

Policies

Uniform & Choreography

- An appropriate Cheerleading uniform is preferred when on competition floor.
- Crop Tops are only to be worn by seniors aged 18 or over, when walking around the arena and not competing this must be covered up by way of Tee Shirt or Jumper.
- Suggestive, offensive or vulgar choreography is inappropriate for family audiences, such choreography is defined as any movement implying something indecent, offensive or sexual
- Choreography should be age appropriate.
- Head Judge / Judges reserve the right to give warnings and / or deductions when a team's choreography, uniforms etc do not meet the competition rules.

Music

- Event management prefers music to be emailed prior to the event.
- An email will be sent to all a few weeks prior to event day with how all the music should be sent and labelled.
- Please make sure you have back up music on the day just in case there are any issues with the email process.
- Music must be age appropriate and not have any bad language
- In the instance that music hasn't been emailed, you will need to designate someone from your club to play the music at the time of performance.

Photography & Video

- Battle in the Bay has an official photographer who will be taking professional photographs and videos of the whole day's performances. We police vet any official competition photographer.
- By attending this competition, you agree to the event using photography and videos for professional use only.
- Individuals who do not wish their footage to be used must notify the Event Producer prior to the event.

Judging

- Battle in the Bay have a panel of qualified and experienced judges, who will be judging on the competition day / days
- A judge's decision is final, any contact with or abuse of the judges will not be tolerated.

Rules & Policy Interpretation

- Interpretation of any of the rules, policies or decisions required involving any events of the tournament will be handled by the competition rules committee.
- When considering any Judgement, the committee will use every effort to ensure the event proceeds in good faith and spirit to achieve the goals of the event.
- The rules committee will consist of the Head Judge and Event Producer.

Technical & Cheerleading Safety

Safety Guidelines

- All coaches are to be familiar with the IASF Guidelines to ensure teams do not incur penalties see www.IASFworlds.com
- Jewellery and long finger nails are safety hazards, all jewellery must be removed and nails must be cut short, it's the Coaches responsibility to check their own athletes.
- These guidelines are in affect until the team leaves the performance area.
- All athletes compete at their own risk

Time Limits

- Coaches are advised to create routines that finish under the time limit to avoid a time penalty.
- Routines will be penalised if they are over the time limit.

Deductions and Disqualifications

- All teams must adhere to the competitions rules and policies and breaches may result in deductions or disqualification from the competition.
- Deductions and disqualifications are assessed and issued by the Judges.

Score Sheets

- Judges score sheets are for the use of each individual judge, each judge has the responsibility to review and submit their final score and ranking prior to the final tally of scores.
- Scores and rankings will be available to coaches, or gym owners only at the conclusion of the competition.

Scoring

- Each Judge will issue a score based on points for each part of a routine.
- These scores come together to form the official tally average score sheet.
- Any penalties are then deducted, and the final score is reached.
- Score Sheets used are provided by ASCA.
- The Head Judge and judges are responsible for issuing any penalties necessary. All Judges decisions are final.

Behaviour

- All Athletes, club officials and coaches are expected to show sportsmanship throughout the entire event, supporting other teams and clubs during the competition.
- You may receive a Judges deduction for any actions that exhibit boasting, poor sportsmanship, use of bad language or any other action that brings the competition or another club into disrepute.
- NO Taunting or showing ill will towards any other athlete or team.
- Poaching athletes from other clubs is strictly prohibited.
- Athletes must be dressed in the appropriate uniform or costume during prize giving.

PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS

Any questions concerning the rules, policies or procedures of the event will be handled by a representative of a club like a manager or coach and will be conducted with the official event producer. Any questions should be made prior to the team's competition performance.

RULES OF COMPETITION – Breaches of any of the following may result in a deduction or deductions.

- Athletes must be supervised during warm up and while performing their routine by an appropriate Coach or Coaches.
- Coaches must be credentialed to the appropriate level they are coaching.
- In the event of event of injury or other serious circumstances an athlete substitution may be made, extra time may be allowed for this substitution.
- In the event of any injuries, we have fully qualified First Aiders on site which should be used in the first instance.
- Any team in breach of the age restrictions will be automatically disqualified from the event.
- Inappropriate dance moves or language displayed in a routine maybe subject to a penalty.
- All teams must follow the IASF Guidelines regarding rules and regulations see www.IASFworlds.com
- In the interest of Athletes and spectator's safety stunting and tumbling must only occur on the designated warm up mats and on the competition floor.
- Only Athletes, gym owners and credentialed coaches to the level of their team are permitted in the designated warm up area or backstage.
- Filming or photography is allowed of your child's performance, any other filming or photography is prohibited unless gaining permission from that teams Manager or Coaches.

All alleged instances of rule breaking will be heard and a decision made solely by the Head Judge and Judges and their decision is final