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To: NJCDCA Members and Cheerleading Coaches

From: NJCDCA Executive Board

Date: July 1, 2025

Subject: Score Sheet and Rubric Updates

Dear Coaches,

We hope you're enjoying a restful and productive summer! As we gear up for the upcoming season, we want to inform you of some important updates to the NJCDCA score sheets and scoring rubrics that will take effect this competition season.

After careful review and feedback from the NJCDCA Stakeholder Committee, the coaches survey, and judges, the NJCDCA has made adjustments aimed at increasing clarity, consistency, and fairness across all divisions. These updates include:

- **Revised Score Sheets** with clearer category breakdowns and updated point distributions
 - Cheer/Dance Division- *"Overall Sheet"* changes to reflect member feedback regarding performance and crowd engagement
 - Revision to the Routine Impression Scoring Criteria for both Cheer/Dance and All-Music to reflect member feedback
 - Changes to Coed Stunt Quantity to now be Coed Difficulty Score
 - Additionally, for Coed teams, stunt execution score will evaluate both Partner and Coed stunting
- **Updated Scoring Rubrics** with more specific criteria and detailed descriptors to better guide performance expectations and judging decisions
 - New skills introduced into Pyramid/Stunting for the Intermediate Category
 - Coed Stunt Quantity Scoring to include assisted and unassisted skills
 - Revision of Tumbling Difficulty ranges to reflect a 5-category range
 - Terminology Clarifications to better align with national standards and ensure shared understanding across teams and judging panels

Links to Updated Scoring Documents

- [Cheer/Dance Score Sheets 2025-2026](#)
- [All Music Score Sheets 2025-2026](#)
- [General Scoring Information and Rubrics 2025-2026](#)

We encourage all coaches to review the updated materials thoroughly and bring any questions to our upcoming Fall Forum or via email. All updated documents are posted to the NJCDCA [website](#).

Additionally, dates, locations, pricing, and registration timeline for the 2025–2026 State Championships will be announced soon. As the sport of cheerleading continues to grow in New Jersey, securing appropriate venue space(s) has become increasingly challenging. We appreciate your patience as we actively explore all available options, we hope to have secured dates for you in the next few weeks.

Membership registration for the 2025–2026 season will open on August 1, 2025, at a newly-discounted rate of **\$100**. Membership registration is due Dec 1 in order to receive membership benefits for the 25-26 Season.

Lastly, save the date for **The Fall Forum**: Sunday, Sep 28, 2025 at Bell Works in Holmdel, NJ. Registration will open August 15 and will close September 12.

Thank you for your continued commitment to excellence in cheerleading and dance. We're looking forward to an exciting and successful season ahead!

Best,
The NJCDCA Executive Board