

# CHEERSPORT

## How We Score at Nationals

**On the Judge Stand at a Grand Championship, there will be a Competition Director and 2 Panels of Judges. There are 3 Judges on each Panel of Judges: 1 Head Judge, 2 Comment Judges, 1 Non-Scoring Level Play Judge and 2 Non-Scoring Point Deduction Judge. Here are the responsibilities of the Judging Panel and Competition Director:**

### **Head Judge**

The Head Judge is in charge of overseeing the panel and ensures that each team is being scored accurately within the CHEERSPORT Cheerleading Grid.

### **Comment Judges**

The Comment Judges score the routines as well as write constructive comments and analyze each team's strengths and areas of improvement within the cheerleading grid.

### **Non-Scoring Point Deduction Judge**

The Point Deduction is a Non-Scoring Judge. Their only responsibility is Point Deduction. The Point Deduction Judge will keep track of bobbles, falls and major mistakes in tumbling and stunting using Dartfish software and then record sit on your point deduction score sheet. The point deduction points will be subtracted from your overall score.

### **Competition Director**

The Competition Director is a CHEERSPORT Official. In addition to making sure that the event runs on time, they help make sure the judges score accurately within the CHEERSPORT Cheerleading Grid and watch for out-of-division skills based on LevelPlay Guidelines (USASF Rules). If the coach, gym owner, or all star director have any questions about the event or their team, they should see the Competition Director at the Judge Stand.

### **Level Play Judge**

The Level Play Judge is responsible for watching out-of-division skills based on LevelPlay Guidelines (USASF Rules). If the Level Play Judge sees a LevelPlay Warning or Infraction, the routine is reviewed by the Competition Director before a penalty is assessed. All LevelPlay Safety Infractions are reviewed twice, first by the Competition or Judge Director who assessed it and second by video review using Dartfish software. If your team receives a LevelPlay Infraction or Warning, you will be informed before the awards' ceremony.

## **Your Final Score**

The CHEERSPORT Score Sheet is based on a 150 point scale. Your final score is determined by adding the 3 scores together and by subtracting any point deduction points and/or LevelPlay Infractions, then dividing by 3. A perfect score would be a score of 150.

**Dartfish Software**

CHEERSPORT introduced Dartfish at our 2010 Nationals. Dartfish is a video capture and review software. The Point Deduction Judges are “tagging” a team's point deductions live on the computer. At the end of the routine, they can re-watch the assessed point deductions and make any necessary changes. In the case of a LevelPlay Warning or Infraction, the Competition Director can review a team's routine on the Judge Stand to ensure proper assessment of a Warning or Infraction.

**Tie Breaker Procedures**

In the event of a tie, the following steps are performed consecutively in the order listed below until the tie is broken:

1. Total number of points deducted in point deduction.
2. Cheer – Overall Impression scores for each judge are added together.  
Dance – Difficulty of Routine scores for each judge are added together.  
The team with the higher total score wins.