

# 2010 DRAGON FEST

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### I. GENERAL RULES

- A. SEE USASF LEVEL RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR DETAILS ([HTTP://WWW.USASF.NET](http://www.usasf.net))
- B. ALL ROUTINES MUST BE "MUSIC ONLY" AND PERFORMANCE TIME MAY NOT EXCEED TWO MINUTES AND THIRTY SECONDS. TIMING WILL BEGIN WITH THE FIRST MOVEMENT, VOICE, OR NOTE OF MUSIC, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.
- C. IF A TEAM EXCEEDS THE TIME LIMIT, A 5 POINT PER JUDGE PENALTY WILL BE ASSESSED FOR EACH VIOLATION. BECAUSE PENALTIES ARE SEVERE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL TEAMS TIME THEIR PERFORMANCE SEVERAL TIMES PRIOR TO ATTENDING THE COMPETITION AND LEAVE A SEVERAL SECOND CUSHION TO ALLOW FOR VARIATIONS IN SOUND EQUIPMENT.
- D. APPROXIMATE FLOOR SIZE WILL BE 54 FEET WIDE BY 42 FEET DEEP (9 STRIPS). THE EVENT WILL HAVE A SPRING LOADED FLOOR FOR ALL TEAMS AND INDIVIDUAL COMPETITORS.
- E. ALL INTRODUCTIONS (TUMBLING, ENTRANCES, CHANTS, SPELL-OUTS, ETC.) ARE CONSIDERED PART OF THE ROUTINE AND ARE TIMED AS PART OF THE PERFORMANCE. THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY ORGANIZED EXITS OR OTHER ACTIVITIES AFTER THE OFFICIAL ENDING OF THE ROUTINE.
- F. TEAMS MAY PARTICIPATE IN MORE THAN ONE COMPETITION. INDIVIDUALS MAY REPRESENT MORE THAN ONE ALL STAR TEAM AT THAT COMPETITION. INDIVIDUALS MAY CHEER ON A SCHOOL TEAM AND AN ALL STAR TEAM. TEAM MEMBERS COMPETING ON MORE THAN ONE TEAM AT THE COMPETITION MUST PAY THE FULL PARTICIPANT FEE FOR THE FIRST TEAM AND \$20 CROSSOVER FEE FOR EACH ADDITIONAL TEAM.
- G. ANY TEAM IN VIOLATION OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE ASSESSED A 10 POINT PER JUDGE DEDUCTION FOR EACH VIOLATION.

### II. INTERRUPTION OF PERFORMANCE

- A. IF, IN THE OPINION OF THE HEAD JUDGE, A TEAM'S ROUTINE IS INTERRUPTED BECAUSE OF FAILURE OF THE COMPETITION EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES, OR OTHER FACTORS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE COMPETITION RATHER THAN THE TEAM, THE HEAD JUDGE SHOULD STOP THE ROUTINE. THE TEAM WILL BE ALLOWED TO PRESENT ITS ROUTINE FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END.
- B. IN THE EVENT A TEAM'S ROUTINE IS INTERRUPTED BECAUSE OF FAILURE OF THE TEAM'S OWN EQUIPMENT THE TEAM MUST EITHER CONTINUE ROUTINE OR WITHDRAW FROM THE COMPETITION.

- C. IN THE EVENT THAT AN INJURY CAUSES THE TEAM'S ROUTINE TO BE INTERRUPTED, THE TEAM MUST EITHER CONTINUE THE ROUTINE OR WITHDRAW FROM THE COMPETITION. THE HEAD JUDGE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO STOP THE ROUTINE IF AN INJURY OCCURS. THE HEAD JUDGE WILL DETERMINE IF THE TEAM WILL BE ALLOWED TO PERFORM AGAIN.

### III. HOW TO HANDLE PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS

ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING RULES OR PROCEDURES OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE HANDLED BY THE HEAD JUDGE AND A COMPETITION OFFICIAL ALONG WITH THE OWNER/COACH OF THE TEAM. SUCH QUESTIONS SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE THE COMPETITION STARTS. ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE TEAM'S PERFORMANCE SHOULD BE MADE TO THE HEAD JUDGE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TEAM'S PERFORMANCE.

### IV. INTERPRETATIONS AND/OR RULINGS

ANY INTERPRETATION OF ANY ASPECT OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS OR ANY DECISION INVOLVING ANY OTHER ASPECT OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE RENDERED BY THE HEAD JUDGE AND A COMPETITION OFFICIAL. THEY WILL RENDER JUDGMENT IN AN EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT THE COMPETITION PROCEEDS IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE GENERAL SPIRIT AND GOALS OF THE COMPETITION.

### V. FINALITY OF DECISIONS

BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, EACH TEAM AGREES THAT THE DECISIONS BY THE JUDGES WILL BE FINAL AND WILL NOT BE SUBJECT FOR REVIEW. EACH TEAM ACKNOWLEDGES THE NECESSITY FOR THE JUDGES TO MAKE PROMPT AND FAIR DECISIONS IN THIS COMPETITION.

### VI. DISQUALIFICATION

ANY TEAM THAT DOES NOT ADHERE TO THE TERMS AND PROCEDURES OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE COMPETITION, WILL AUTOMATICALLY FORFEIT ANY RIGHT TO ANY PRIZES OR AWARDS PRESENTED BY THE COMPETITION, AND MAY ALSO FORFEIT THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DRAGON FEST THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

### VII. SPORTSMANSHIP

ALL PARTICIPANTS AGREE TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A MANNER OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP THROUGHOUT THE COMPETITION WITH POSITIVE PRESENTATION UPON ENTRY AND EXIT FROM THE PERFORMANCE AREA AS WELL AS THROUGHOUT THE ROUTINE. TEAM MEMBERS, COACHES, PARENTS AND ANY OTHER PERSONS AFFILIATED WITH THE TEAM MUST CONDUCT THEMSELVES ACCORDINGLY. SEVERE CASES OF UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT ARE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION AS EXPLAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT ABOVE.



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### VIII. SCORES AND RANKINGS

INDIVIDUAL JUDGES SCORE SHEETS ARE FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF EACH PARTICULAR JUDGE. EACH JUDGE HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY TO REVIEW AND SUBMIT HIS/HER FINAL SCORES AND RANKINGS PRIOR TO THE FINAL TALLY OF THE SCORES FOR ALL TEAMS. HEAD JUDGES HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO LOOK OVER SCORES BEFORE THEY ARE TALLIED. SCORES AND RANKINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLY TO COACHES OR OWNERS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE COMPETITION.

### IX. USASF JUDGING CRITERIA

THE SCORE SHEET IS BASED ON A NEW 11 POINT SCALE. FOR MORE INFO. SEE THE USASF WEB SITE AT [HTTP://WWW.USASF.NET](http://www.usasf.net).

#### ANY ALL-STAR TEAM—ANY DIVISION

**STUNTS..... 11 (MAX. VALUES)**

**PYRAMIDS..... 11**

**TOSSES..... 11**

**STANDING TUMBLING..... 11**

**RUNNING TUMBLING..... 11**

**JUMPS..... 11**

**MOTIONS/DANCE..... 11**

**CHOREOGRAPHY..... 11**

(CREATIVITY, FLOW VISUAL APPEAL, MUSICAL USE, USE OF FLOOR/VARIETY OF FORMATIONS)

**TRANSITIONS..... 11**

(SPACING, SEAMLESS MOVEMENT AND PATTERNS, EXECUTION OF FORMATIONS)

**PERFORMANCE..... 11**

(GENUINE SHOWMANSHIP, UNIFORMITY, ENERGY LEVEL, CROWD APPEAL)

### X. LEVEL RULES & AGES

ALL USASF LEVELS (1-6) AND TEAM DIVISIONS (TINY, MINI, YOUTH, JR & SR.) WILL BE OFFERED AT DRAGON FEST 09. HOWEVER, DRAGON FEST HAS THE RIGHT TO COMBINE SMALL AND LARGE DIVISIONS AS IT SEES FIT. IF SMALL AND LARGE DIVISIONS ARE COMBINED ALL TEAMS INVOLVED WILL BE NOTIFIED BEFORE THE COMPETITION.



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### XI. AGE & LEVEL CHART

#### **TINY** 5 YRS & YOUNGER

FEMALE/MALE 5-35 MEMBERS LEVEL 1

#### **MINI** 8 YRS & YOUNGER

FEMALE/MALE 5-35 MEMBERS LEVEL 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

#### **SMALL YOUTH** 11 YRS & YOUNGER

FEMALE/MALE 5-20 MEMBERS LEVEL 1,2,3,4,5

#### **LARGE YOUTH** 11 YRS & YOUNGER

FEMALE/MALE 21-35 MEMBERS LEVEL 1,2,3,4,5

#### **SMALL JUNIOR** 14 YRS & YOUNGER

NO MALES 5-20 MEMBERS LEVEL 1,2,3,4,5

#### **LARGE JUNIOR** 14 YRS & YOUNGER

NO MALES 21-35 MEMBERS LEVEL 1,2,3,4,5

#### **JUNIOR COED** 14 YRS & YOUNGER

1 OR MORE MALES 5-35 MEMBERS LEVEL 3,4,5

#### **SENIOR OPEN** 18 YRS & YOUNGER

5-35 MEMBERS LEVEL 4.2

#### **SMALL SENIOR** 10-18 YRS OF AGE

NO MALES 5-20 MEMBERS LEVEL 1,2,3,4,5

#### **LARGE SENIOR** 10-18 YRS OF AGE

NO MALES 21-35 MEMBERS LEVEL 1,2,3,4,5

#### **SMALL SENIOR COED** 10—18 YRS OF AGE

1 OR MORE MALES 5-20 MEMBERS LEVEL 3,4,5

#### **LARGE SENIOR COED** 10-18 YRS OF AGE

5 OR MORE MALES 21-35 MEMBERS LEVEL 3,4,5

#### **RECREATIONAL CHEER**

#### **NON-MOUNT CHEER**

#### **HIGH SCHOOL CHEER**

#### **COLLEGE CHEER**

**OPEN DIVISIONS** OPEN AGES LEVEL 6 ONLY

