

Recreational Rules/Safety Guidelines for 2008-2009

In the past, we have had divisions for select (tryout) teams and non select teams (those who do not hold a tryout). It has become impossible to determine whether teams are truly non-select or select teams.

Also, the skill levels that were permitted to the recreational teams were being taken to an extreme and it was time to adhere to more restrictions on the levels that recreational teams be permitted to execute. By dividing the event into 2 different levels, this will allow a more level competition for all the teams, whether it be mount or non mount, select or non select. You will no longer wonder what the other team might do harder than you, as you will now know the limits and we have given you 2 different levels to chose from. Also, this will keep the children safer in regards to stunts being pushed to the limits. It will no longer be an ordeal that a team had tryouts or not as they will only be able to perform the maximum of the level they have signed up for whether it be Intermediate or Elite. You by no means have to max out these divisions, please continue to choreograph your routines according the skill level of your team, but use these guidelines as the maximum skill in each portion as the guidelines that you may execute in your tumbling and , if you are mount, stunting and pyramids.

These changes are made due to the suggestions we have heard from recreational coaches throughout the past seasons.

Please know that these changes are made with the safety and well being of each of your teams in mind and feel that this will keep teams from trying to do skills outside of their comfort zone. You will now have a choice as to which level you feel your team should be placed in.

We hope that you embrace these changes and look at them as a positive step forward in helping you with competing in a comfortable and more stress free environment by feeling more at ease in not having to compete with teams who could perform higher skills than yours. It is our intention to make each child feel they have reached their full potential in any skill they have learned whether it is a front roll or a tuck.

If you have any questions or comments regarding these changes, we would love to hear from you. We welcome the opportunity to discuss the changes or help with any questions you may have concerning the levels. Again, the skills in level 2 or level 5 are the max skills you can perform in intermediate and elite. They are not required skills and will be the maximum that may be performed in those levels. We are just trying to separate teams doing back tucks to those doing back walkovers. We want to level all competitive fields for you as much as possible, but still keeping the competition what you have come to know and expect.

We look forward to a great season and wish you all the best!