



# Cheer Updates - September 2015

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ITEM	NOTES
<p><b>Rubric Clarification:</b></p> <p><b>MAJORITY</b></p>	<p>Regarding the question of Majority that went out to Reps at the beginning of September, the following has been determined:  <i>"If a team does not perform the required number of skills to reach majority - the judges are going to use their discretion to determine the rubric range that the team should get. To clarify, it can be beneficial to a team to put in skills that "individual" groups can do even though these are not "team" skills to reach majority. In these cases, the judge will use their discretion to determine the score that the team should get."</i></p> <p>This information has been updated in the 2015-16 Rubric and Scoring Instructions.</p>
<p><b>Rubric Clarification:</b></p> <p><b>TOSSES</b></p>	<p>A question was asked regarding a "Chuck Toss". Since this is not terminology that is used across NYS, the description included in the email is below.</p> <p>"A chuck toss is a toss executed like a basket toss, but the grip is not the basket grip. The flyer is in a "load" position, with her feet in the hands of the bases. They dip, lift and follow through on the toss like in a basket toss. Many use this as a developmental skill for the basket toss, or as a progression to the basket toss. When it is well executed, the height of the toss can be significant and different skills could be added (toe touch, twist, etc.).</p> <p>For the 2015-16 season, the Rubric will not differentiate the toss approach.</p>
<p><b>Rubric Clarification:</b></p> <p><b>TOSSES</b></p>	<p>Further clarification regarding Tosses:            Majority would be considered if there were enough athletes to complete another toss and they were placed as front spots instead (ie-19 athletes). The 4 extra could make an additional toss group, the team that does so should score higher in the range.</p>
<p><b>Rubric Clarification:</b></p> <p><b>PYRAMID &amp; TOSSES</b></p>	<p>The scoring that was in place for 2014-15 will now be in place for the 2015-16 season <b>regarding tosses and pyramids</b>. Teams are not required to do a pyramid and toss in that section of the rubric. The score will not longer be divided by 2 in order to arrive at the appropriate score.</p>

<p><b>Rubric Clarification:</b></p> <p><b>VOICE &amp; LEADING</b></p>	<p>Length of the cheer has been brought up in conversations over the past few weeks. Since styles are different across the state, this is a serious consideration for our teams. The cheer score will be based on the whole criteria in the rubric, which includes stamina, energy, etc. Please make sure that the duration of the cheer portion is long enough to incorporate all of the necessary elements.</p>
<p><b>Rubric Clarification:</b></p> <p><b>STUNTS</b></p>	<p>Dismount: Can you tell me where a single leg kick full twist dismount falls under?  Answer: 8-10 because it is a double skill to cradle</p> <p>Pyramids: In single base stunts- would a middle flyer in an unassisted one man being braced by 2 outside multi base flyers be considered majority single base?  Answer: No</p>
<p><b>NYSPHSAA Cheer Updates</b></p>	<p>AmeriCheer International Championships (February 27-28, 2016) promotes that they will be using a spring floor for cheer teams. NYSPHSAA has spoken to the organizers of that event and they told us that they will have both a spring floor and non-spring floor. They know that NY schools can only compete on the non-spring floor.</p>
	<p>We will be working to publish videos of stunts on the NYSPHSAA Cheer website. Our hope is that these should be published by the end of September. This should assist in clarification of new stunts as they evolve. Your feedback on this area is appreciated. Special thanks to Katelynn Dougherty for your assistance in creating these videos.</p>
<p><b>NFHS Rules Clarifications</b></p>	<p>When NFHS Rules Clarifications are made by Nina Baker, our State Rules interpreter, corresponding Section Coordinators will be included on the email back to Section Rules Interpreter. The role of the Section Rep is to make sure that this information is sent out to coaches or respective sections. I will do my best to include the clarifications here also.</p>
<p><b>Question from Coach:</b></p>	<p>Top of page 53 of the NFHS rule book has a picture of a dismount from inverted stunt. 2.5.5.d Dismount from inverted stunt to a cradle or upright position on the performance floor are allowed. She would like to go to a load and not cradle. Since she is asking to go to a load that is not a dismount and wouldn't fall under that rule. Would this be legal? I'm thinking it would fall under inversions and it's not legal because 2.5.5b.2 the base or spotter must maintain contact with the top person until the top persons is no longer inverted.</p>

Clarification: This situation is covered on page 21 - 2.5.5 SITUATION J (d). It's illegal.
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