



JAMZ YOUTH POLICIES

These guidelines apply to all Youth Cheer & Dance divisions.
Changes for the 2017-2018 Season are in red

WHEN DO DIVISIONS COMBINE?

JAMZ reserves the right to combine/delete divisions based on participation. For example, teams in upper level youth divisions: If there is a lack of participation in the selected division – your team may be required to omit the element(s) allowed under the upper level youth divisions and move to a lower level. Example: The extended single leg stunt allowed in youth level 3 division must be omitted to abide by youth level 1 rules. Coaches will be notified of this type of division change PRIOR to competition.

WHEN DO DIVISIONS SPLIT?

SMALL/LARGE DIVISIONS: At JAMZ Nationals, teams will compete based on age and skill level (as listed in the divisions). After registration is complete, divisions may be split into small and large based on equal distribution of small and large teams. If there are **TEN (10) OR MORE TEAMS IN A DIVISION**, JAMZ reserves the right to split into small and large. Small and large numbers will be determined by the natural break. Natural break is calculated by finding the average participant number of the teams in that division and splitting accordingly. A minimum of 3 teams must clearly fall within the large and small break.

After splitting into small/large, if more than 12 teams fall to one side, the division will be split into small, medium and large by dividing the division into thirds (while keeping 'like participant numbers' in the same division).

The natural break is calculated using the original number of participants registered. If you are to add or eliminate athletes after the Draft Schedule - JAMZ reserves the right to decide what division your team performs in.

N/A DIVISIONS: At any JAMZ event, if there is only one team registered in a non-affiliated (N/A) division at the time the draft schedule is created, that division will be combined with another N/A division within a two-year age gap (providing other divisions are present; i.e. if N/A Division 8 Show Cheer Level 1 only has 1 team registered, they will be moved to N/A Division 10 Show Cheer Level 1). If there is not another age division within a two-year age gap, there will be no change.

DIVISIONS ARE NOT GUARANTEED.

JAMZ RESERVES THE RIGHT TO COMBINE/DELETE DIVISIONS BASED ON PARTICIPATION. All divisions listed are not available at every regional championship. For the divisions offered for each event, please see the championship entry form (NOTE: there are additional registration forms for Six Flags events). For teams in upper level youth divisions: If there is a lack of participation in the selected division – your team may be required to omit the element(s) allowed under the upper level youth divisions and move to a lower level. Example: the extended single leg stunt allowed in youth Level 3 division must be omitted to abide by youth level 1 rules. Coaches will be notified of this type of division change PRIOR to competition.

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ROSTER REQUIREMENTS

YOUTH TEAMS:

- Coaches will enter the names of all athletes in the JAMZ online registration System.
- Youth teams are required to qualify for JAMZ Nationals at a regional event. If a JAMZ Regional is not within 100 miles of your city, a team may qualify via score sheet or video submission.
- Youth Teams will NOT be required to submit their League Rosters to JAMZ.
- Each Youth League Coach **MUST** bring their Official League/Team 'books' to each JAMZ Championship.
- The books **MUST** contain the following 5 items for each competitor to verify they have been affiliated with your Youth Football League for the entire football season.
 1. Name
 2. Birthdate - Proof of Birth (ie: Certificate)
 3. Photo ID
 4. Parent/Guardian Information
 5. Signature of League Official

In the event of a protest, a JAMZ official will request to see your 'books'. Not having this information available may result in **disqualification**.

YOUTH NON-AFFILIATED (NA) TEAMS:

- Coaches will enter the names of all competing athletes in JAMZ online registration system
- No additional roster will be mandated
- NA Youth teams are required to qualify for JAMZ Nationals at a regional event. If a JAMZ Regional is not within 100 miles of your city, a team may qualify via score sheet or video submission.
- Coaches are allowed to update their roster by adding athletes as the season progresses.

MUSIC REQUIREMENTS

At JAMZ all teams must ensure that all their performance music complies with US copyright laws. JAMZ does not require teams to use a specific music provider or producer, but it is the responsibility of each individual team to ensure their own US Copyright law compliance.

There are several music providers like www.cheersounds.com that can provide teams music which is in compliance with US Copyright laws and can grant a license as proof of compliance. Teams that have questions regarding whether their music is in compliance with copyright laws should seek counsel and advice from their music provider, music producer and/or relevant knowledgeable legal counsel.

The use of music in the sport of cheer leading is a very small component of the total routine elements. While teams may choose to incorporate music in their cheer leading routines, there are teams who choose to incorporate NO music - beats only, a small segment of music or all music. Regardless, the use of music or lack thereof does not define a cheer leading routine.

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CROSS COMPETITORS

Cross Competitors; Due to unforeseen circumstances* that alter the original schedule at an event, a cross competitor(s) may not receive a full 20 minutes between performances. (*Injury, team dropping or moving to another division due to coach error that would have resulted in DQ) **The 20 minutes does not apply to Coaches.**

2ND PERFORMANCE

If your team chooses to do a second performance the rates are as follows

Regionals: \$25 Per team

Nationals: \$50 Per team

Second performances added after the on-time registration deadline will be full price. No exceptions

Important Note: JAMZ Cannot guarantee more than 20 minutes between team's 1st and 2nd performance times. **JAMZ does not guarantee time for coaches that are involved with multiple teams.**

REGISTRATION NOTES

Performance order is determined by the date of registration and full payment is received. First to register - Last to Perform.

JAMZ REFUND POLICY

JAMZ refund policy is as follows. Please check our website for the "Pay by" date for each event. All refunds are issued in the manner that they were received. Please allow 3 weeks to process the refund. All refunds will be automatically processed when you click on MAKE A CHANGE in your online system and delete the athlete. If a refund is due, it will automatically process. Once you delete the athlete and SAVE it will tell you how much is being refunded to you.

100% Refund = Pay by – X/XX

50% Refund = AFTER the Pay by

0% Refund = Within 9 days of an event

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AGE CHECKING/ELIGIBILITY

Registered Coaches of teams are allowed to question/lodge a complaint regarding the age and/or eligibility of another team's athlete. The request to verify or check the age or eligibility of another team must occur before the close of the competition day. No verification of the athlete will occur between the "POINT OF NO RETURN" and the team's performance on the competition floor. However, a team may be questioned regarding their athletes eligibility either before the "POINT OF NO RETURN" and after a team's performance. Only registered coaches of a team may lodge a complaint against another team regarding age/eligibility. The team lodging the complaint is REQUIRED to present proof of their team's age and eligibility at the time they are lodging a complaint against another team. Only JAMZ event officials may question or investigate a team's eligibility. All teams should have proper unaltered and clear copies of the Birth Certificates or government issued IDs of ALL athletes that are on the roster for ALL JAMZ COMPETITIONS. Failure to have such identification and/or proof of age could lead to a team's disqualification. All complaints regarding age or eligibility should be lodged with the event director before the close of the competition day.

RULES VIOLATIONS/POINT DEDUCTIONS

Registered coaches of a team may request a review of another teams level rules or general safety rules violations only within 24 hours of the completion of the competition day. A rival team MAY NOT request the review of another team's routine for execution point deductions because those deductions are based on the human eye and are not review able for adding additional deductions not viewed live. Registered coaches may request a review of their own team's execution point deductions/rules violations up to 24 hours after the completion of the competition. However, please be aware any review of your point deductions/ rules violations may result in your team being awarded additional violations that were not viewed during the "live" performance if the video review discovers deductions not originally placed on your team. If the awards ceremony has already been completed and a team is given additional level rules violations or general safety rules violations based upon a lodged complaint within 24 hours of the close of the competition day then placements of teams may be altered ONLY if it effects the Top 3 teams in a division. Nevertheless, JAMZ will not strip any team of a national championship or top 3 placement once it has been awarded on stage but instead reward dual placements or co national champions to teams in that division. These rules violations/ point deductions review complaints must be lodged within 24 hours of the completion on the competition day. All complaints should be lodged with the JAMZ Event Director or by emailing rules@jamz.com within 24 hours of the close of a competition day.

LEVEL & DANCE RULES VIOLATIONS EXPLANATION:

ALL COACHES AND ADVISORS should be aware that level rules and general safety violations are judged live by the rules judge on site during a live competition. It is IMPOSSIBLE for a rules judge to 100% detect all violations during a competition day just as it is impossible for officials/referees to detect all violations in other sports. Just because a team has attended a prior JAMZ event, competition, Nationals, regional, or camp and that team's skills or routine received no deductions does not mean that the routine is LEGAL or violation free for that Division or Level. The ONLY way a team can guarantee that their routine is Level Rules or Safety Rules Violation Free is to email their skills or routines to rules@ycada.org and ask for a rules determination. JAMZ WILL NOT withdraw any rules violations because a rules judge at a prior competition, regional, championship, camp or event failed to detect or discover the violation at the previous event. It is the responsibility of ALL Coaches to ensure their routines are free of Level/Dance and Safety Rules Violations and the only way to accomplish such is by emailing their skills and/or routine to rules@ycada.org for a rules determination

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REASONS FOR DISQUALIFICATION:

Teams with illegal participant(s) will be disqualified. Reasons for disqualification include but are not limited to inappropriate choreography/music (at the discretion of a JAMZ official), severe demonstrations of unsportsmanlike conduct, overage participant(s), more or less participants than allowed on the floor, participant(s) not listed on official league roster, and/or illegal participant(s) listed on official league roster. If a team is found with unregistered participants, the team will be disqualified. Teams registering and performing in incorrect divisions will be disqualified.

DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, JAMZ RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DISQUALIFY ANY TEAM.

Youth teams are required to follow their league rules and guidelines in addition to the JAMZ Youth General Rules. These rules and guidelines have been developed from JAMZ youth programs across the country and the Youth Cheer & Dance Alliance - YCADA. The JAMZ Youth General Rules are of a general nature and are not intended to cover all circumstances. JAMZ American Spirit Connection Inc. makes no warranties either expressed or implied that the JAMZ Youth General Rules will prevent injuries to individual participants.

JAMZ INJURY PROTOCOL:

At any time during a competition a coach, music representative, or injured athlete themselves may stop a routine due to an injury on the floor. JAMZ competition and safety officials may also at anytime stop a routine due to an injury on the floor that may create a potential safety hazard because of the inability of the athletes to hold, support, spot or catch. For the safety of all athletes competing, a routine may be interrupted if an athlete is clearly injured, if an athlete is questionably injured and does not resume their role in the routine within seconds of questionable injury, or if an athlete leaves the competition floor due to an injury. In the event that a routine is interrupted due to injury, it will be at the Competition Officials' discretion whether or not that team will be allowed to perform again at a later time. If a team is allowed to perform again, they will have to perform the second routine "full out" and be judged from the time music error happened until finish of routine. If a team is allowed to perform again, they will have to perform the second routine "full out" and be judged from the time music error happened until finish of routine.

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE SCHEDULE:

JAMZ will release a **Preliminary line up** two Tuesdays prior to the event.

Draft Schedule will be released by the Wednesday prior to the event. You will then have 24hrs to make any changes.

Final Schedule will be released the Friday prior to the event

If you have any schedule questions – please email championships@jamz.com

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YCADA and JAMZ Statement on Safety and Progression:

The Rules and Regulations outlined in the YCADA Rules and Scoring Regulations and the JAMZ Rules and Scoring Regulations are only a guideline to each Skill Level, Routine Guidelines, Glossary, and General Safety rules and are not intended to cover all circumstances. The YCADA Rules and Scoring Regulations and The JAMZ Rules and Scoring Regulations do not mandate a team perform any skill. Coaches, Advisors, and Trainers, should always evaluate their teams cheerleading or dance athletic skills for proper progression of skills before attempting any skills and only put skills in a routine that athletes have mastered. All cheerleading and dance athletic skills should be properly reviewed and supervised by an adult coach, preferably an adult coach that has successfully completed the YCADA 101 Course.

The sport and physical activity of cheerleading and dance involves height, inversions, and physical weight of the body and/or the body of other athletes. As such, there is an inherent risk of injury involved with cheerleading, dance and all athletic activities. While the use of the YCADA Rules and Scoring Regulations and the JAMZ Rules and Scoring Regulations in coordination with the YCADA 101 Course will help minimize the risk of injury, YCADA and JAMZ makes no warranties or representations, either expressed or implied, that the YCADA Rules and Scoring Regulations and the JAMZ Rules and Scoring Regulations will prevent injuries to individual participants.

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