

CheerExpo 2019 Coach Agreement & Details

Registration Information

Although your signature is required in the registration package acknowledging your agreement to the following policies, your full agreement is legally assumed upon registering (payment and/or receipt of team information to be added to the roster of competing teams at the event), even if the coach agreement has not yet been signed.

This is what you will need to send in to be registered:

1. Completed Registration Pack(s). You will need to fill out one excel file PER TEAM you are registering. Please email the EXCEL file to info@cheerexpo.net. Note: If you choose to mail in your package or send in any other format (PDF, Word, etc) there will be a \$100 per team processing fee.
2. You will need a completed waiver* form for each participant (competitor, spare and/or watch & learn) **and coach** attending. You must include a waiver form for each member on your team, even if they are associated with another club or school team. Please ensure that waiver forms are in the same order as the team roster when mailed/presented to CheerExpo. Coaches are responsible to ensure that the person signing each waiver form has read and understood the form entirely before signing. *CheerExpo is sanctioned by Cheer NS and the NSSAF. Club/All Star teams which are members of Cheer NS OR Nova Scotia school teams registered with the NSSAF do not require waivers.
3. If you are registering a school team (from outside NS) or a college/university team, a letter of permission from the school principal or athletic department recognizing that the team is participating at the event is required. If you are a University/College team you will also need an official roster of team members from the registrars office. They'll need to sign off verifying that all team members are students of the school or an affiliated school. Minimum number of courses a student must be registered in to be eligible for CheerExpo is 1 (one). Work terms also qualify.
4. Nova Scotia Junior and Senior High School teams will need to have an NSSAF Sanction form signed by the school submitted by February 20th.
5. Payment (ONE certified cheque, EMT, or bank draft per program/gym):
 - a) Cheques/Bank Draft will be accepted only if received prior to February 15th. Make payable to CheerExpo and mail to 16 Liberty Crescent, Trenton, Ontario, Canada K8V 0G2 < - NEW ADDRESS!
 - b) Email Money Transfer should be payable to info@cheerexpo.net
 - c) Credit Card payments via PayPal only. A 4% convenience fee must be added to your total. To join paypal go to www.paypal.com. It's free to join PayPal and it's probably the most secure way to pay online since your banking details are not disclosed with payment.

Additional Registration Information:

- 1 Prices are per competitor. Two (2) FREE coach/trainers per competing team. This person is responsible to have all medical information pertaining to the competitors including health card numbers, insurance companies (if applicable), any allergies or potential health considerations, proof of age and all emergency contact information. If the group or individual is part of a team, this/these coach/helpers must be the actual coach(es) of the team. Additional coaches may come at the discounted rate. Coaches who are also athletes on a team are still required to pay to compete.
- 2 Please note that you will only receive the early bird rates for the things you register for by the early deadline. Any additional registration for your team (i.e. adding members, etc.) after the deadline will use the standard or late rates as applicable.
- 3 RETURNED CHEQUES: Cheques that are returned for any reason will be charged a \$50 return fee in addition to the principal amount. Cheques will no longer be accepted as a method of payment from the team in the future.
- 4 Non-Payment Policy: Any bounced cheques, non-payment, or amount due after the competition will accrue 5% interest every 30 days starting from the Friday (check in) of the event. If the amount due is not paid in full after 90 days an extra 30% of the total will be added to the amount owing and the file will be sent to the collection agency (the 30% is a recovery charge to cover collection agency fees). In the event of litigation, the Program (aka the team, school, club, gym, owner, head coach, etc) will be responsible for all legal fees.
- 5 Cheques will only be accepted up until the standard rate deadline. All payments made after that deadline must be made in cash or cash equivalent (i.e. money order, bank draft, EMT, etc).
- 6 The Program, both during and following the expiry or termination of this Agreement, shall indemnify and save CheerExpo, its employees and agents, harmless from and against all claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses and other actions made, sustained, brought, threatened to be brought or prosecuted, in any manner based upon, occasioned by or attributable to any injury or death of a person, or loss or damage to property caused or alleged to be caused by any willful or negligent act, omission or delay on the part of the CheerExpo, their officers, directors, employees, contractors, or agents in connection with anything purported to be or require to be provided by or done by CheerExpo pursuant to this Agreement. This provision shall survive the termination of this Agreement. Any and all fees associated with legal action will be the responsibility of the Program, not CheerExpo.
- 7 Special Needs teams are welcome to participate at no charge.
- 8 All competitors must be registered by February 15th. A late fee will be assessed for anyone registering after the deadline and will only be permitted if it does not conflict too much with the scheduling of the event. Check for availability before sending in payment!
- 9 All teams must compete using the appropriate USASF/IASF rules of play (USASF/NSSAF rules for NS junior and senior high). Use the CheerExpo Divisions when selecting divisions.
- 10 Changing divisions after the February 15th deadline will cost \$250 per division switch. The schedule may or may not change.
- 11 There are absolutely NO refunds for fees paid to CheerExpo unless the event is canceled by CheerExpo (for a reason other than a Force Majeure Event). In the event that the competition is canceled, all attempts will be made to reschedule the Event. Those unable to attend will not be refunded. In recognition of the fact that most expenses for the Event occur well before the Event, if a Force Majeure Event occurs which prevents CheerExpo from completing the Event, CheerExpo will not be held responsible to refund Programs. For purposes of this clause, a Force Majeure Event means any cause not entirely within the control of CheerExpo and which it could not by exercise of reasonable diligence have avoided as the result of fire or other act of God / Nature, riot, labour strike, national or local emergency.
- 12 There are no refunds after February 15th (awards have already been purchased) but you may transfer your credit (i.e. if Sally Sue was removed from your team, you can replace her with someone else at no extra cost, or transfer her paid amount to someone else in the form of watch & learn passes for family members/fans). Credits must be used for the same event.
- 13 Teams/individuals may enter more than one division as long as they meet all requirements of each division. Crossovers (participants competing in more than one team division per club) are permitted provided the following conditions are understood:
 - A participant may not compete on two teams in the same division. For example, Sally Sue who is 18 yrs old may compete with a senior level 4 all-star team, an International Open team, a high school team, and an Open team; but she cannot compete on two Senior Small Level 4 All Girl All-star teams...she cannot compete against herself.
 - There are no special pricing options for individuals that compete on more than one team. Each member must pay full price for each team. Further, each member must submit a completed waiver form for each program they are competing with.
 - Although efforts will be made to prevent conflicts in the schedule, the flow and proper judging of the event are the priorities. Although CheerExpo will always try to leave at least 10 minutes between performances of crossover athletes, there are no guarantees. Only

conflicts (crossovers, coaches that coach more than one team, coaches who are athletes, etc) that have been indicated to CheerExpo prior to the February 15th deadline will be considered for scheduling purposes.

- Please refer to the USASF/IASF/Cheer NS rules regarding the number of times an individual can crossover between teams and which teams they may crossover to.
 - NEW!! A maximum of TWO (2) crossovers will be permitted between teams competing for Worlds Bids in separate divisions (at Worlds no crossovers are permitted). It is recommended to use this option for emergency purposes only. Crossovers to other (non-Worlds) teams (i.e. Senior 3, Open 4.2, etc) are not limited.
14. Proof of Age/Grade: See Document entitled "Proof of Age/Grade" on our website.
 15. Coach, extra coach, and team member passes allow access to all classes, practice space, the CheerExpo Vendor Area, and to watch the competition. There is no need to purchase Watch & Learn passes if you are competing. Competitor complete registration is only for those teams who wish to purchase additional spectator passes for parents/fans with their registration.

General Event/Competition Rules

1. CheerExpo reserves the right to cancel or combine divisions depending on registration in each division.
2. All teams will compete twice (once Saturday and once Sunday), except Prep Cheer Teams. Your final scores will be a combination of day one and day two (40% and 60% respectively). See more info about picking up score sheets in the scoring section of the website.
3. Coaches / team designated adults (over the age of 21) are responsible for the conduct and safe participation of participants at all times during the CheerExpo, including during classes. You know the ability level of your athletes; we do not.
4. There will be no event spotters for this competition. Coaches will be responsible to assess the ability level of their team and create routines suitable for the ability level of each participant.
5. Only Coaches are permitted in the Coaches Room. The only exception to this are the children of coaches. Please do not bring athletes in the Coaches Room. Food & beverage in the coaches room is for coaches and should not be removed from the room for others.
6. CheerExpo does not provide drinking water at the event. The practice space and competition floor are built over platforms covering ice rinks. We are not permitted to have water coolers near the rinks as any spilled water will freeze. This makes it dangerous and slippery and also causes the ice covering platforms to freeze to the ice rink surface, making it difficult for the coverings to be removed. There are water fountains in the hallways, vending machines and a concession stand. You may also bring in water bottles.
7. Inappropriate language, music or movements are prohibited.
8. **Music:**
 - Must be emailed to mb.cheerexpo@gmail.com no later than 1 week after schedules are released. Music must be labeled with your team number (this will be on the schedule), name and division.
 - You must also bring a quality CD's of your music. Please make sure that your CD is "finalized" so it will play. Please make sure that your CDs are clearly labeled with your team name, division and performance number (on the competition schedule). If the routine is not the first song on the CD please label the song number.
 - If your music file does not play in the practice room and you need to use the CD option, please deliver the CD to the announcer area WHEN THE TEAM/PERFORMANCE BEFORE YOU IS STARTING so the announcer knows you are ready and is not searching for you. You can also choose to play your emergency music from your smart phone as long as it is in Airplane Mode.
 - Any participant(s) that make mistakes due to poor music quality, or their own equipment, supplies, or personnel, will NOT be allowed to repeat their performance.
9. Music ownership will not be verified for copyright purposes. All teams assume the liability risk if they use copyrighted music. CheerExpo will not be held responsible. Because of copyright laws, CheerExpo does NOT have instant replay for teams and does not sell event videos. Our license with SOCAN provides us the right to play the routine music live. The only recordings made by CheerExpo are for the purpose of scoring review and all videos are deleted at the close of the event.
10. All participants must enter and exit the performance area in a timely fashion. Placement of props should take place immediately after the previous performance. DO NOT wait until you are called to perform to place your props. Formal entrances (from the time your team is announced to perform) or exits involving jumps, tumbling, stunting, or organized motions, cheers or spell-outs are prohibited and may result in a deduction. All competitors should enter onto the floor as quickly as possible and immediately begin their performance when called. As soon as the announcer STARTS to announce your team you should go to your spots. You have 15 seconds to start your routine. When finished, you have been allotted 15 seconds to put your last stunt down, and exit the floor. Teams who do not enter the floor when called will receive a zero for the performance and will be skipped. Coaches will enter the coaches viewing area with the team that is BEFORE their team to ensure that they are in place for the performance start time. Coaches may also place props prior to the team performance.

Coach Check In Times:

1. All programs will check in on Friday afternoon/evening at the venue (Halifax Forum) from 3-7pm. Check in is mandatory to compete at CheerExpo. Check in is first-come-first-served and only one coach is required for check in. You may skip check in by having your registration 100% complete by March 8th and choosing the option to have your bracelets shipped (cost \$30 per gym/program).
2. After check in is complete (all paperwork has been completed and passed in, payment is settled, etc), bracelets will be issued to the coach for distribution to the athletes and other coaches of the program.
3. During set up/check-in day, purchasing items from the vendor booths is not permitted. Please refrain from entering the vendor area.
4. During the competition, all competitors and coaches will wear Tyvek bracelets. You will wear these at all times (even when you are competing). The judges know that you will be wearing them and will not deduct points. These bracelets will allow you into all class spaces and the practice space for your practice time. They must be worn on the wrist. They are waterproof so no need to worry about swimming in the pool at your hotel (if applicable). They should only come off if ripped or cut off. If this happens, you can get your bracelet replaced at the info booth but you must have the old one to pass in. If the old bracelet is lost, it will have to be re-purchased.
5. All payments made at the event must be cash or cash equivalent only, unless they in the form of a certified cheque/bank draft, or cheque from a school. Personal, non-certified and/or business cheques will not be accepted. That means NO PERSONAL CHEQUES OR GYM CHEQUES.
6. If waiver forms are required for your team, please ensure that your waiver forms are in the same order as your team list. If not, the CheerExpo staff will hand it back to you to put in the correct order and you may get skipped. Please also make sure that all waivers are signed and dated. Any last minute changes that need to be made will be made during check in.
7. If your team is arriving late on Friday or early Saturday morning, you may check in Saturday morning between 8am and 10am only. Limited staff will be available for check in on Saturday morning. Teams who miss their practice and/or compete time because they are late checking in will not be accommodated.
8. After the competition, we will send out a feedback email requesting feedback on all aspects of the event. This event is team driven...meaning that YOU will have a lot of say in what happens each year. All suggestions are welcome.

Practice Times

1. You will be assigned practice times for both Saturday and Sunday but they are not mandatory. All teams must at least warm up before competing. All competitive schedules and the practice schedules for the event will be posted at least one week before the event.
2. Your practice times are for set times. There is NO SPARE TIME allotted for teams who miss or are late for their floor times.
3. There will be other groups practicing at the previous two stations while your team is having practice on the full floor. For safety reasons, music will be kept low during your team practice time so the other groups can hear their back spotters and/or coaches calling counts.

General Info/Rules

1. The Halifax Forum is located at 2901 Windsor Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, B3K 1A1. Although there are over 500 free parking spaces, parking is always crazy. Please let your parents know to car pool or get dropped off.
2. At 7:30am each day the vendors will be allowed entrance. General admission (everyone else) will start at 8am. The competition will begin at 8:55am with the first team taking the floor at approximately 9:00am. The vendor booths do not officially open until 9am.
3. Teams must come ready to compete (i.e. hair done, uniform on, etc). CheerExpo will not be held responsible for lost or stolen items. Parents make great dumping stations. Do not leave valuables in the dressing rooms (unless your team has rented a locker room) or restrooms. There will be a lost and found at the info booth if you've misplaced something. After the event you can contact the Facility directly to inquire about lost items.
4. If your gym is competing for the BEST FANS IN THE STANDS award, please be advised that the Forum clean up staff are required to remove everything (including all signs & decorations) from the stands on Saturday evening. Please take them with you when you leave on Saturday.
5. There are over 5000 seats at the facility. Due to fire code regulations, when seats are full, no more spectators will be permitted. During your routine, coaches will have a reserved viewing area. A rotating VIP area will be set up in front of the competition floor. If you are coming to the event as a large group, please note that **PARENTS** of the athletes competing will take priority in this area, not the athletes on other teams or the same gym. Unless you are from away with limited fan support, please tell your athletes to watch their sister teams from the stands. On Sunday, athletes will not be permitted in the VIP viewing area.
6. Absolutely no stunts, tosses, pyramids or gymnastics are to be performed outside the performance, practice, class and/or warm up area. During classes, skills must be applicable to the class topic being taught. Athletes/Groups "doing their own thing" will be asked to leave the class.
7. For people that coach multiple teams/divisions: Please review the competition schedule and practice mat schedules carefully!! Although there should not be any times when you are competing at the same time, there MAY be times when one group is competing or about to compete while another group of yours is in the practice room or receiving awards. Make sure you have a plan for someone else with a proper bracelet to run your floor times if this happens. The practice area does not close down for awards ceremonies.
8. Team photos may be available for purchase at the CheerExpo. Your parents and fans are welcome to take pictures or video from the stands but they cannot sell or offer free distribution of the photos or videos, or block any thruways, walkways, EMS, judges, spectators, or official event photographers or videographers, if applicable.
9. There will be emergency response personnel available to ensure that athletes and spectators can be well cared for if necessary. Their primary role is to deal with injuries however they can also tape if necessary. You may bring your own tape or pay \$5 to use theirs. **DO NOT BLOCK THE VIEW OR EMERGENCY PATHWAYS OF EMS.**
10. You will receive an email from CheerExpo approximately 1 month prior to the event with a list of all teams, divisions, number of athletes, number of males and crossover/scheduling considerations we have on file. You will have 2-3 days to respond and make any changes necessary prior to the schedule being created. Once the schedule is completed, changes will incur a \$250 fee, if the change is permitted.
11. Class sizes are limited and filled on a first come first served basis. Class topics vary from event to event. The class schedule will be online at least 1 week before the event. All competitors and coaches, and anyone who has a Watch & Learn pass can go to any class they choose. You do not have to pre-register for individual classes. CheerExpo assumes NO responsibility in the validity of information taught in classes, or quality of products purchased. Even though companies have booked classes or booths, we cannot guarantee their attendance at the event.
12. After the last performance in each block on Sunday we will begin to prepare for the awards ceremony. All athletes must wear uniforms to the awards ceremony (no pajama pants, etc). All teams will be announced and will have awards for all divisions. A CheerExpo representative will deliver the award to each team (please send a representative to meet them halfway) except the first place team. All members and coaches of each first place team in each division will come forward to receive the award and get a team picture. Then we will continue on with the next division. Please let your teams know that the only teams/competitors that are actually involved in the awards ceremony at that time should be around and in front of the floor during those ceremonies. More information about the awards ceremonies (where to go and when) will be emailed to the coach/contact of each competing team when we get closer to the event.
13. The Scholastic Grand Champions and All-star Max Out Award© will be announced at the end of their respective awards ceremonies. Max Out winner will be the one team throughout the entire event that most maxes out their level successfully.
14. Accommodations are your responsibility. CheerExpo assumes no responsibility for the quality of stay at any hotel.
15. The venue will have a concession stand set up and we have no say in what is sold. No outside food or drink is permitted in the building. We are not that picky on this issue but we have to relay the message. That being said, there is absolutely no food or drink permitted in the practice space or class spaces (except water). There is also no food or drink permitted on or around the competition floor or practice mats at any time. This includes suckers AND GUM.
16. No outside footwear is permitted in the matted class space, on the competition floor or in the practice space...yes, this includes coaches. If you only have outside footwear, please remove your footwear when entering the room and especially before walking on the mats. For safety and sanitary reasons, bare feet are not permitted so make sure you wear socks. HIGH HEEL shoes are NOT permitted on any equipment.
17. Mailing: After March 1st, please do not mail anything else to the office or it may be sitting in our mail box during the event. If you want to register something after this date CALL US! If you are already registered but you have items we need (i.e. waivers, payments, etc) you can pass those items in at the coaches meeting during check in or scan and email. If you have an issue that affects the competition schedule, please call, email or text Laura directly.
18. The recruitment of athletes or gym promotion to recruit athletes from other programs is strictly prohibited at CheerExpo by you, or any representative, coach, athlete or parent. Flyers, posters, T-Shirts, etc. that include any tryout information or "next year" information are not permitted.
19. Last but certainly not least...this competition will be run with the spirit of fairplay and sportsmanship in mind. Any participant, coach or spectator causing interruptions during the CheerExpo will be removed without refund and all teams are at risk to be banned from future CheerExpo events if there are upsets during or after the awards ceremony. Let's teach our athletes to be good sports.

IMPORTANT: There will be a MANDATORY coach check in on Friday March 29th from 3 – 7pm at the venue for anyone who has not yet received their bracelets. Please book your travel arrangements accordingly.

Questions? Contact Laura at info@cheerexpo.net