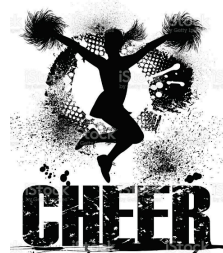


# REGION III TOURNAMENT BYLAWS

## BASKETBALL CHEER (NLC)

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### ARTICLE X: BYLAWS



#### **Section 1: Governing Rules**

Basketball Cheerleading will follow the safety guidelines established by the National Federation of State High School Associations and all applicable rules and regulations established by ASAA and Region III. The teams, athletes, and coaches who violate NFHS rules will be warned once. Teams, athletes, and coaches failing to adhere to the rules a second time may result in removal from the game and/or tournament depending on the severity of the violation.

#### **Section 2: Squad Limitations**

All athletes designated by their school as Basketball Cheerleaders for the current school year are allowed to participate. There is no limit to how many athletes may be on a team, but each team is limited to twelve actively cheering members (plus a mascot) on the sideline when a ball is in play. Additional athletes may be rotated onto the sideline during quarter breaks. The entire team may perform during roster introductions, full time-outs, quarter breaks, and half time.

#### **Sections 3: Sideline and Halftime Routine Guidelines**

During the games, the cheerleaders will use cheerleading fundamental skills (including crowd motivation, involvement, and appeal), support the basketball team, use appropriate cheers, and display good appearance, behavior, and sportsmanship.

Any halftime routines are to be limited to no more than two minutes, thirty seconds. Music and movement must be appropriate and display good sportsmanship.

#### **Section 4: Awards**

Prior to the start of the region basketball tournament, each coach will submit names of three cheerleaders for consideration for the All-Conference Team. There will be medals for the first ten individual finishers overall for the All-Conference Team. These cheerleaders will be chosen by the coaches, ballots are due by the end of the evening on the first day of the tournament. All-Conference cheerleaders will be presented during the awards presentation Friday evening with the basketball players.

An award will be given to one member of each squad for the Good Sport Team; these athletes are selected by the coaches.

Coaches will vote for a cheerleading Coach of the Year. A coach's cheerleaders may submit a letter of nomination which will be given to each coach for consideration when casting their vote. Ballots will be submitted to the Tournament Director by the evening of the 2nd day of the tournament. A plaque will be awarded.

All cheer teams and coaches are expected to be present in full cheerleading uniform or team warm ups, including cheer shoes, for the awards ceremony following the championship game.

The basketball All-Region team will be announced on Friday night with the basketball awards.

#### **Section 5: Board of Control**

The Board of Control will be composed of the same members at the Basketball Tournament Board of Control. They will rule on any concerns or protests before and during the tournament. They will supervise the voting and counting of ballots and have the power to nullify the vote and conduct a revote should any discrepancies arise. In the event of a dispute, the decision of the Board of Control is final. The B.O.C. will break all ties.

During the coaches meeting, a discussion should be facilitated by the host school regarding any concerns or changes needed to the bylaws. These concerns will then be presented at the next region meeting.