

V. Rules Governing Competition

14. How will games and tournaments be structured to ensure that new STUNT teams have enough regular season and post season competition?

STUNT will be designated as a spring sport. The competition format will feature teams competing head to head in individual games or tournaments. Once designated as an NCAA Emerging Sport, STUNT teams will be required to compete in a minimum of 12 competitions, with a maximum of 16.

USA Cheer is working with institutions to identify competition venues in schools' area.

As an emerging sport, USA Cheer will work with college conferences to develop conference play, conference standings and a conference championship that will feed into the national championship.

In addition, USA Cheer has established the STUNT All American program that is administered through USA Cheer's All American Selection Committee (a committee of STUNT coaches, administrators and officials). All Americans are nominated by their coaches and are selected by the selection committee based on three primary areas; Athletic Ability, Academic Performance and Leadership Abilities. As STUNT further develops, USA Cheer will establish an All Conference program. The candidates for All Conference and All American will be nominated based on player rankings and coach recommendations. The selection committee will select athletes based on player position, athletic ability, academic performance and leadership abilities.

15. How will STUNT games and tournaments be scored and evaluated?

STUNT games will be staffed with trained officials that will evaluate execution and synchronization between team members and team groups. Each STUNT game will consist of four quarters which will each produce a score that will be added to the score total for that team. Teams will be ranked according to their overall record and total points from their games.

16. What types of facilities and equipment will a STUNT team require?

The general facility requirements would be a basketball court with room to lay down the standard 54 x 42 floor, and with a minimum ceiling height of 25 feet. A spring-loaded gymnastics floor is not a requirement but can be suitable for a practice area. There is no other required equipment, but additional optional equipment may be training aids such as wedge mats and spotting belts.

17. Are there safety guidelines or skill limits in place for STUNT?

Yes. STUNT rules and skill restrictions are based on current AACCA rules for cheerleading, used by the NCAA for their sports championships. These comprehensive rules put limitations on the height of pyramids, restrict flipping skills to one rotation and two twists, and set requirements for the number of spotters that must be in place for certain skills.

More importantly, beginning in the 2012-13 season, all routines available for coaches to call during the game will be designed by the STUNT competition committee. While the selection process gives teams the opportunity to move up or down levels in terms of difficulty, teams cannot waiver from the skills designated for the selected routine. This eliminates the risk associated with teams developing new and intricate skills that have never been seen in order to increase their score. Scoring is based on the proper execution of a skill and not on the degree of difficulty which places more of an emphasis on safety and less on performing riskier skills.