

HELPFUL TIPS FOR VIDEO ENTRY

NAVIGATING THE CHEERMATCH™ COMPETE APP



Before you film...

- 1. Always complete a TEST capture** - utilize the test registrations set-up in your app to get comfortable with the process. We recommend utilizing the test submissions in your gym or performance space so you are comfortable with framing the shot when it comes time to complete your competition capture.
- 2. Watch the Training Videos** - ensure that you have reviewed and understand all of the training videos and helpful tips prior to beginning your competition capture. This will guide you through the record/submit process.
- 3. Prepare your Performance Surface** - clear the areas around the performance surface so that there are no distractions to the view (remove extra mats, etc.) If you have mirrors in your facility please cover these as they create a distraction during the judging process. Entire performance floor should be visible. Have a clean background and surrounding area. If available, a solid colored backdrop is ideal for the judge's view. We recommend avoiding any obstructions in the background of your routine.
- 4. Prepare your device** - before you initiate your Competition Capture session please ensure that your device is fully charged, that your auto-lock settings are turned off and that you are running on the most current version of the Competition App. We recommend putting your phone in airplane mode, turning WiFi ON (to connect for upload), but turning WiFi calling OFF to avoid any pop-ups or notifications during your recording.
- 5. Best practices for your routine video recording**
 - **Film in Landscape/Horizontal Orientation** - always film your video in landscape orientation (horizontal). All the competitors must be visible during the whole routine. Skills performed outside the camera view or behind obstructions are not subject to routine scoring.
 - **Use a tripod** - consider using a tripod or similar equipment to steady your device. You should record the entire routine without moving your device for the best viewing and judging experience. Use of a tripod (or stable stand) is recommended to keep the visual of the video steady throughout the recording. It is not recommended to hold the camera by hand. Camera view must remain consistent; do not zoom in or out. (Filming instructions available via "Welcome to Video Capturing Training" Video)
 - **Minimize distractions** - avoid any distractions to the performance that are within view of the recording. Fans/Spectators should be out of view of the camera. Also, be mindful of the sound captured on your device and avoid yelling too close to the camera. No other music playing besides your performance music. Only athletes of the performing routine should be in view of the performance surface. Spectators, coaches and other non-competing athletes should be outside the view of the camera.
 - **Film at Eye Level or Above** - ensure that your device is positioned no lower than the eye level of the athletes. Recommendation: Approximate distance of 10 meters from the competition area (or from the front part of the competition area) and at a height of approximately 2.5-3.00 meters is recommended. This may vary between filming locations.
 - **Film from the Center Point of the floor, when possible** - position your device from the center point of the performance surface. If possible, avoid filming from one side of the floor so that the judges can clearly see all skills performed. All the competitors must be visible during the whole routine. Skills performed outside the camera view or behind obstructions are not subject to routine scoring.
 - **The video should have proper lighting and sound.**
6. You will login to the CheerMatch™ Compete App on one device (Apple or Android), record and submit your routine. Consider using a secondary backup device (Apple or Android) to record the routine simultaneously in case of any technical issues with the primary device.

If you have any questions, please email: portal@cheerunion.org