NYSCJA SAFETY JUDGES CERTIFICATION COURSE
Safety Judge Course Topics

- Role and Responsibilities
- Safety Score Sheet
- State Reporting
- Deductions
- NYS Electronic Scoring System
- NFHS Editorial Changes
- USA Cheer Course/2019 Rule Change Questions
ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES
• Deductions - specific to NYS defined deductions (OOB, falls, drops, etc.)
• Violations - specific to NFHS rules
  • Any time a violation occurs the panel judges must be alerted to the violation as the illegal element cannot be judged
• Requirements:
  • 0:30 Minimum Cheer Time – 5 point deduction
  • 2:30 Maximum Routine Time – 2 point deduction
• Reminding Panel to review their scores at the end of each division
Time

• Start timer when the music begins or on the first word/motion, whichever occurs first (a beginning pose/load into a stunt does not count as the first motion)

• When assessing deductions for time:
  • Always allow for a 3 second grace period - the time deduction begins at 2:34
  • Do not deduct for Technical Errors –
    • Be aware of when a technical error occurs and give an approximate error time to deduct from the actual time then determine if a time deduction is still appropriate.
Technical Errors

• Example 1: A team has a total routine time of 2:49 and a technical error time of 17 seconds. The routine time written on the score sheet would be 2:32, TE – 0:17 would be noted in the Time section on the scoresheet and no time deduction would be taken because it falls within the 3 second grace period.

• Example 2: A team has a total routine time of 2:50 and a technical error time of 10 seconds. The routine time written on the score sheet would be 2:40; TE – 0:10 would be noted in the Time section on the score sheet and a time deduction would be taken because it falls outside the 3 second grace period.
NYS SAFETY SCORE SHEET
NYS Safety Deductions & Violations Score Sheet

Team: ____________________________
Division: __________________________

Judge: ____________________________

NFHS Spirit Rule Book Violations

Violations: -0.5 points for each infraction

Rule 2, Rule 3 - Section 1 and Stepping Out of Bounds (OOB)

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Violation/Warning Details:

Violations: -5.0 points for each infraction

Rule 3 - Sections 2 - 9

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NFHS Spirit Rule Book

- Tip – Clip together pages 33-52 (Dance Rules)
- Rules vs Situations
  - The “Situations” within each section are NOT rules but serve as examples and situations to further clarify the rules.
  - Only rules should be cited for violations. Situations can be referenced in addition to the rule citation.
  - Rule 3-5-3(a) references Rule 3, Section 5, Article 3, Sub article “a” on page 27 – NOT 3.5.3 Situation A on page 28
  - Rule 1 – a list of definitions to help clarify the rules in section 2. Rule 1 should NOT be cited as rule violation but could be referenced in addition to the Rule 3 citation.
Deduction: -1.0 points for each Fall
# of Infractions

Stunting Sub Total x -1.0
Tumbling

Deduction: -1.5 points for each Drop
# of Infractions

Stunting Sub Total x -1.5
Tumbling

Deduction: -4.0 points for each Pyramid Collapse

Sub Total x -4.0

Time Deductions:
Time of Routine: 
Cheer Time: 
Cheer Minimum 30 Sec (-5.0)
Overall Routine 2:30 Max (-2.0)
Total Time Deductions:

Bobble Deductions: 
x -0.25

Tumbling Touchdowns: 
x -0.25

Violations & Deductions Total:
Tally All Sub-Totals
SAFETY DEDUCTION SHEET (PDJ)
# 2017-18 CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIP
## DEDUCTION WORKSHEET

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### Key:
- **TF**: Tumbling Fall
- **TD**: Tumbling Drop
- **SF**: Stunt Fall
- **SD**: Stunt Drop
- **PC**: Pyramid Collapse
- **T**: Tumbling Touchdown
- **B**: Stunt Bobble

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### Totals:
- **Bobble**
- **Touchdown**
- **Tumbling Falls**
- **Stunting Falls**
- **Tumbling Drops**
- **Stunting Drops**
- **Pyramid Collapse**
STATE REPORTING
• All violations and warnings given by safety judges needs to be submitted to the state within 3 days.

• The link to the state reporting form can be found on the NYSCJA Safety Webpage.

• All submitted violations & warnings will be immediately available on the NYSCJA Judges and NYSPHSAA Committee Tab on the NYSCJA Webpage.

• You only need to report deductions and warnings that actually occurred during the performance.

• Out of Bounds, deductions, and time violations do not need to be submitted online.

• Amount of violations (-0.5, -5.0, etc.) do not need to be submitted online including in the infraction details or additional comments.
NYS DEDUCTION DEFINITIONS
• Out of Bounds (0.5 deduction) - will be assessed per occurrence for an athlete that makes contact with one or both feet outside the competition performance mat.

• Drop (1.5 Deduction) – An individual stunt, pyramid, or toss that falls to the performing surface. Top person, or multiple bases/spotters land on the performing surface.

• Fall (1.0 deduction) – An individual stunt/pyramid that clearly comes down to a cradle or dismounts early. Includes a base or spotter dropping to floor during cradle or dismount.

• Bobble (0.25 deduction) – Stunts and pyramids that almost fall, but are saved (this includes excessive correction by the bases). Knee or hand of base touches the ground during cradle or dismount.
• Pyramid Collapse (4.0 deduction) – Connected stunt groups in a pyramid, that fall to the performance surface. Top person, or multiple bases from stunt groups land on the performance surface. When multiple deductions should be assessed during a pyramid, then the sum of those deductions will not be greater than 4.0.

• Tumbling Drop (1.5 deduction) - Individuals' torso/head/neck come in weight bearing contact with the performance surface. Individual does not complete the skill. [Situation A: punch front does not complete rotation and lands on bottom – deduction], [Situation B: Layout completes landing and then falls to bottom – no deduction, skill has been completed]. NOTE: points may be deducted in Situation B under Transitions.

• Tumbling Fall (1.0 deduction) – Individuals' elbows and/or knees come in weight bearing contact with the performing surface. Individual does not complete the skill.

• Tumbling Touchdown (0.25 deduction) – Individuals' hand(s) down in tumbling (weight bearing) after completing an airborne skill.
BOBBLES
DEDUCTION GUIDELINES
• When a bobble or touchdown turn into a fall or drop, deduct for the fall/drop.
• When a 1-Leg stunt falls and the flyer brings her free leg back down to the ground it should not be assessed as a Drop, just a fall.
• When a single stunt group falls, then puts the stunt back up and falls again within the same sequence, there will only be 1 fall assessed within a single stunt group.
Choreographed Violations vs. Performance Errors

• Choreographed errors for a specific rule can only be given once in a performance
• Performance errors can be given multiple times for the same violation within a performance
• Double Jeopardy for Performance Error - Violation/Deduction combinations
  • Ex: If someone is completing a tumbling pass with a full and they step OOB this will be a (-0.5) deduction, not the safety violation.
  • Ex: A top person holding a sign with sharp edges falls to a cradle (3.7.3(b)). They will get a (-1.0) deduction for the fall, not the safety violation.
  • Ex: A top person loses their balance and their upper body falls forward and becomes inverted during the fall (3.3.1). They will get a (-1.0) deduction for the fall, not a safety violation for the inverted flyer.
• A flyer is cradled then after they are caught the group begins to transition too quickly, so the flyer falls to the floor – State Ruling - Stunt is not complete until the flyer is placed on the ground so this is a stunt drop.
• Tumbling Collisions are not a violation and are not defined as a deduction for NYS at this point – this falls under transitions
• Unintentionally landing on your side (i.e. from a twist down) is not a violation or a deduction - it falls under execution.
• Out of Bounds
  • To count as a step off at least one of the athlete’s entire foot must be off the performance mat.
  • Judges will assess deductions any time a participant steps off the mat, regardless of the size, with the exception of when a participant goes off the mat due to illness.
NYS ELECTRONIC SCORING
• Keep track of your scores on a tracking sheet in case there are connectivity issues.

• If the Wi-Fi connectivity is not great, you can connect to a phone hotspot without using much data.

• It’s a good idea to check with the competition directors before you close your score sheet to make sure it updated with the whole scoresheet

• The Scoring System was fixed so it’s now easier to view on a ipad, tablet, or phone

• The version that was tested out at states may also be available this year
NFHS Editorial Changes/Updates

• **3-3-5(d):** Each bracer must be in a multi-base prep with a spotter.

• **2-1-7c and 3-2-1:** When passing props from the top person away from the stunt, a base must not hold props that are made of hard material or have sharp corners or edges. A top person may hand signs to a non-stunting person on the ground or to a non-required spotter.

• **3-5-4:** Switch-ups are permitted as long as they are caught by the original bases.
USA CHEER QUESTIONS