

MSC FISH FLO BOWL CHEER COMPETITION RULES

MSC FISH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO BE ARBITRATOR AND INTERPRETER OF ALL RULES COVERED IN THIS DOCUMENT.

ELIGIBILITY POLICY

In fairness to all, MSC FISH strictly enforces its requirements for this competition. MSC FISH reserves the right to assess a penalty, or disqualify cheer teams for breach of eligibility. Team members must be enrolled at TAMU-CS or TAMU-G, have paid the entrance fee, and have an approved waiver on file with MSC FISH.

APPROPRIATE UNIFORM GENERAL UNIFORM GUIDELINES

No risqué, sexually provocative garments allowed. All uniform pieces should adequately cover an athlete and must be secured to eliminate any possible wardrobe malfunctions. Appropriate undergarments must be worn. In addition to the specific guidelines below, athletes must also consider that a combination of uniform pieces may also deem a uniform appropriate or inappropriate. ALL garments must properly cover the athlete and the athlete's undergarments during the routine. ALL garments must qualify as "athletic gear" – **no pockets, buttons, zippers, or metal may be part of the uniform for the safety of all involved.** Uniform tops may not include an exposed midriff (crop top). *Judges and MSC FISH staff reserve the right to assess warnings and/or deductions when a team's choreography, uniform, etc. do not meet the standards of 'appropriate' as described in this policy. (NO BLUE JEAN SHORTS MAY BE WORN).*

ROUTINE REQUIREMENTS

1. Each team will perform a choreographed routine not to exceed 2 minutes and 30 seconds
2. Organized, formal entrances that involve organized cheers or run-ons with jumps, tumbling, or stunts are not permitted. Cheerleaders should enter the performance area in a timely fashion.
3. Timing will begin with the first note of music by the team after they are officially announced and have taken the floor.
4. Timing will end with the last organized word, movement, or note of music by the team. Teams must exit the performance area immediately following the routine or immediately following a disqualification notice.
5. Team names will be called twice: once as the team on deck and once as the next team to perform.
6. Routines must be appropriate for family viewing. **MSC FISH reserves the right to prohibit certain choreography if it puts participants in potential harm. No tear-away uniforms or removal of clothing is allowed. Any vulgar or suggestive movements, words, or music will result in a score deduction and possible removal from competition. Judges' decisions are final.**

PENBERTHY RULES

All participants and spectators must adhere to the rules outlined by Penberthy for any event. These include: no food on the fields (including gum and sunflower seeds), no pets, and spectators must remain behind the line designated for viewing off of the fields. **Cheer teams may not release any glitter or confetti as part of their routine.**

JUDGING PANELS

- **PANEL JUDGES** - Panel Judges are responsible for scoring each team's performance based on the Scoresheet. Each Panel Judge fills out his/her own score sheet for each performance. Panel Judges score technical ability and the overall routine, but they do not determine or score deductions or safety violations.
- **SAFETY JUDGE** - The Safety Judge is responsible for administering all safety violations, time violations, and boundary violations.
- **POINT DEDUCTION JUDGE** - The Point Deduction Judge is responsible for assessing deductions in each routine for obvious bobbles or falls from technical skills.

DISQUALIFICATIONS AND POINT DEDUCTIONS

MSC FISH reserves the right to deduct points or disqualify teams based on the previously outlined rules and policies.

In the event that a team/organization violates the above conditions, the following procedure may be followed.

1. A team will be given a warning if a violation occurs during their cheer check. This will result in an automatic point deduction.
2. If the warning is ignored or an additional violation occurs during the official competition, the music will be shut off and the team will be given 30 seconds to vacate the field. This will count as a disqualification from the cheer competition.
3. If the cheer team refuses to vacate the field in the allotted 30 seconds, additional penalties will occur depending on the status of the organization in the football competition.
 - If the organization's football team qualifies for bracket play, BOTH the organization's cheer and football teams will be disqualified from FLO Bowl, and they will be asked to leave the venue.
 - If the organization's football team has not qualified for football bracket play, the organization will be disqualified and asked to leave the venue
4. If it is determined that a cheer team has committed a serious violation of the policy outlined above, the entire organization will be banned from attending the subsequent year FLO Bowl (Both cheer and football competition)

Due to the fact that cheer violations vary in severity, MSC FISH reserves the right to enforce these consequences in a non-sequential order. This decision will be left to the discretion of MSC FISH Development Executives, Chairship, and MSC FISH Advisor.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, every team must have a backup routine excluding stunts to perform. Safety of athletes is our main priority. Weather conditions will be evaluated by the safety judge and usage of stunts will be decided prior to the cheer competition beginning. **If weather does not permit stunts and a team does not have a secondary routine without stunts, they will not be allowed to compete in the cheer competition.**

MEETINGS & INFORMATIONALS

In order to participate in the cheer competition, all participating organizations must attend a MANDATORY cheer meeting to review the rules and regulations of the competition. **Each organization is expected to send at least one registered cheer coach AND one member of upper level staff (EX. Chairship, president, executive directors).** Failure to attend this meeting with the required personnel will result in disqualification from the competition regardless of routine status.