

## **USASF Statement**

## MEMPHIS, TN (April 14, 2023) - USASF Introduces an Industry Standard Scoring System for Competitive Cheerleading

The <u>U.S. All Star Federation</u> (USASF) is proud to announce the release of a scoring system for all levels of competitive cheerleading. The system, which has been a collaborative development, focuses on safely instituting progressive markers for gateway skills as athletes move through the levels of All Star cheerleading. It is centrically focused on level appropriateness first, and paired with the ability to be properly rewarded for your difficulty second.

The USASF worked closely with industry experts, coaches, event producer partners, and judges to develop this scoring system. The system has been previewed by many who volunteer and serve various roles within the industry on behalf of the USASF, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

One of the key features of the system is its emphasis on freedom of choice and opportunity. It is designed to maximize participation within USASF Member clubs and allows club owners and coaches the freedom and flexibility to place athletes on teams without it being detrimental to the team's score. Our system will focus on entire routines where team elements and skills will be rewarded, technique and execution can balance with the difficulty scores, and not set skill requirements or expectations by individual athletes.

The USASF believes our new scoring system will foster a great sense of trust and confidence in the judging process. It will also provide teams with an invaluable tool for evaluating their own performances and making improvements. Judges' training and judges' resources will be available through the USASF in conjunction with the USASF Event Producers who choose to use the system. A USASF list of trained judges will be available throughout the season.

The USASF will be updating its website with member Event Producers who will adopt this system in May. The USASF scoring system represents a major step forward for the sport, and we believe it will help to attract even more athletes and fans.

For more information on the new USASF scoring system, or to view the draft scoresheets, please visit <u>usasf.net/scoring</u>. Please note, the point values for each category have been left off intentionally. Updates can be expected after the <u>USASF/USA Cheer National Meeting on July 21-22 in Nashville, TN.</u>

**About USASF:** The U.S. All Star Federation supports and enriches the lives of our All Star athletes and members. The USASF provides consistent rules, strives for a safe environment for athletes, drives excellence and promotes a positive image for the sport. The organization credentials coaches, certifies legality officials, sanctions events and maintains safety guidelines, all with the goal of providing the safest possible environment for cheer and dance athletes to train and compete. For more information, visit www.usasf.net.