

***Main Coach / Sponsor: Please read the following Policy Guide. It will need to be signed and turned in when checking-in the day of the event.***

## Sportsmanship

***As the main coach/sponsor I understand it is the goal of U.S. Spiritleaders to make competitions fun, innovative, and positive.***

***Bad sportsmanship by participants, coaches, and fans/parents will not be tolerated. U.S. Spiritleaders reserves the right to remove any person/persons that are unsportsmanlike or do not follow the directions of the security and event staff.***

***Coaches should set a good example and make their teams and fans aware of the team penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct. (20 points for each occurrence.)***

***U.S. Spiritleaders events invite judges from different cheerleading and dance backgrounds so different styles are taken into consideration. All judges decisions are final and are objective. Re-Cap scores will be available 2 weeks after the event.***

***Coaches should prepare their teams and fans/parents in the way they conduct themselves during the day, during the awards ceremony, and even after the event is over.***

## Performance Guidelines

***As the main coach/sponsor I have read the performance guidelines regarding the divisions my teams are entering. I understand the following:***

***1. Placement and judges rulings on the day of the event can only be questioned within one week following the event in writing to the U.S. Spiritleaders office. It is the right of U.S. Spiritleaders to change placings within one week of the event. All teams in the division will be notified of such changes if they occur. 2. Questionable skills: It is the responsibility of all coaches to send in a video of any skill that could be illegal or fall within a gray line of legality to the U.S. Spiritleaders office one month prior to the competition date for approval. 3. Squads will be penalized 5 points every 5 seconds over the time limit. Teams will be penalized 5 points if they or the coach are not ready to perform or start the music. The event reserves the right to call teams to perform no more than 30 minutes ahead of time or if running behind schedule, announce the new estimated time of performance. 4. U.S. Spiritleaders events are not responsible for tapes that break, cds that skip or stop during performance and MP3 Players that cannot be read by our sound system. You must provide at least two forms of music at the time your team performs. 5. The tournament director reserves the right to decide if a team may completely re-perform their routine due to time, safety, and any event circumstances.***

## Trainer Restrictions

***As the main coach/sponsor I understand that medical personnel will be on site at all events to provide assistance for emergencies only. Taping of wrists and ankles for individual performers will not be provided.***

## Eligibility

***As the main coach/sponsor I have checked and can verify my teams eligibility to perform in the entered divisions. An individual may not perform on 2 teams of the same level even if the division is divided. School entrants cannot compete in the Advanced, Intermediate, or Novice division of the same category on the same day of competition. Students must be in the proper grade level of the selected division in which they are competing. All-Stars must follow the most current age rules established by the USASF. I also understand the policy on "stacking".***

## Safety Rules

***As the main coach/sponsor I have read the safety guidelines regarding the divisions my teams are entering. I also understand teams may perform skills that are accepted by U.S. Spiritleaders, USA, NCA/NDA, UCA/UDA, COA, NACCC, and the USASF Associations. Judges will be educated to not base their ranking decisions on skills that some teams cannot perform based on the safety rules they follow.***

## Medical Release / Insurance

***As the main coach/sponsor I understand that each participant on my team(s) must have his/her own personal medical/insurance. The host facility, the host facility city, the directors/sponsors and or U.S. Spiritleaders will not be responsible or held liable for any injuries occurring at a U.S. Spiritleaders event.***

## Coach Spotting

***As the main coach/sponsor I understand that coaches may not act as spotters. There will be a 10 point penalty if a coach takes the performance floor with the team.***

Coach / Sponsor

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ School / Team \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_