



## 2010 JUDGING OVERVIEW

### - CHEERLEADING -



#### Introduction

AUS Cheer recognises the importance and seriousness of adjudicating cheerleading competitions, and therefore has an open and accountable system for evaluating performances in a fair and unbiased manner, based on consistent criteria.

All judges at AUS Cheer Competitions hold a Level 1 or 2 Judges Accreditation, which is recognised by the Australian Sports Commission. The Level 1 & 2 Judges Accreditation was developed by Gymnastics Australia to ensure industry standards have been met and national recognition is possible for successful Candidates.

The judging system is evaluated regularly with any necessary changes implemented annually, prior to the season commencing.

To be eligible to adjudicate at an AUS Cheer event, all Judges must be a current Technical Member of the Australian Cheerleading Union (the National Governing Body for Cheerleading in Australia), or hold a current accreditation in any of the following:

1. IASF Cheer or Dance Judge
2. Dance Adjudicator (eligible to adjudicate Dance categories only)
3. International judges who are invited to judge at an AUS Cheer event must hold a current recognised Judges certification.

If you have any queries regarding AUS Cheer's judging system, or would like further details on the Level 1 or 2 Cheerleading Judges Course, please contact your State Gymnastics Association, or the National Judging Coordinator, Ann Ranieri at:

**[judging@auscheer.org.au](mailto:judging@auscheer.org.au)**

## WHO DOES THE JUDGES PANEL CONSIST OF?

The Dance, Group Stunt and Partner Stunt judges' panel consists of:

- Head Judge 1
- Performance Judges 2 - 4
- Safety Judges 2

The Cheer judges' panel consists of:

- Head Judge 1
- Tumbling Skills Judges 2
- Building Skills Judges 2
- Dance/Artistry Judges 2
- Safety Judges 2

In addition, the following personnel will be present at the judge's table:

- Secretary 2

### **Head Judge**

The Head Judge is responsible for coordinating and overseeing the judging panel. The Head Judge notates the performance, however a performance score is not submitted. These notes may be referred to if a panel conference is called.

### **Performance Judge**

Performance Judges are responsible for evaluating the overall performance of a routine utilising AUS Cheer's Performance Scoresheet. Performance Judges "build" the points. They are also responsible for Level Rule Infractions (Group/Partner Stunt).

### **Safety Judge**

Safety Judges are responsible for keeping the playing field level in terms of penalising rather than rewarding squads that perform mistakes, falls, and violate general competition guidelines. Safety Judges "subtract" points utilising AUS Cheer's Safety Scoresheet.

The Safety Judges are also responsible for timing the routine in its entirety. Timing will begin with the first organised word, movement, note of music or cue beep by the team after they are officially announced. Timing will end with the last organised word, movement or note of music by the team.

### **Tumbling Skills Judge**

Tumbling Judges are responsible for evaluating all tumbling and jump skills performed within a Cheer routine, and deducting for any tumbling level rule violations. Tumbling Judges are also responsible for evaluating the overall performance.

### **Building Skills Judge**

Building Skills Judges are responsible for evaluating all Stunts, Pyramids, and Tosses performed within a Cheer routine, and deducting for any building skills level rule violations. Building Skills Judges are also responsible for evaluating the overall performance.

### **Dance/Artistry Judge**

Dance/Artistry Judges are responsible for evaluating all Dance, Motions, Formations, and Transitions performed within a Cheer routine. Dance/Artistry Judges will also be responsible for evaluating the overall performance.

### **Secretary**

The Secretaries are responsible for calculating the Overall Score.

## HOW ARE PERFORMANCES EVALUATED?

A judging panel will evaluate the performance utilising the official Safety & Performance Scoresheets.

The Safety Judges confer and submit one Safety Scoresheet totalling the violations, to determine the Safety Deductions.

### Dance, Group, Partner Stunt

Dance, Group and Partner Stunt performance scoresheets are out of 100 points. The high and low Performance Judges scores are dropped and the remaining two performance scores are averaged to determine the Total Performance Score. Please note: If there are only 2 or 3 Performance Judges, then the Performance Scores are averaged to determine the Total Performance Score.

The Safety Deductions and Level Rule Infractions are subtracted from the Total Performance Score to present the Overall Score out of 100.

Example:

	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Judge 4	
Performance Scores	86	<del>90</del>	88	<del>80</del>	174/2
<b>Total Performance Score</b>					<b>= 87</b>
Safety Deductions					-5
<u>Level Rule Infractions</u>					<u>-5</u>
<b>Overall Score</b>					<b>=77</b>

### Cheer

Cheer Level 1 Performance Scoresheets are out of 165 points (no tosses/tumbling is combined).  
Cheer Level 2 – 6 Performance Scoresheets are out of 200 points.

The 2 Performance Judges' scores for each section will be averaged. All three sections will then be added together to achieve the Total Performance Score. The Safety Deductions and Level Rule Infractions are subtracted from the Total Performance Score to present the Overall Score out of 165 (Cheer Level 1) or 200 (Cheer Level 2-6).

Example (Level 2 – 6):

	Judge 1	Judge 2		
Building Skills Performance Scores	82	78	=160/2	= 80
Tumbling Skills Performance Scores	40	46	=86/2	= 43
Dance/Artistry Performance Scores	32	34	=66/2	= 33
<b>Total Performance Score</b>				<b>=156</b>
Safety Deductions				-5
<u>Level Rule Infractions</u>				<u>-10</u>
<b>Overall Score</b>				<b>=141</b>

## **TIEBREAKER RULES**

In the case of a tie, the ranking will be determined by the following criteria:

1. The team with the lowest amount of Safety Deductions and Level Rule Infractions will be placed above the team they tied with.
2. The "Overall Presentation" score from all Judges scoring this criteria for each of the teams in question will be averaged. The team with the highest average "Overall Presentation" score will be placed above the team they tied with.

If the tie still stands, the judges will be polled by the Head Judge as to where the team should fall in the rankings. The judges' decision is final.

## **PROTESTS**

No protests are allowed against scores or results presented on the day. By participating in this championship, 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 and each team therefore expressly waives any legal, equitable, administrative or procedural review of such decisions.