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# *Southeast Michigan Youth Football Association Cheerleading By Laws*

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1. Membership & Insurance
  - 1.1. All Units of the SMYFA will be notified at the December Football Directors' Meeting as to the status of their participation within the SMYFA for the following season.
  - 1.2. All teams participating in the League will be covered under one insurance policy that will be issued to the League. Payment of the policy will be shared equally between all members of the WLJFL.
2. Conduct
  - 2.1. It is the duty of the individual Unit Cheer Director to obtain and keep record of Level Director shall keep a copy of code of conduct and concussion rules and training for each coach
  - 2.2. Swearing, fighting, and/or improper behavior will not be tolerated. Such actions will result in ejection from the game. Anyone ejected from more than one (1) game during the season will be suspended from the next game. Anyone ejected from more than two (2) games during the season will be suspended for the remainder of the season It is the responsibility of each Unit to report such suspensions to the WLJFL commissioner in the weekly game report.
  - 2.3. It is the duty of each Unit Director to see that the coaches are giving each cheerleader proper opportunities for participation in practice and games.
3. Roster Requirements
  - 3.1. The number of members on each Team shall not exceed the maximum of thirty (30) cheerleaders per squad.
  - 3.2. Although every effort should be made to follow the grade level guidelines listed in the SMYFA Cheerleading Rules, it is at the individual Unit's discretion to build their Teams. However, if a Unit decides to move girls outside these guidelines it will be to move them to a higher level and not down. This is the guideline that must be followed for Cheerfest
  - 3.3. Rosters must be uploaded to the SMYFA Cheer Directors Facebook Group
    - 3.3.1. Preliminary Cheer Unit rosters and waiting lists shall be provided to the SMYFA Board of Directors and each Unit no later than the 2nd week of practice.
    - 3.3.2. The closed Team roster must lie in the hands of the League no later than the second game of the regular season. This roster must include at a minimum, each Cheerleaders' and Coaches' name, team designation, and phonetic spelling.
    - 3.3.3. Rosters must be updated by individual units as changes to their teams are made. Season end updated Rosters must be uploaded no later than 1 week prior to Cheerfest.
4. Commercialization
  - 4.1. Exploitation of the Southeast Michigan Youth Football Association's program, a Unit, a team, or an individual cheerleader with the benefit or otherwise to an individual, or to a business is not permitted. The sole aim of the contributor, both in time and money, should be to assist youth, and to help make their community a better place in which to live.
5. Cheer Board & Procedural Rules

- 5.1. Each Unit shall receive one vote.
- 5.2. Any unit representative can make a motion to be put up for decision of the Board. Motions must have a 2<sup>nd</sup>, and may be voted on if 2/3rd representation is present.
- 5.3. Voting may also take place via email or Facebook (group)
- 5.4. In the event of a vote at a Cheer Director's Meeting, a Cheer Director not present at a meeting may send a proxy to the Cheer President or forfeit their vote.
- 5.5. For voting purposes, a minimum of 2/3rds (two-thirds) of representatives for each team should be represented.
- 5.6. Cheer Directors for each Unit must be in place by February 1st of the upcoming season.
- 5.7. The Cheer Board of Executive Directors consists of the following positions:
  - 5.7.1. President - Responsible for running meetings, handling issues that arise, and serving as proxy
  - 5.7.2. Vice President - Responsible for fulfilling the duties of the President if the President becomes unable to do so.
  - 5.7.3. Secretary - Responsible for recording and distributing minutes; scheduling meetings.
6. Meetings of the Board
  - 6.1. Meets shall take place in the following months:
    - January
    - March
    - May
    - September
    - October
    - November
  - 6.2. Nominations for Executive Board positions will take place at the November meeting, with voting taking place at the January meeting.
  - 6.3. Additional meetings may be called if necessary and will be communication through SMYFA Cheer Directors group and/or Email