2014 ASIA CHEERLEADING OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Date : Sunday, 7th December 2014
Venue : University of Taipei (Tianmu Campus), Taipei, Taiwan (R.O.C)
        No.101, Sec. 2, Jhongcheng Rd., Shilin Dist.,
        Taipei City 11153, Taiwan (R.O.C.)

Organized By: 

Supported By:
Dear Cheerleaders, Coaches, Team Managers and Officials,

Invitation to participate in the 2014 Asia Cheerleading Open Championships

Chinese Taipei Cheerleading Association (CTCA) would like to extend an official invitation to participate in the 2014 Asia Cheerleading Open Championships (ACOC).

CTCA will host ACOC on Sunday, 7th December 2014 at the University of Taipei (Tianmu Campus), Taipei, Taiwan (R.O.C.). This event is supported by International Cheer Union (ICU) and Asian Cheer Union (ACU).

ICU rules and score sheets will apply unless otherwise stated in the division specific rules. Divisions will require a minimum of two teams to be considered a competitive division. Teams in divisions with less than two teams will be categorised as exhibition (non-competitive) and will be judged according to international standards by a stellar international panel of certified judges.

The travel package, which includes accommodation and transportation, is available for your team.

Please read through the Information Package and Rule Book for information pertaining to your participation in the competition. For enquiries, please feel free to contact us at asiacheeropen@gmail.com

Thank you and we look forward to welcoming you at our event.

Yours Sincerely,

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Competition fee includes substitutes.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Please complete all of the forms in the registration package and submit the excel document and all other relevant documents via email to asiacheeropen@gmail.com by Friday, 31st October 2014.

Please use the following subject header "<Your Team Name> Registration" for the email.

E.g. Team ABC Registration

LIST OF FORMS / DOCUMENTS TO BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED

1. Contact Information Form
2. Teams Registration Form
3. Athletes & Substitutes Registration Form
4. Coaches & Helpers Registration Form
5. Travel Package Reservation Form (for teams purchasing the travel package)
6. Rooming List (for teams purchasing the travel package)
7. Payment Information Form
8. Payment Transaction Receipt
9. School Letter (for scholastic divisions only – please see “Scholastic Divisions”)

The registration process is completed only when ALL required information is submitted and the full payment of the registration fees is received.

REGISTRATION POLICY

A) Entries will only be accepted into the competition with correct paperwork and full payment submitted on time (please refer to “Payment Procedure” below).

B) No adjustments is to be made to entries once submitted. Teams wishing to make changes to their forms after submission will be charged an administration fee of TWD200.00 per item changed per time. All rules should be checked prior to entering the competition and it is the coaches' responsibility to ensure that team numbers are correct and athletes are entered into their correct age divisions.

C) Additional registrations for individuals whose team has already registered is possible up to 14 days before the start of the competition. An additional late payment fee of TWD300.00 per athlete per division is applicable.

D) Refunds (less 50%) will only be given for medical reasons for a specific athlete with medical proof no later than 14 days prior to the competition. Full team refund will not be given due to an injured athlete. Refunds will not be given for change of minds, scheduling, late payments, etc.
PAYMENT PROCEDURE

All payments must be made by the registration deadline and received within **five [5] working days from the registration deadline (Friday, 7th November 2014)**. Payments that are not received by the cut-off date will incur an additional late payment fee of **TWD300.00 per athlete per division**.

To avoid any unnecessary hiccups, we highly advise all registrants to check with your local banks on the processing period to ensure that all payments are submitted in a timely fashion.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

**Via Telegraphic / Wire Transfer**

Account Name : All Bout Cheer  
Account Number : 3041 0201 6873  
SWIFT Code : TPBKTWTP300  
Bank : Taipei Fubon Commercial Bank Co. Ltd (Fukang Branch)

International Bank Transaction Fee (IBTF) is applicable for each transfer.

E.g. If you are making payment via 2 separate telegraphic/wire transfer, please include additional IBTF for EACH of the 2 transfers.

**IBTF Rate: TWD200.00 or 0.05% whichever is higher, up to a maximum of NTD800.00**

Example 1: Transfer amount is TWD10,000.00, 0.05% is TWD5.00 which is lower than TWD200.00, therefore IBTF should be TWD200.00  
Example 2: Transfer amount is TWD500,000.00, IBTF should be TWD250.00 (TWD500,000.00*0.05%)

All bank charges are to be borne by the payer.

Please email a copy of the telegraphic / wire transfer receipt.

Please note that submission of receipt is not considered payment received. An email will be sent once payment is received. If you do not receive the email within ten [10] working days, please contact us.

ENTITLEMENTS, PRIZES AND AWARDS

All registered athletes and substitutes will receive an athlete’s package.

Top 3 placing winners of each division will receive a team trophy and individual medals for all athletes (excluding substitutes) in the team.

All participating teams will be awarded Gold, Silver, Bronze award in a banding system based on their final score and will be given a team certificate.
ELIGIBILITY POLICY

ENFORCEMENT

A) In fairness to all, the organizer strictly enforces its eligibility policy and requirements for each division.

B) It is the responsibility of the source of the accusation to properly document any illegal participation to an event official. The team in-charge/ coach(es) will be notified of both the source of the accusation and the requirements needed from that individual for proof of eligibility. If a participant is found to be in violation of this policy, the team will be automatically disqualified from the competition.

C) The organizer reserves the right to assess a penalty, disqualify, reclaim any and all awards and remove television appearance (if applicable) for any team/gym found to be in violation of the eligibility policy, whether before, during or after the event.

INELIGIBLE ATHLETES, COACHES AND OFFICIALS

A) The competition is open to all teams who are members of the National Governing Body (NGB) recognized by the International Cheer Union, of their respective nations.

B) Athletes, coaches and officials who have participated in any International Federation of Cheerleading (IFC) affiliated events from 2011 onwards are not allowed to participate in the competition.

Exception: Athletes, coaches and officials who have received written permission from their NGB may participate in the competition. A copy of the written permission is required to be submitted during the registration.

SCHOLASTIC DIVISIONS

A) The following scholastic divisions are offered at the competition:
   a. Team Cheer Level 4 Junior High School
   b. Team Cheer Elite Senior High School
   c. Team Cheer Elite University
   d. Team Cheer Premier University
   e. Team Cheer Jazz Junior High School
   f. Team Cheer Jazz Senior High School
   g. Team Cheer Jazz University
   h. Team Cheer Hip Hop Junior High School
   i. Team Cheer Hip Hop Senior High School
   j. Team Cheer Hip Hop University
   k. Team Cheer Freestyle Pom Junior High School
   l. Team Cheer Freestyle Pom Senior High School
   m. Team Cheer Freestyle Pom University
B) Participants of scholastics divisions are limited to bona-fide students of the following educational institutions:
   a. Junior High School: For athletes who are current students of a Junior High school or an equivalent institution (e.g. Secondary school, Middle school, Lower Secondary school, etc)
   b. Senior High School: For athletes who are current students of a Senior High school or an equivalent institution students (e.g. High school, Upper Secondary school, etc)
   c. University: For athletes who are current students of a University or an equivalent institution students.

C) A bona-fide student is one who has not graduated and is eligible to participate with and/or compete for a designated school.

D) Should an athlete from a scholastic division not meet the stipulated age restrictions, he/she may be allowed to participate as long as the athlete is a bona-fide student of the school.

E) A letter issued by the school stating the name of the participating athletes and student ID number (as proof of bona-fide student status) must be submitted together with the registration form for all teams registered under scholastic divisions.

CROSS-OVERS

A) Crossovers are allowed between divisions. Each athlete may not represent more than one team within the same division.
   Clarification: An athlete may represent a team across different divisions (e.g. representing team X in Team Cheer All Girl Elite and Team Cheer Coed Elite) but may not represent more than one team in the same division (e.g. representing team X & Y in Team Cheer Coed Elite).

B) Teams in scholastic divisions are allowed to crossover to compete in open divisions of a similar level or category with the same routine (e.g. Team Cheer Senior High Elite to Team Cheer Open Elite, Team Cheer Senior High Jazz to Team Cheer Open Jazz, etc) as long as the athletes meet the age requirements of the open division. For such crossovers, teams will only have to perform their routine once.

C) Crossovers are at the athlete’s risk. The rehearsal and championship schedule will not be changed or delayed to accommodate the crossovers.

PARTICIPATION AND SUBSTITUTION

A) Only registered names on the original registration forms are permitted to participate in the competition.

B) The competitors who begin a routine must remain the same throughout the course of a routine. A performer is not permitted to be “replaced” by another performer during a routine.

C) Substitutions may be made in the event of any injury or other serious circumstance. Substitutes must be registered under the status of “Substitute” and abide by the age restrictions and eligibility requirements in all divisions. Unregistered substitutes are not allowed to participate in the competition.
# TEAM & ROUTINE REQUIREMENTS

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### Clarification for Age Requirements

The age requirement is applicable to the **MAXIMUM** age the competitor will turn within the year.

### Scholastic Divisions

Should an athlete from a scholastic division not meet the stipulated age restrictions, he/she may be allowed to participate as long as the athlete is a bona-fide student of the school.

### Divisions Requirements

To maintain a competitive atmosphere, the event organizer may combine, split or close a division at any time leading up to the event. A minimum of two [2] teams is required to open a division.

Teams in divisions with less than two [2] teams will be categorised as exhibition (non-competitive) and will still be judged according to the division rules and score sheet, but will only be eligible for the banding award (no position placement).
PARTNER STUNT DIVISIONS

A) **Rules Reference**
Partner Stunt divisions will compete according to the following ICU rules.

1. **Coed Partner Stunt**: ICU Premier
2. **All Girl Group Stunt**: ICU Premier
3. **Coed Group Stunt**: ICU Premier

B) **Age of Athletes**

1. **Coed Partner Stunt**: Fifteen [15] years or older within the year of the competition.
2. **All Girl Group Stunt**: Fifteen [15] years or older within the year of the competition.
3. **Coed Group Stunt**: Fifteen [15] years or older within the year of the competition.

C) **Team Size / Number of Athletes Per Team**
The competitors who begin a routine must remain the same throughout the course of a routine. A performer is not permitted to be "replaced" by another performer during a routine.


D) **Time of Routine**
One minute [1:00]; the entire routine is to be performed with music.

E) **Routine Limitations**

1. Pyramids and props are **NOT** allowed.
2. No points are awarded for dance, cheer, tumbling or jumps.
3. For Group Stunt Divisions, no more than one [1] group of partner stunt at one time is allowed throughout the routine.
4. For Group Stunt Divisions, change of top person is **NOT** allowed.
TEAM CHEER DIVISIONS

A) Rules Reference
Team Cheer divisions will compete according to the following cheer rules:
1. **Junior High School Level 4**: IASF Level 4
2. **Senior High School / University / Open Elite**: ICU Elite
3. **University / Open Premier**: ICU Premier

B) Age of Athletes
2. **Senior High School**: Fifteen [15] to Eighteen [18] years within the year of the competition.
3. **University Divisions**: Seventeen [17] years or older within the year of the competition.
4. **Open Elite Divisions**: Fourteen [14] years or older within the year of the competition.
5. **Open Premier Divisions**: Fifteen [15] years or older within the year of the competition.

Should an athlete from a scholastic division (Junior High School, Senior High School, and University) not meet the stipulated age restrictions, he/she may be allowed to participate as long as the athlete is a bona-fide student of the school.

C) Team Size / Number of Athletes Per Team
The competitors who begin a routine must remain the same throughout the course of a routine. A performer is not permitted to be “replaced” by another performer during a routine. The team is required to consist a minimum of eight [8] athletes and maximum of twenty-four [24] athletes. For Coed Divisions, there must be a minimum of one [1] female/male athlete.

D) Time of Routine
1. **Cheer Portion**: Can be placed in the beginning or middle of routine. Time recommendation of thirty [30] seconds.
2. **Music Portion**: Two minutes, thirty seconds [2:30]

E) Cheer Portion Requirements
1. The cheer portion can be placed in the beginning or middle of routine.
2. There is no time limit to the cheer portion, however teams are advised to keep it within a reasonable length to keep the crowd engaged (and thus scoring higher points in the cheer portion).
3. The cheer portion is worth ten [10] points (out of one hundred [100] points) and is based on the ability to lead the crowd, use of signs, poms, and practical use of stunts / pyramids to lead the crowd.
4. The cheer portion must be performed WITHOUT music. No voice-overs or words may be recorded to make the team vocal projection louder.
5. Native language is encouraged.

F) Music Portion Requirements
1. Athletes must perform the skills required in the score sheet. Please refer to the score sheet in the rule book for more information.
TEAM CHEER & DOUBLES DIVISIONS (JAZZ, HIP HOP, FREESTYLE POM)

A) Rules
Team Cheer and Doubles divisions will compete according to the ICU Team Cheer (Jazz, Hip Hop, Freestyle Pom) rules.

B) Age of Athletes
2. **Senior High School**: Fifteen [15] to Eighteen [18] years within the year of the competition.
3. **University Divisions**: Seventeen [17] years or older within the year of the competition.
4. **Open**: Fourteen [14] years or older within the year of the competition.

Should an athlete from a scholastic division (Junior High School, Senior High School, and University) not meet the stipulated age restrictions, he/she may be allowed to participate as long as the athlete is a bona-fide student of the school.

C) Team Size / Number of Athletes Per Team
The competitors who begin a routine must remain the same throughout the course of a routine. A performer is not permitted to be "replaced" by another performer during a routine.

D) Time of Routine
1. **Doubles**: One minute, thirty seconds [1:30]; the entire routine is to be performed with music.
2. **Team Cheer**: Two minutes, thirty seconds [2:30]; the entire routine is to be performed with music.

E) Category Definitions
1. **JAZZ** - Incorporates stylized movements and combinations, formation changes, group work and technical elements. An emphasis is placed on proper technical execution, extension, control, body placement, style and continuity of movement along with team uniformity.
2. **HIP HOP** - Incorporates street style influenced movements and rhythms with an emphasis on execution, style, creativity, body isolations and control, rhythm, uniformity and musical interpretation. There is also an additional focus on athletic incorporations such as jumps, freezes/stalls and other tricks.
3. **FREESTYLE POM** - Incorporates the concepts of Jazz and Hip Hop with an emphasis on choreography, proper technical execution, visual effect, creativity, staging and team uniformity. Poms are used for 80-100% of the routine. Important characteristics of this type of routine include synchronization and visual effect, clean and precise motions, strong pom technique, the incorporation of dance technical elements and dance styles. Visual effects include level changes, group work, formation changes, the use of different color poms, etc.

F) Routine Requirements
1. No cheers or chants are allowed.
2. Please refer to Team Cheer (Jazz, Hip Hop, Freestyle Pom) rules.
PERFORMANCE SURFACE

A) Partner Stunt / Team Cheer
The performance floor will be approximately 42 feet x 54 feet / 9 strips (12.8 metres x 16.5 metres).
The performance floor will be a standard foam mat surface (non-spring floor). Teams may line up anywhere inside the competition area. There is no penalty for stepping outside the area.

B) Team Cheer Doubles / Team Cheer (Jazz, Hip Hop, Freestyle Pom)
The performance floor will be a minimum surface area of 42 feet x 42 feet (12.8 metres x 12.8 metres) professional grade material (marley dance floor or a wooden parquet floor surface). Teams may line up anywhere inside the competition area. There is no penalty for stepping outside the area.

TRAVEL PACKAGES

Please refer to the attached Travel Information Package. Travel packages are limited and are available on first come first served basis. The competition fee for the competition is not included in the travel packages.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Email : asiacheeropen@gmail.com
Website : www.facebook.com/groups/1530132483887984/
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Chinese-Taipei Cheerleading Association, (“CTCA”), is the organizer (“Organizers”) of the 2014 Asia Cheerleading Open (ACO) (“Event”) which will be held on 7th December 2014 at University of Taipei (Tianmu Campus), Taipei, Taiwan (“Venue”). Organizers include any external event management company or service providers which CTCA appoints to run the Event. The following general terms and conditions apply to this Event. Additions and replacements of the term and conditions have to be in writing and have to be accepted and signed by all contracting parties.

CONCLUSION OF CONTRACT: The complete registration of participating team and therefore all of its participating members (“Participant”) is a binding offer for the placement of a contract. Acceptance of the offer is accomplished by the Organizers sending the confirmation of the participation to the Participant. A complete registration consists of the submission of the complete registration forms and payment of the complete amount of the registration fees. The Contact Person and all mentioned persons confirm and accepts these terms and conditions by completing the registration process. The Contact Person must also inform all their participating members (team managers, coaches, assistant coaches, athletes, substitutes, team helpers, officials, etc.) and the parents and/or guardians of the participating members about these terms and conditions and have obtained their confirmation and acceptance of these terms and conditions prior to completing the registration process. The Contact Person also confirms that they have reviewed the competition rules with all participants and that they accept them as a fair and integral part of the competition and agree to adhere to the rules, policies and procedures contained herein. By completing the registration process, the Participant confirms and declares that all the submitted information is true and complete.

LIABILITY RELEASE In consideration of the Participant’s participation in the cheerleading or other activities conducted by Organizers at the Venue, on or about Event Date, pursuant to the Event, the Participant agree to assume all of the risks inherent in any such activities (which risks may include, among other things, muscle injuries, broken bones and other risks from falls), and, release and forever discharge each of the Organizers and officials, corporate sponsors, and production staff of and from all claims, judgments, losses, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses of any nature (“Claims”) arising out of or in any way connected with the Participant’s participation in the Event and/or any activities conducted at the Event and/or otherwise occurring on the Event premises during the Participant’s visit to the Venue for the Event, and/or otherwise occurring during the course of the Participant’s travel to or from the Venue for the Event; and the Participant further agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Organizers and officials, corporate sponsors, and production staff from and against any and all such Claims, including, without limitation, attorneys’ and other professionals’ fees and costs. The Participant understand that this release and indemnity agreement includes, without limitation, any Claims based on negligence, action or inaction of the Organizers and officials, corporate sponsors, and production staff, except for gross negligence, and covers personal and bodily injury (including death), and property damage, whether suffered by the Participant before, during or after the Participant’s participation in the Event, and covers any claim from lawful publication or any other lawful use of any photograph, videotape or narrative in any media. This release and indemnity form shall be governed by the laws of Taiwan (R.O.C).

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK In consideration of the Participant’s participation in the cheerleading or other activities conducted by Organizers at the Venue, on or about Event Date, pursuant to the Event, the Participant is aware of all the risks inherent in any such activities (which risks may include, among other things, muscle injuries, broken bones and other risks from falls). The Participant agrees to cooperate fully with the event staff and diligently comply with all the safety systems. This acknowledgement of risk shall be governed by the laws of Taiwan (R.O.C).
CODE OF CONDUCT: The rulebook of the Event applies for this Event. The Participant is to follow all safety, sportsmanship, performance rules both by the letter and spirit of the rule. The Participant is to abide by the eligibility stipulations and substitution rules as determined by the Organizers and understands that if a violation is reported, he or she may be required to supply eligibility verification to event officials. The rules of the Venue and other services providers apply. The Participant understands that if one or more members of our team is found to be ineligible, or behaves inappropriately, the team will be disqualified and excluded from the Event without refunding the competition fees. No alcohol consumption is allowed during the entire Event and any related events. Only registered athletes and coaches are permitted in the practice area and backstage during the Event. The Participant has to be on time in regard to the schedule and be prepared to warm-up and compete. The Participant has to follow the directions and instructions of the organizers and their staff. Only accredited press with valid press identification cards are allowed to take photos with cameras using telescopic lenses. Use of video camera for filming the competition routines is not allowed during the Event. All documents and information of the Event are exclusively for the Participant of the Event. Submitting the documents or information to third persons makes the Participant liable to pay damages.

SUPERVISION: A chaperone/adult (age 21 or over) is required to attend with participants age 17 and below (“Minor”). This chaperone will be responsible for the participants at all times. The Organizers are not responsible for supervising Minors.

WITHDRAWAL OF PARTICIPATION: The Participant can cancel his or her participation at least 14 days before the Event. In this case 50% of the competition fees are retained. A cancellation within 14 days before the Event is not possible. In this case fees will not be refunded if the Participant withdraws from the participation in the Event.

TRANSFER OF THE REGISTRATION: The transfer of the registration rights and rights to participate in the Event to third parties is not allowed.

CHANGE OF SERVICES: The Organizers reserve the right to change individual services or efforts if they are necessary and if they do not change the overall aim of the Event including schedule changes at short notice.

WARRANTEE AND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS: The Organizers is liable for the proper accomplishment of the Event with regards to the Taiwan (R.O.C) laws. If any services are deficient the participant has to state this immediately to the Organizers. Assertion of claims related to services is possible in the period of one year starting with the last day of the Event.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPANT: The Participant is responsible for fulfilling all requirements for the participation in the Event and is solely responsible for evaluating medical conditions and ability to participate in the Event. Any Participant who questions their ability to participate is required to relay this information to the Organizers. Each Participant must have a valid accident and health insurance.

APPEARANCE AGREEMENT: The Participant understands that the Organizers will arrange for photography during the Event which may include the Participant and that the Organizers will arrange the proposed television program, videotapes, DVD’s, podcasts and videocasts that may feature the Event (“TV Program”). The Participant further understand that the TV Program may be televised at any number of television networks, and may be televised elsewhere throughout the world for an unspecified of runs. The Participant hereby grant the Organizers, their successors, assignees, licensees, sponsors and television networks and all other commercial exhibitors the exclusive right to photograph and/or videotape the Participant and further utilize the Participant’s name, event participation, hometown, face, likeness, voice and appearance as part of the TV Program, or in any other media, in advertising and promoting the TV Program and in advertising and promotions related to the Organizers without reservation or limitation. In granting this license, the Participant understands that the Organizers is not under any obligation to exercise any of their rights, licenses.
RESPONSIBILITY DISCLOSURE NOTICE: The Organizers acts only as an agent in connection with the tour offered herein and its liability is limited. The travel services including carriage by land, hotel accommodations, and related services are provided by independent third parties not under the control of the Organizers. The Organizers shall not bear any liability to the passenger or any other person claiming by or through the passenger for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason of or through acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passengers or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour and/or performance events, venues, etc. as a direct or indirect acts of God, dangers incident to fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of governments or other authorities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, acts of terrorism, theft, unhealthy conditions, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, or from any other cause beyond the control of the Organizer. The Organizers shall not be liable for any losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in schedule or other causes. The right is reserved to decline, to accept, or to retain any tour passenger should such person’s health or general deportment impede the operation of the tour to the detriment of other passengers. No refunds for portions of unused services can be made unless agreed to prior to the scheduled deadlines. The retention of tickets, reservations, or bookings after issuance shall constitute a consent to the above and agreement on the Participant’s part to convey the contents herein to their traveling companions. Payment of any deposit or final payment shall be deemed to constitute consent by each passenger to these terms. Baggage is carried at the owner’s risk and baggage insurance is strongly recommended. It is also recommended that each Participant in this tour have his or her attorney review this RESPONSIBILITY DISCLOSURE NOTICE before indicating his or her consent by completing the registration. Nothing in this paragraph is intended to or shall affect in any way the respective rights or relationship between the Organizers and any person other than the passenger and any person claiming by or through the passenger.

DATA PROTECTION: All information, photos or videos of participants gathered in the course of the Event can be handed over to third persons or can be published without any claim of refunding in regard to the participant. The Participant agrees that all his or her personal information needed for the execution of the Event is recorded by the Organizers in digital form or in writing. Organizers will acquire copyright and all other rights on all media material (photos, videos, etc.) which will be produced during the Event.

MEDICAL RELEASE: The Participant authorize the Organizers to procure at the Participant’s expense, any medical care reasonably required by the Participant during the Participant’s visit at hospitals or facilities chosen by the Organizers. The Participant is required to inform the coach(es) of the medication that he or she is currently taking and the medication which the Participant is allergic to. The Participant to bring along the medication he or she currently taking and is responsible for taking the medication.

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT: Coaching Cheer in events organized, sanctioned or supported and under the jurisdiction of International Cheer Union ("ICU"), Asian Cheer Union ("ACU") and/or CTCA is a privilege and not a guaranteed right, and as such certain expectations must be met. Coaches must strictly adhere to this Code of Conduct in order to represent their respective team(s) as a coach. ICU, ACU and/or CTCA reserved the right to remove a coach for cause.
All coaches associated with ICU, ACU, and/or CTCA or taking part in competitions under the jurisdiction of ICU, ACU and/or CTCA will abide by a Code of Conduct, which include the following provisions listed below. If any of these rules are violated, ICU and/or CAS has the right and will take appropriate action to assign penalties, suspend or permanently remove said coach from any future association with ICU, ACU and/or CTCA or its members, events and properties.

Coaches shall

1. Uphold the honour and dignity of the sport of Cheer. In all personal contact with the students, athletes, officials, judges, parents, spectators, the media, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.
2. In no way share any personal information regarding their own athletes, coaches or prospective athletes outside of the coaching staff of their own team.
3. Not give interviews to or share information with any media outlet unless, the CAS has approved said outlet.
4. Act as professionals and in a manner that elevates their stature, their sport and their position as stewards of the sport.
5. Always look out for the best interests of their athletes, their team and the institution / organization they represent.
6. Assume a position of leadership and responsibility, a position of care and concern for the athletes / teams’ safety and well-being.
7. The coach shall not take any illegal drugs and can be asked to submit to a random drug test. Failure to submit to such test is grounds for removal from the team.
8. Not criticize athletes, officials, judges or the CAS in front of spectators, but reserve constructive criticism for later, in an appropriate setting and environment, or in the presence of team/squad members if others might benefit.
9. Accept decisions of the event officials and judges during and when associated with competitions as being fair and made with the best effort possible by said officials.
10. Not criticize an opposing team, its athletes, other coaches, or fans by word of mouth or by gesture.
11. Emphasize that good athletes should strive to be good students, good citizens and morally good people.
12. Strive to make every Cheer and spirit activity serve as a training ground for life, and a basis for good mental and physical health.
13. Emphasize that winning is the result of good “teamwork.”
14. Not use abusive or profane language at any time.
15. Not permit or encourage any tactics in order for an athlete to participate with a possible injury, force an athlete to lose weight or encourage any activity that could be detrimental to an athlete’s personal health or well being.
16. Not recommend or distribute any medication, controlled or over the counter, except as specifically prescribed by participant’s physician.
17. Not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct.
18. Abstain from the possession and drinking of alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substance during any and all times associated with any athletes, teams or when such activity may have a perceived association with an athlete, team or the sport of Cheer.
19. Remove from an event, competition or practice any participant when even slightly in doubt about his/her health, whether or not as a result of injury, until competent medical advice is available.
20. Never involve himself / herself in any way with conduct that could be interpreted as abusive or sexual in nature with any student, athlete, team member or minor.
21. Always be aware of his / her responsibility as a mentor, teacher, supervisor and guardian of his/her athletes / team members and student.
The coach shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the athlete / student and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.

**INVALIDITY OF SINGLE APPOINTMENTS:** If a single appointment of this Term and Conditions does become invalid, the rest of the appointments do not lose their validity.