



A VARSITY SPIRIT BRAND

2018-19 JR. HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPETITIONS Show Cheer and Group Stunt Division Limitations

In addition to all rules covered in the “2018-19 AACCA School Cheerleading Safety Rules” the following restrictions also apply to teams entering the following divisions:

Show Cheer – Novice and/or Group Stunt – Novice
 Show Cheer – Intermediate
 Show Cheer – Non-Tumbling
 Show Cheer – Advanced and/or a Group Stunt – Advanced

There have been changes from the 2017-18 rules -- please read all restrictions carefully.

NOVICE Division Limitations

Jr. High/Middle School Show Cheer and/or Group Stunt

TUMBLING

Standing tumbling: Limited in difficulty to a single standing back handspring. Jump/handspring combinations and series handsprings are not allowed. For example, standing tucks and/or aerials are not allowed.

Standing tumbling is defined as any tumbling skill not originating from a cartwheel or round-off.

Running tumbling: limited in difficulty to front and/or back handspring series. Skills including, but not limited to, the following are not permitted: flips (tucks), aerials, punch fronts, etc.

Running tumbling is defined as tumbling that involves a forward step or a hurdle used to gain momentum as an entry to a tumbling skill.

STUNTS (JR. HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL NOVICE)

1. Extended stunts are limited to both feet in the base(s) hands at all times. Both of the top person's feet must be held throughout the entire transition to/from the extended position. Exception: Straight bump-down dismounts are allowed as part of a pyramid dismount.
2. Single leg stunts may not be held or pass through an extended position.
3. Twisting stunt transitions are limited to a ½ twist. Exception: A single full twisting log/barrel roll is allowed as long as it starts and ends in a cradle position, does not involve any skill other than the twist, and is not assisted by and/or connected to another top person.
4. All release moves must land in a cradle.
5. The only stunt inversions allowed are:
 - a) Transitions from ground level inversions *up* to non-inverted positions. Example: Legal: Going from a handstand on the ground to a non-inverted stunt such as a shoulder sit is allowed. Example: Illegal: Going from a cradle *down* to a handstand or from a prone position to a forward roll.
 - b) Suspended forward rolls where two people on the performing surface control the top person in a suspended forward roll with continuous hand-to-hand contact to a stunt, two person cradle, loading position, or the performing surface. If caught in a cradle, load, or stunt, the new catchers must be in a place and may not be involved in any other skill when the suspended forward roll is initiated. During the roll, the feet of the top person must be released.

PYRAMIDS

1. All single leg extended stunts must be braced by two top persons at prep level or lower. The braced connection must be established at prep level or lower before the stunt passes into the extended level, and constant contact between the top person and the bracers must be maintained while the top person is on one leg above prep level.
2. Any time a top person is released by bases during a pyramid transition, the top person must be braced by two top persons at prep level or below with hand-arm connection only and constant contact between the top person and the bracers must be maintained throughout the transition.
3. Twisting pyramid transitions are limited to a ½ twist.
4. Pyramid inversions are not allowed.

Dismounts

Only straight pop downs/bump downs, basic straight cradles and ¼ turn dismounts are allowed. All other dismounts are prohibited. "Dismount" is defined as the movement of a top person from a stunt and/or pyramid to a cradle position or to the performing surface.

TOSSES

Tosses are not allowed.

INTERMEDIATE Division Limitations

Jr. High/Middle School Show Cheer

TUMBLING

Standing Tumbling: limited in difficulty to a standing back handspring series and/or jump/handspring(s) combination. Tucks and/or aerials are not allowed. For example, a standing back tuck or standing back handspring back tuck is not allowed.

Standing tumbling is defined as any tumbling skill not originating from a cartwheel or round-off.

Running Tumbling: limited in difficulty to tucks. Round off back tucks and round off back handspring back tucks are examples of skills that are allowed. Aerial cartwheels are also allowed. Punch fronts are not allowed. Cartwheel tucks, cartwheel tucked flips and/or cartwheel back handspring(s) tucks are not allowed. The following types of advanced running tumbling skills are prohibited: X-outs, layouts, full twists, etc. No tumbling is allowed after a flip or aerial skill.

Running tumbling is defined as tumbling that involves a forward step or a hurdle used to gain momentum as an entry to a tumbling skill.

STUNTS

1. Extended single leg stunts are allowed.
2. Twisting stunt transitions to and from an extended position may not exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ twist. All other twisting transitions may not exceed 1 twisting transition.
3. Stunt release moves must start below prep level and must be caught at prep level or below. Release moves may not pass above the base's/bases' extended arm level.

PYRAMIDS

1. All pyramid twisting transitions must follow all stunt twisting transition rules.
2. Pyramid inversions: A braced forward or backward flip is allowed while adhering to the AACCA rules on braced flips; however, no twisting is allowed and the completion of the flip must end in a cradle dismount.
3. When connected, all extended single leg stunts must be braced on at least one side by another top person who is at prep level or lower.

Dismounts

Only straight pop downs, basic straight cradles and $\frac{1}{4}$ turns are allowed from any single leg stunt. Up to $1\frac{1}{4}$ twists are allowed from any two leg stunts. "Dismount" is defined as the movement of a top person from a stunt and/or pyramid to a cradle position or to the performing surface.

TOSSES

Tosses are not allowed.

NON-TUMBLING Division Limitations Jr. High/Middle School Show Cheer

Non-Tumbling teams will follow the 2018-19 AACCA School Cheer Safety Rules with additional tumbling skill restrictions for the division.

Standing/Running Tumbling:

This division prohibits all standing and/or running tumbling. This includes forward and backward rolls, cartwheels, round offs, handsprings, tucks (flips), etc. Skills within stunts are allowed. Example: Braced flipping pyramid and/or cartwheel dismounts. Tumbling skills that happen *before* stunting occurs are not allowed. EXAMPLE: Standing back handspring to a prone load-in position, etc.

TOSSES

Tosses are not allowed.

ADVANCED Division Limitations

JR. High/Middle School Show Cheer and/or Group Stunt

Advanced teams will follow the 2018-19 AACCA School Cheer Safety Rules with no additional skill restrictions for the division, with the exception that tosses are not allowed.

TOSSES

Tosses are not allowed.



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