



2026-2027 Recreation Cheer Division Grid

This document contains the recreation cheer divisions offered for the 2026-2027 season. The age grid provides a list of divisions that may be offered by Champion Cheer Central.

All teams must classify as one of the following:

- **TRADITIONAL**
 - The program must be affiliated with, report to, and be governed by an organization such as; YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, City/County Parks and Recreational Program, American Youth Cheer, Pop Warner Association, or other community run program not associated with All Star.
 - Each team must cheer for a sport/program during the 2026-2027 cheer season.
- **PERFORMANCE**
 - Organization may be independent of town/city organization/clubs. Team does not necessarily cheer for a supported, sports program.
- **NON TUMBLE**
 - **Non Tumble Cheer (NTC)** gives athletes the opportunity to enter the competitive cheerleading circuit without tumbling being the focus. Many community programs may not have the resources, facilities, or staff needed to safely teach tumbling, and this division helps create a more accessible pathway for those athletes. For the 2026-2027 season this will not be split into Traditional and Performance.
- **TINY NOVICE**
 - Tiny Novice provides the youngest athletes an exciting introduction to cheerleading in an age-appropriate environment. For the 2026-2027 season this will not split into Traditional and Performance.

CLASSIFICATIONS / EXCEPTIONS

- At the beginning of the season a team must classify if they are Traditional or Performance. This must be verified before the competition season. Once the team division has been declared:
 - A Performance Team cannot move to a Traditional division.
 - A Traditional organization can move to the Performance division; however, any bids they have earned as a Traditional organization during the competitive season will be forfeited. The organization will not be eligible to return to the Traditional division during the remainder of that competitive season.
- Tiny Novice Recreation Cheer for the 2026-2027 season will not split into Traditional and Performance. All Tiny Novice teams will be in the Novice. This division is ranking athletes only and is NOT a competitive division.

DIVISION SPLITS

- Recreation Divisions will be split small and large when there are at least 2 teams left in each division.
 - Small = 5-19 members
 - Large = 20-36 members



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Champion Cheer Central has adopted the TOP Recreation Scoring System. This system follows the United Scoring System with adjustments to the Quantity Grids. This revised version best serves the recreation programs in the Industry

PERFORMANCE CHEER

- Routines may be a combination of Cheer & Music.
- Routine Max: 2:30 minutes
- Will follow USASF All Star Elite Cheer Rules with Level 4 Running Tumbling Exception
- Exception: Level 4 - Fulls are allowed in running tumbling only and will be counted toward the running tumbling difficulty and technique scores.

TRADITIONAL RECREATION

- Routines may be a combination of Cheer & Music.
- Routine Max: 2:30 minutes
- Will follow USASF All Star Prep Cheer Rules with the exception of time routine maximum.
- Exception: Routine Max is 2:30.

TINY NOVICE RECREATION CHEER

- Routines may be a combination of Cheer & Music.
- Routine Max: 1:30 minutes
- Will follow USASF All Star Novice Rules

NON TUMBLE RECREATION CHEER

- Routines may be a combination of Cheer & Music.
- Routine Max: 2:00 minutes
- Will follow USASF All Star Elite Rules



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| 2026-2027 Recreation Age Grid by Birth Year | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|---------|---------|-----|
| Birth Year | Division | | | | | | | | |
| | TINY NOVICE | 6U | 8U | 10U | 12U | 14U | 16U NTC | 18U NTC | 18U |
| 2021 & Later | X | | | | | | | | |
| 2020 | X | | | | | | | | |
| 2019 & Later | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 2018 | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 2017 | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 2016 | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 2015 | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 2014 | | | | | X | X | X | X | X |
| 2013 | | | | | X | X | X | X | X |
| 2012 | | | | | | X | X | X | X |
| 2011 | | | | | | X | X | X | X |
| 2010 | | | | | | | X | X | X |
| 2009 | | | | | | | | X | X |
| 2008 | | | | | | | | X | X |
| 2007 | | | | | | | | | X |

| CHEERABILITIES (SPECIAL ATHLETE) EXHIBITION | | | |
|---|---------|---------|--------------------------------|
| CHEERABILITIES | Any Age | Any Age | Unlimited members, Female/Male |

| TINY RECREATION NOVICE | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| TINY NOVICE | 2021 or Later | 5 years and younger | 3+ Member, Female/Male |

| NON TUMBLE RECREATION CHEER | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| LEVEL 2.0 NTC | | | |
| 16U NTC | 2010 and later | 16 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| LEVEL 3.0 NTC | | | |
| 18U NTC | 2008 and later | 18 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |

The age of the athlete will be based on BIRTH YEAR for the 2026-2027 competitive season.



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| TRADITIONAL RECREATION DIVISIONS | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| DIVISION | BIRTH YEAR | AGES | # OF PARTICIPANTS & GENDER |
| LEVEL 1 | | | |
| TINY (6U) | 2019 and later | 6 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| MINI (8U) | 2017 and later | 8 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| PEE WEE (10U) | 2015 and later | 10 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| YOUTH (12U) | 2013 and later | 12 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| JUNIOR (14U) | 2011 and later | 14 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| SENIOR (18U) | 2007 and later | 18 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| LEVEL 2.1 | | | |
| PEE WEE (10U) | 2015 and later | 10 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| YOUTH (12U) | 2013 and later | 12 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| JUNIOR (14U) | 2011 and later | 14 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| SENIOR (18U) | 2007 and later | 18 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| LEVEL 2 | | | |
| PEE WEE (10U) | 2015 and later | 10 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| YOUTH (12U) | 2013 and later | 12 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| JUNIOR (14U) | 2011 and later | 14 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| SENIOR (18U) | 2007 and later | 18 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| LEVEL 3.1 | | | |
| YOUTH (12U) | 2013 and later | 12 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| JUNIOR (14U) | 2011 and later | 14 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| SENIOR (18U) | 2007 and later | 18 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| LEVEL 3 | | | |
| YOUTH (12U) | 2013 and later | 12 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
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| SENIOR (18U) | 2007 and later | 18 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |



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| PERFORMANCE RECREATION DIVISIONS | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| DIVISION | BIRTH YEAR | AGES | # OF PARTICIPANTS & GENDER |
| LEVEL 1 | | | |
| TINY (6U) | 2019 and later | 6 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| MINI (8U) | 2017 and later | 8 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| PEE WEE (10U) | 2015 and later | 10 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| YOUTH (12U) | 2013 and later | 12 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
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| PEE WEE (10U) | 2015 and later | 10 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| YOUTH (12U) | 2013 and later | 12 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| JUNIOR (14U) | 2011 and later | 14 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| SENIOR (18U) | 2007 and later | 18 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| LEVEL 2 | | | |
| PEE WEE (10U) | 2015 and later | 10 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| YOUTH (12U) | 2013 and later | 12 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| JUNIOR (14U) | 2011 and later | 14 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| SENIOR (18U) | 2007 and later | 18 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| LEVEL 3.1 | | | |
| YOUTH (12U) | 2013 and later | 12 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| JUNIOR (14U) | 2011 and later | 14 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| SENIOR (18U) | 2007 and later | 18 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| LEVEL 3.2 | | | |
| YOUTH (12U) | 2013 and later | 12 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| JUNIOR (14U) | 2011 and later | 14 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| SENIOR (18U) | 2007 and later | 18 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| LEVEL 3 | | | |
| YOUTH (12U) | 2013 and later | 12 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| JUNIOR (14U) | 2011 and later | 14 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| SENIOR (18U) | 2007 and later | 18 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| LEVEL 4 | | | |
| JUNIOR (14U) | 2011 and later | 14 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| SENIOR (18U) | 2007 and later | 18 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| LEVEL 4.2 | | | |
| SENIOR (18U) | 2007 and later | 18 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |
| LEVEL 5 | | | |
| SENIOR (18U) | 2007 and later | 18 years and younger | 5-36 members, Female/Male |