



Canadian Cheer Sportsmanship Policy 2024-2025

At Canadian Cheer, we recognize the importance of sportsmanship policies in fostering a positive, respectful, and fair environment for both in-person events and online spaces.

With over 20,000 athletes competing in Canadian Cheer competitions nationwide, we are dedicated to providing a safe and supportive environment for young athletes to develop their skills and celebrate sports excellence.

In alignment with this mission, we have established a sportsmanship initiative to hold all participants—athletes, coaches, and spectators—accountable for their behavior at any Canadian Cheer event and within the Canadian Cheer online forums, ensuring these spaces remain safe for everyone

General Principles

Respect:

- Treat all participants, officials, and spectators with respect, regardless of their role or affiliation.
- Acknowledge and appreciate the efforts and achievements of others.

Integrity:

- Compete fairly and honestly, adhering to the rules and spirit of the game.
- Avoid cheating, dishonesty, and any form of unethical behavior.

Inclusivity:

- Promote inclusivity and ensure that everyone feels welcome, regardless of their background, abilities, or identities.
- Challenge and address any form of discrimination, harassment, or bullying.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Unsportsmanlike conduct encompasses disrespectful behaviour, including actions deemed rude, inappropriate, unprofessional, or that may be considered offensive to others.

In accordance with the [Cheer Canada Deduction System](#), each instance of policy violation will result in the “**Unsportsmanlike Conduct Deduction - 5.0**”, and may lead to removal from the premises, or disqualification from the event, or future events.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following actions:

Inappropriate Behavior Towards an Event Official, Staff Member or Facility Employee:

- Verbal abuse directed at an event official, event staff, or facility employee
 - Offensive language related to race, religion, gender identity, sexual identity
 - Insulting gestures or vulgar language
 - Excessive deliberation with officials (e.g., score checks)
- Inappropriate physical contact towards an event official, staff member, or facility employee
 - Physical aggression or abuse
 - Threats of assault

Inappropriate Behavior Towards an Athlete, Coach or Spectator:

- Verbal abuse directed at an athlete, coach or spectator
 - Offensive language related to race, religion, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin
 - Insulting gestures or vulgar language
- Inappropriate physical contact towards an athlete, coach or spectator:
 - Physical aggression or abuse
 - Inappropriate contact with a minor

Inappropriate Online Behavior:

Communication:

- Using disrespectful and inappropriate language in any online interactions, including emails, social media, forums, and messaging platforms.
- Trolling, flaming, or engaging in heated arguments.
- Disrespect the decisions of event officials, judges, or event staff

Cyberbullying and Harassment:

- Engaging in any form of cyberbullying, harassment, or intimidation.

Additionally, we ask that any of these instances of online abuse are reported to the appropriate authorities or platforms.

Disrespect of Canadian Cheer/Venue Property:

- Any form of vandalism of property or equipment
- Theft at PRO Store and any other onsite vendors and partners.
- Unhygienic behaviour in changing rooms, bag drop locations, coaches' rooms, and restrooms
- All attendees must adhere to the venues guest code of conduct
- Spectators who consume alcoholic beverages shall do so in a responsible manner and adhere to the venue alcohol policy.

Canadian Cheer, in accordance with the [IASF General Safety Rules](#), has a zero tolerance for athletes and coaches under the influence of Alcohol, narcotics, performance enhancing substances or over-the-counter medication that may affect the ability to perform or supervise.

By adhering to the Sportsmanship Policy, Canadian Cheer Company ensures a secure, respectful, and positive environment for all athletes, coaches, and spectators.