



# Scholastic Cheer Division List

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**DIVISION LIST NOTES**

The Cheer Canada Division List and Age Grid is based on the International Cheer Union (ICU) Division Lists, with a few differences based on unique circumstances in Canada. Please find below a list of the divisions to be available in Canada for the 2021-2022 Competitive Season. Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations (PTSOs) shall have the ability to make exceptions to the Scholastic division list in order to best meet the needs of their province. The intent of this is to assist programs who cannot field a team in the current list.

**\*\* Cheer Canada encourages all teams competing outside of Canada to consult with the appropriate event producers and governing authorities to ensure their team size and composition meets event specific requirements. \*\***

Scholastic = All school and collegiate related teams  
 School = Non-collegiate scholastic teams  
 Collegiate = Post-secondary scholastic teams

**DIVISION SPLIT SUGGESTIONS**

Minimum and maximum number of team members are displayed in the grid below. Cheer Canada recommends to split the teams as equitably as possible while considering the following:

- Similar size teams within the split.
- Similar number of teams in the split.
- Programs with multiple teams within an age division may compete against each other.
- Crossovers between teams in the same division are not permitted.

**SCHOLASTIC CHEER**

DIVISION (GRADES)	ICU LEVELS	GENDER	# ON TEAM
Primary (1-4)	Beginner, Novice	All Gender	5-30
Elementary (4-6)	Novice, Intermediate	All Gender	5-30
Junior High (6-9)	Novice, Intermediate, Median	All Gender	5-30
Combined (7-12)*	Intermediate, Median	All Gender	5-30
Senior High (9-12)	Intermediate Median School Advanced School Advanced NT Game Day	All Gender All Gender All Girl, All Gender (min. 1 male) All Gender (max. 2 males) All Gender	5-30
CEGEP / Community College / Polytechnic (Institutions that only offer 1-2 Year Programs)	School Advanced Premier Game Day	All Girl, Small Coed, Large Coed All Girl, Small Coed, Large Coed All Gender	5-36
University / Degree Institutions (Institutions that only offer 3-4+ Year Programs)	School Advanced Premier Game Day	All Girl, Small Coed, Large Coed All Girl, Small Coed, Large Coed All Gender	5-36

\*Eligible for ICU WSCC if the team is considered to be the most 'elite' team offered by the school.



School Cheerleading Team Cheer Routine:

1. Cheer Portion: Can be placed in the beginning or middle of routine.
2. Music total: Music cannot be longer than one minute, thirty seconds (1:30) total.
3. Routine total: Two minutes, thirty seconds (2:30) maximum.

Collegiate Cheerleading Team Cheer Routine:

1. Cheer Portion: Can be placed in the beginning or middle of routine. Must be a minimum of thirty seconds (0:30) in length.
2. Maximum time between Cheer and Music portion: Twenty seconds (0:20).
3. Music total: Music cannot be longer than two minutes, thirty seconds (2:30) total.  
\*Please note that the total routine time will vary based on the length of the cheer, the time utilized between the cheer and the music portion and the duration of the music portion.

Game Day Competition Routine:

1. Each element: Average thirty seconds (:30) to one minute (1:00).
2. Routine total: Three minutes (3:00) maximum.

**GENDER**

School:

All Girl = No males on the team

All Gender = No minimum or maximum gender requirements unless specified in the division list above.

Collegiate:

All Girl = No males on the team

Small Coed = A minimum of 1 male and a maximum of 4 males on the team

Large Coed = A minimum of 5 males on the team

**IMAGE POLICY**

All teams must comply with Cheer Canada's Image Policy.

**CROSSOVERS**

- Consult your Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization and athletic association as restrictions may vary.
- All teams competing for bids to year end competitions should ensure they are following all rules related to bid eligibility and crossovers.

**UNPLANNED ATHLETE REPLACEMENT**

- If the replacement does not meet the grade requirements for that division then the team's performance will be for exhibition only.