



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 2023-2024 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 routine, team size and composition meets event specific requirements and regulations. ****

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.
- Cheer Canada recommends to Event Producers that they do not combine All Girl and Co-ed Collegiate Divisions at Competitions.

SCHOLASTIC CHEER DIVISIONS

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	All Gender	5-30
	Median	All Gender	
	School Advanced	All Girl, All Gender (min. 1 male)	
	School Advanced NT	All Gender (max. 2 males)	
	Game Day	All Gender	
CEGEP / Community College / Polytechnic (Institutions that only offer 1-2 Year Programs)	School Advanced	All Girl, Small Coed, Large Coed	5-36
	Premier	All Girl, Small Coed, Large Coed	
	Game Day	All Gender	
University / Degree Institutions (Institutions that only offer 3-4+ Year Programs)	School Advanced	All Girl, Small Coed, Large Coed	5-36
	Premier	All Girl, Small Coed, Large Coed	
	Game Day	All Gender	

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

TIME LIMITS

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