bird and On-Time Fees.
- Individual participant must compete in the same division throughout the competition season at TWO Regional Events before scores can began accumulating towards High Point.
- Coach approval is required to participate in individual events.
- The participants Age as of August 31, 2015 will be the determining factor for Age Divisions.
- Individual Cheerleader Cheer athletic wear/uniform and soft-soled tennis shoes must be worn while competing. No jazz shoes and/or boots are allowed.
- Individual Dancer Dance Attire Wear, Soft-Soled dance shoes (jazz boots, jazz shoes, and dance sandals), character shoes, and/or bare feet are acceptable while competing. Wearing just socks or tights are prohibited.
- MUSIC Individuals Must bring 2 quality recorded CDs or cassette tapes (CDs preferred for sound quality). Individual must provide a representative to run music at the music station. Every Music systems are different; therefore, coaches are strongly advised to create routines that finish at least 5 seconds before the maximum time limit in order to avoid time limit penalties. The individual will be allowed to perform again (From the Beginning or from the point the system failure began) if the mistake of sound system failure is caused by a Cheer USA Staff/Personnel Member.

For group, couple, and partner stunt divisions, the oldest member will determine the Age Category. Cheer USA Reserves the Right to change and combine divisions depending on the amount of participants. All-Star, School and League/Rec Individuals will NOW compete together at ALL Cheer USA Events.

Competing at Nationals without at least one additional competitor in your division:

- Individual will compete with the understanding that you MUST meet a pre-determined score in order to receive National Champion Jacket and to be announced as a National Champion. If the individual do not meet the pre-determined score the individual will receive a 1st Place Award. Some awards must be ordered at the registration table.
- Individual can elect to receive a refund of their National Fees if there is no other competitor in their division. Refund must be requested 2 weeks prior to the National Event.
- Pre-determine scores will be given to coaches at Registration Check-In. If the pre-determined score is available prior to the National Championship Event Coaches will be notified.