

CheerExpo Junior Judges Program

Intro to Judging for Elite Athletes for Sport Longevity

PURPOSE: The purpose of this program is to build the judging pool in the Atlantic provinces by providing high-level, age-appropriate athletes with experience on a judging panel. These technically experienced athletes are at their peak and are close to, or ready to, retire from cheerleading as an athlete and may be looking for an opportunity to still be involved in the sport.

NOTE: This is NOT a judges' certification. It is an intro to judging with hands-on experience during an actual live event. Candidates will get the full experience of being on the judges stand to see if judging could be their next big cheer passion.

BENEFITS & RENUMERATION:

- a) The Junior Judges program is free of charge for accepted applicants
- b) No meals, milage, payment or remuneration will be given to Junior Judges for their time judging at the event...however....
- c) The CheerExpo Junior Judges Program will cover the cost of the next PSO - Cheer Canada Judges Certification course offered in their home province, for all Junior Judges who finish the program.

Judging cheerleading is very rewarding and can afford the opportunity to travel and meet amazing new friends throughout Canada, the US and the World. Many judges make a second career of judging and make very good money while visiting cool new locations and judging some of the biggest events on the planet.

CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS:

- a) Must be 17+ during CheerExpo. The schedule will not conflict with the Worlds' teams so preferably an athlete on a Worlds team.
- b) Must have their own team accommodations and be able to arrange travel to and from the venue.
- c) Must have at least 3 years of experience in cheerleading
- d) Must reside in Atlantic Canada (NS, NB, PE, NL)
- e) Must be available during the Saturday mid-day lunch break at CheerExpo.
- f) Preferably **NOT** a coach or CIT. We are looking for judges who are not intending to coach next season and who will not have any conflicts in the morning session
- g) Must be dedicated, mature, responsible and eager to learn how to judge

PROCESS:

In the weeks prior to CheerExpo, Junior Judges will:

- a) Sign a Confidentiality Agreement and Code of Conduct
- b) Be issued approximately 3 light reading assignments
- c) Participate in 1-2 online zoom meetings (approximately 1 hr each)
- d) Complete 2-3 short assignments
 - a. Judge 3 teams
 - b. Build a bank

HANDS-ON JUDGING AT CHEEREXPO:

The junior judge candidates will have a judges' meeting on Saturday (time TBD) to go through the process and any last-minute details prior to judging.

- a) Junior Judges will rate all un-ranked categories (check mark sheets with comments) at CheerExpo (Novice, U8 Prep and all U6 divisions). Junior Judges will also score specialty divisions (Individuals and Stunt Groups).

All required materials and supplies will be provided.

This is not shadow judging...the Junior Judges will actually be scoring these divisions! Their sheets, comments, rating and ranking will be given to coaches and averaged to determine ratings / rankings.

This method is similar to other sports where young adults start off by officiating younger teams or lower-level games (like hockey, etc.), rather than expecting a new judge to know how to judge the highest levels of the sport prior to ever taking the stand.

The experience will provide a strong foundation for the next step...getting certified through the PSO-Cheer Canada Judges Certification.

Junior Judges are also encouraged to practice judge the regular divisions using novice sheets or whichever panel sheet(s) they would prefer from the spectator seats (unfortunately the judges stand will not accommodate all our judging panels and the junior judges at the same time). Junior judges will need to print off their own sheets and provide their own judging materials (pens, clip board, etc.) for this practice session. These sheets will not be passed in or evaluated in any way. This is for personal practice only.

Being great judge involves continually learning and practicing whenever you get the opportunity.

APPLICATION FORM BELOW

CheerExpo Junior Judges Program Application

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
December 12th, 2023**

Full Name: _____ Age: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

Member PSO: (check one)

____ Cheer Nova Scotia ____ Cheer New Brunswick/PEI ____ Newfoundland & Labrador Cheer Association

Current / Most Recent Cheer Gym and team: _____

Cheer Experience: _____

Are you currently a Coach / CIT? ____ YES ____ NO

Which score sheet(s) do you think you would be most comfortable with scoring once certified?

____ Building ____ Jumps/Tumbling ____ Overall ____ Legalities / Deductions

Any other details you would like to share: _____

(Feel free to use a separate sheet to add more cheer experience or any additional details)

Signature

Date

Email completed application to info@cheerexpo.net