

Cheer Divisions 2011-2012



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The information below is associated with the Age Charts you find in this document.

The maximum size for a team is 32 competitors on the floor for the 2011-2012 season, unless otherwise noted on the age grid.

Age on August 31, 2011

The age of the competitor as of **August 31, 2011** will be the age used for competition purposes throughout the 2011-2012 season for all divisions. This is for all cheer divisions.

The FCQ recognizes the concern with fielding teams of a broad age range and highly recommends that individual gyms/programs be vigilant in monitoring participants of various ages on the same team and that, whenever possible, a team's composition is made up of participants of similar ages.

NEW: Competitor's Age - "Year of the Competition" - ALL International Open Divisions (Levels 5 & 6) will follow the ICU Cheerleading World Championships age requirement.

The age of a competitor will be determined based on the date of birth falling during the "year of the competition." **Example:** A competitor who turns 14 up until December 31, 2012 will be eligible to compete at all the 2012 competitions.

« Crossovers »

For the 2011-12 season, a cheerleader is limited to crossing over to **2 (two)** additional cheer teams from their gym per competition. Therefore, an athlete may compete on one team and crossover to two more teams from the same gym during the competition, for a total of 3 teams maximum.

An individual will not be permitted to crossover from one program to another within the same event (Exception: An athlete from one gym may crossover to **one additional** gym's Level 6 team provided (s)he meets the age requirement. This is applicable to athletes within one division, ex: all-star athlete.

Small & Large Splits (Provincial and Canadian)

The division will be split into "Small" and "Large" divisions when there are at least **two** teams that will ultimately be registered in each respective division. The designation of "Small" and "Large" divisions must follow the team sizes below:

Small = 5 – 20 members

Large = 21 – 36 members

If there is less than 2 teams in one category, the teams will be combined for the competition. (**Example:** 2 Junior Small team and 1 Junior Large team = 3 combined Junior teams)

The International open teams (level 5 and 6) cannot be divided into "small" or "large",

Note: The organizer cannot combine two categories, if a club has a large and a small team participating in the competition. Teams from the same gym cannot compete against themselves (**Example:** Small Junior Level 2 and Large Junior Level 2). A mandatory split in the category will occur in this situation; even it means that a category is left with only one team performing.

WHEN TO COMBINE DIVISIONS:

Junior Co-Ed

For Junior Co-Ed Levels, if there is only ONE co-ed competing in a respective level, then that level must be combined into one Junior division (i.e. Four Junior Level 3 teams and one Junior Co-Ed Level 3 team = 5 Junior Level 3 teams for competition).

Senior Co-Ed & Senior Open Co-Ed

Senior Co-Ed or Senior Open Co-Ed may be combined into Senior All-Girls or Senior Open All-girls if

there is only ONE team competing in a respective level.

Precisions for Scholastic Division

- 1) An athlete shall not represent more than one school at a time.
- 2) The athlete must be enrolled for study at a school, must be a full time student and present himself to class.
- 3) In a competition, the athlete performing the routine must be active * in the school.
- 4) Level 4.2 is offered in some categories, this level must follow Level 4 rules for Stunts/Pyramids/Dismounts and Tosses and level 2 rules for General Tumbling/Standing Tumbling and Running Tumbling.

* Be active in the school means that the student is taking courses at this institution. If a student is enrolled in 2 places and is active in 2 places, we will take into account where the largest proportion (in hours) of his studies are to determine which school he represents.

Precisions for All-Star Division

- 1) An athlete cannot be part of two teams (or more), if these teams compete against each other.
- 2) Level 4.2 must follow Level 4 rules for Stunts/Pyramids/Dismounts and Tosses and Level 2 rules for General Tumbling/Standing Tumbling and Running Tumbling.

Precisions for Partner Stunts

- 1) A Person who registers to compete in a Partner stunts competition must be an affiliated member of the federation.
- 2) Partner stunts must follow FCQ's Regulations (**Example:** a mini group stunt cannot perform level 5.)
- 3) The routine duration is 1 minute (up to an additional 10 seconds will be accepted without penalty).
- 4) If there is an uncontrolled fall where the top person touches unsafely the ground (risk obvious of injury, the person lies on the floor), the routine will be stopped at that point and judged according to the elements prior to the fall.
- 5) A maximum of 3 partner stunt groups per category (within a club) may register to competition.

Substitutions

Each team must have a list of substitutes. All Athletes participating on a team must be registered member of that team during the 2011-2012 competition season. **Exception:** Canadian Championships.

On the Regional and Provincial rosters, each athlete's name will have to be identified as either a participant or a substitute.

At Regionals, all names on the team rosters will be verified. The roster of all athletes participating on a team will have to be confirmed and signed by coaches. This list must include all the substitute's names.

At Provincials, these signed rosters will be used at the accreditation table. It will not be authorized to make any changes to these rosters. Only registered athletes will be authorized to substitute/replace another athlete.

The rule that applies to substitutions is as follows:

A Maximum of **10 substitutions** will be allowed per team. All substitutes must meet the same eligibility requirements (i.e. age, etc.).

Special needs teams

Special Needs teams are limited to Level **2** rules, in addition to no basket tosses permitted.

Information for clubs and associations wishing to hold competitions

For a club or association wishing to organize a sanctioned competition, recognized by the FCQ, the organizer is not obligated to offer all the divisions offered by the Federation, but must respect and meet the FCQ technical regulations, unless you get approval from a director of the Federation.

**** The below charts correspond to the offered divisions at the FCQ Provincial Championships.****

All-Star Cheer Division

Cheer Divisions	Age	Female/Male	Number on Squad	Levels
Tiny Cheer				
Tiny	5 yrs & Younger	Female/Male	5 – 32 Members	1
Mini Cheer				
Mini	8 yrs & Younger	Female/Male	5 – 32 Members	1, 2, 3
Youth Cheer				
Youth	11 yrs & Younger	Female/Male	5 – 32 Members	1, 2, 3, 4
Junior Cheer				
Junior	14 yrs & Younger	Female/Male	5 – 32 Members	1, 2
Junior All-Girls	14 yrs & Younger	No Males	5 – 32 Members	3, 4
Junior Co-Ed	14 yrs & Younger	1 or more Males	5 – 32 Members	3, 4
Junior Advanced	14 yrs & Younger	Female/Male (max 4 males)	5 – 36 Members	5
Senior Cheer				
Senior	18 yrs & Younger	Female/Male	5 – 32 Members	1, 2, 4.2
Senior All-Girls	18 yrs & Younger	No Males	5 – 32 Members	3, 4
Senior Co-Ed	18 yrs & Younger	1 – 4 Males	5 – 32 Members	3, 4
Senior Open * Special rules	18 yrs & Younger	Female/Male (max 4 males)	5 – 36 Members	5
Senior All-Girls Advanced	12 yrs & 18 yrs	No Males	5 – 36 Members	5
Senior Small Co-Ed Advanced	12 yrs & 18 yrs	1 – 4 Males	5 – 20 Members	5
Senior Large Co-Ed Advanced	12 yrs & 18 yrs	5 or more Males	5 – 36 Members	5
International Open Cheer				
International Open All-Girls	14 yrs & Older	No Males	5 – 24 Members	5
International Open Co-Ed	14 yrs & Older	1 – 12 Males	5 – 24 Members	5
Open Cheer				
Open All-Girls	17 yrs & Older	No Males	5 – 24 Members	6
Open Co-Ed	17 yrs & Older	1 or more Males	5 – 24 Members	6
Open	17 yrs & Older	Female/Male	5 – 36 Members	4.2
Mom and Dad Cheer				
NB: Athletes on this team cannot be active members of any other teams that are members of the Quebec cheerleading Federation.				

Mom and Dad Competitive	25 yrs & Older	Female/Male	5 – 36 Members	3, 4
Super Cheer Performance Only				
Special Needs athletes	Any Age	Female/Male	Unlimited	N/A

Partner stunts – All Star Division

Divisions	Age	Female/Male	Number on Squad	Levels
Mini	8 yrs & Younger	Female/Male	5 Members	2
Youth	11 yrs & Younger	Female/Male	5 Members	3
Junior All-Girls	14 yrs & Younger	Female Only	4 Members	4
Junior	14 yrs & Younger	Female & 1 Male	4 Members	4
Senior All-Girls	18 yrs & Younger	Female & 1 Male	4 Members	5
Senior	18 yrs & Younger	Female & 1 Male	4 Members	5
Inter Open	14 yrs & Older	Female & 1 Male	4 Members	5
Inter Open All-Girls	14 yrs & Older	Female Only	4 Members	5
Open All-Girls	17 yrs & Older	Female Only	4 Members	6
Open	17 yrs & Older	Female & 1 Male	4 Members	6
Open Coed	17 yrs & Older	1 Female & 1 Male	2 Members	6
Open 2 girls	17 yrs & Older	2 Females Only	2 Members	6

Scholastic Division

Cheer Divisions	Age	Female/Male	Number on Squad	Levels
Mini Cheer				
Tiny	Preschool	Female/Male	5 à 32 Members	1
Mini	Primary Grade 1, 2 & 3	Female/Male	5 à 36 Members	1, 2
Youth Cheer				
Youth	Primary Grade 4, 5 & 6	Female/Male	5 à 36 Members	2
Primary Open	Primary Grade 1 to 6	Female/Male	5 à 36 Members	1, 2
Junior Cheer				
Junior	Secondary 3 & Under	Female/Male	5 à 36 Members	1, 2
Junior All-Girls	Secondary 3 & Under	No Males	5 à 36 Members	3
Junior Co-Ed	Secondary 3 & Under	1 or more Males	5 à 36 Members	3
Senior Open Cheer				

Senior Open All-Girls	Secondary 1 to 5	No Males	5 à 36 Members	2, 3, 4, 4.2
Senior Open Co-Ed	Secondary 1 to 5	1 or more Males	5 à 36 Members	2, 3, 4, 4.2

Senior Cheer				
Senior All-Girls	Secondary 3 to 5	No Males	5 à 36 Members	4, 5
Senior Co-Ed Limité	Secondary 3 to 5	1 - 4 Males	5 à 36 Members	4, 5
Senior Co-Ed illimité	Secondary 3 to 5	5 or more Males	5 à 36 Members	4, 5
Open Cheer				
Collegiate	Community College/Cegep only	Female/Male	5 à 36 Members	4.2
Collegiate All-Girls	Community College/Cegep only	No Males	5 à 36 Members	5, 6
Collegiate Co-Ed	Community College/Cegep only	1 or more Males	5 à 36 Members	5, 6
University All-Girls	University only	No Males	5 à 36 Members	6
University Co-Ed	University only	1 or more Males	5 à 36 Members	6

Partner stunts – Scholastic Division

Divisions	Age	Female/Male	Number on Squad	Levels
Junior All-Girls	Sec.3 & Under	No Males	4 Members	3
Junior	Sec.3 & Under	Females & 1 Male	4 Members	3
Senior Open All-Girls	Sec. 1 to 5	No Males	4 Members	4
Senior Open	Sec. 1 to 5	Females & 1 Male	4 Members	4
Senior All-girls	Sec. 3 to 5	No Males	4 Members	5
Senior	Sec. 3 to 5	Females & 1 Male	4 Members	5
Open All-girls / Collegiate	Collegiate	No Males	4 Members	6
Open Coed / Collegiate	Collegiate	1 Female & 1 Male	2 Members	6
Open 2 girls Collegiate	Collegiate	2 females only	2 Members	6
Open Collegiate	Collegiate	Females & 1 Male	4 Members	6
Open All-girls / University	University	No Males	4 Members	6

Open Coed / University	University	1 Female & 1 Male	2 Members	6
Open 2 girls University	University	2 females only	2 Members	6
Open University	University	Females & 1 Male	4 Members	6