



## **OCF Events Membership Partner - 2022-2023 Season**

The Ontario Cheerleading Federation (OCF) is proud to offer an events membership package for the 2022-2023 season. We look forward to starting and maintaining a mutual business relationship that provides a continuous and beneficial experience to each other, and the members and subsequent athletes of the OCF.

Membership Fee: \$500 plus HST

Benefits of an Event Membership:

- Membership Card and Certificate
- Members only Facebook group to market events to our club/school members
- Annual Town hall meetings
- Partners logo added on our website with a direct link to your business website.
- Mention of our event partners on our social media.
- Listing of all event members in Ontario on the OCF's website
- Option for discounted insurance
- Equipment rental at a reduced rate
- Assistance with providing judges and/or event staff contacts who are knowledgeable if advance notice is given.
- Age Verification/School Affiliation
- OCF to assist in monitoring coach membership and provide EP with a list of approved coaches
- Confidential disclosure of banned/ineligible coach/athlete list

**Please fill out the form below to complete your registration as an Events member partner:**

<https://forms.gle/hixGNqkShUtp2U5h7>

Email [Info@ontariocheer.ca](mailto:Info@ontariocheer.ca) if you have any further questions.

Thank you and the OCF is looking forward to working with our event partners.

## OCF EVENT INFORMATION

This document will outline both the required elements for a competition in Ontario. In order for competition events to be successful within Ontario, all OCF bylaws must be followed. In addition, the OCF has also compiled some recommendations to help event producers with running a successful competition.

### General Policies

- All Ontario competitions must adhere to the OCF bylaws – specifically those pertaining to eligibility to attend events, competition safety and competitive divisions.
- Event hosts must be OCF members and partners in good standing.
- All OCF competitions should retain the services of judges who have been certified by a recognized cheerleading body.
- Event hosts are encouraged to have a coach check in process to ensure coaches wristbands are handed to the appropriate individuals. The OCF has introduced a Screening Policy for this as well as communicated with its members and coaches the OCF's requirements to enter a practice and competition area.

### Recommendations for Competitions

- Minimum \$2 000 000 Liability Insurance
  - At least one full 42' by 54' floor in practice area
  - At least one 12' by 60' tumble floor in practice area
  - Unobstructed ceiling height of 20 feet
  - Provide a 42' by 54' performance floor
  - Cleaning material at performance floor for bodily fluids
  - Equipped EMT or Athletic Trainer present
  - First Aid/Therapist Area with AED
  - A certified Safety judge
  - Judges meeting/orientation prior to competition start time
  - Score Check Area
  - Video playback capabilities for judges
  - Scheduled meal and restroom breaks for judges
- \*\*\*\*Any modifications to the above list must be approved by the OCF

### OCF Competitive Divisions

- Events must follow the Cheer Canada rules in the Methodology
- Events must offer only the Cheer Canada Divisions listed
- Events handing out World bids, must follow the Worlds bid process
- Additional divisions may be offered if approved by the OCF

### Recommendations

- The event producer schedules the competitions within reasonable operating hours.
- The event producer has a designated person to monitor the equipment throughout the event.
- Hosts have a refund policy in place and that the policy is communicated to the registrants. A guideline for a refund policy is as follows: fees will not be refunded if a team decides to withdraw from the competition after the registration deadline has passed.

- The competition floor will have a minimum clearance of at least 6' on the supporting surface before any obstruction. NOTE: If an event producer has a decline border surrounding their competition surface, the length of the decline may be included in the mandated 6' clearance area.
- The competition floor be “sprung” and if it is, it is recommended that a sprung, carpeted strip be provided in the warm-up area.
- The ceiling height in the warm-up area and in the competition area must allow ample space above the height of the highest skill performed (recommended minimum 20' ceiling height).
- Competition hosts advise teams attending of the type of music that will be available to them at the competition. Music needs to be positioned so that coaches/advisors have a clear view of the competition mat while pushing play. A knowledgeable worker should operate music systems.
- The event host informs registrants of the type of scoring and judging methodologies being used for the competition. The registrants should also be informed of any judging policies.
- If the competition host is requesting the use of OCF resources, it is recommended that these requests be submitted as soon as possible. OCF resources (i.e judges) will be assigned to competitions on a first come first serve basis if available.