



## General Policies

- All coaches must complete a background check and concussion certification for greenlight status (not required for virtual events. This can be done via Safe Cheer & Dance Events with NSID Coach Background Checks.
- Credentials must be worn at all times. No access to the warm-up area, coach room, or Score Review will be allowed without a valid credentials.
- All coaches requiring access to the warm-up area must complete a background check and concussion training.
- The Ring Championships reserves the right to remove individuals from the event for unsafe or unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Tumbling and stunting are only allowed on the performance floor and in the warm-up area.
- Suspicious or illicit behavior must be reported to staff immediately.
- Coaches are responsible for ensuring spectators do not block judges' view with signs, cameras, children, etc., or a penalty may be assessed.
- Coaches for Tiny and Cheer Abilities teams may sit on stage during performances (max 3 coaches, seated on designated spot).
- Divisions may be opened, closed, or combined at any time.
- Division change fee of **\$50 applies after the "Late Payment Fee"** registration deadline. ***No changes will be made once the schedule has been released.***
- Team roster changes are accepted up to 1 week before the event.

- All payments, team rosters, and waivers are due by the late fee payment deadline to be included in the performance order.
  - Teams not paid in full by the deadline will be excluded from the schedule and forfeit all payments.
  - The final performance schedule will be released to coaches only on Monday before the event.
  - Performance order changes are at the discretion of The Ring Championships.
  - All participants must have a signed waiver from a parent or legal guardian via the online registration system, completed before the late payment deadline.
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### **Crossover Policy**

- Participants may perform for multiple teams within the same organization. Full fee applies for first performance; subsequent performances are discounted.
  - Crossovers between different organizations (e.g., school and all-star) require full payment for each.
  - The Ring Championships will attempt to allow 30 minutes between performances but cannot guarantee accommodations.
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### **Payment Policy**

- **All deposits are due upon registration.**
- **Pricing is based on the date payment is received, not the registration date.**
- Payments must be made in full to receive the current rate.
- Registrations submitted on the final day of the late payment period must be paid in full immediately upon submission.
- Business and personal checks must be mailed early enough to be received at least one week before the on-time deadline.

- Return/Insufficient check fee: \$75
  - Accepted payment methods: Visa, Mastercard, AmEx, Debit Cards.
  - No cash payments are accepted (payments are not accepted on event day)
  - Credit card payments are subject to a 3.5% processing fee.
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## **Cancellation Policy**

- **Cancellations must be emailed to [Lisa@theringchampionship.com](mailto:Lisa@theringchampionship.com) with the subject line: "CANCELLATION NOTICE."**
  - 90+ days prior: full refund or transfer to another TRC event in the current season.
  - 89–46 days prior: payment must be transferred to another current-season event or credited to next season.
  - 45 days or less: no refund.
  - No refunds for participant reductions.
  - No-show, dropout, or scratch: no refund.
  - All forfeited payments constitute liquidated damages for costs incurred.
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## **Transfers & Refunds**

- You must email your Transfer/Refund Request to [request@theringchampionships.com](mailto:request@theringchampionships.com) within 10 days of your cancellation notice.
  - Refund or transfer requests must be submitted within 10 days of the cancellation notice or eligibility will be forfeited.
  - Refunds and transfers are not provided under any other circumstances, unless determined necessary by staff.
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## Inclement Weather

- If an event is canceled and not rescheduled, a full refund will be issued.
  - Visit [www.TheRingChampionships.com](http://www.TheRingChampionships.com) for incremental weather updates.
  - If the venue is open, the event will proceed.
  - Schedule adjustments for late arrivals due to weather can not be guaranteed.
  - **No refunds** will be given due to weather or travel issues should the event proceed.
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## Music Guidelines

- Music formats accepted: iPod, iPhone (must be downloaded – do not rely on Wi-Fi).
  - Devices may need to be in airplane mode.
  - Music must be cued and ready with a knowledgeable team representative.
  - Report to the music table one performance before yours.
  - One restart is allowed if a music error occurs.
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## Copyright Compliance

- Teams must follow USA Cheer music guidelines: <https://www.usacheer.org/music>
- Teams must comply with U.S. copyright laws.
- No specific provider is required, but compliance is the team's responsibility.
- The Ring Championships may request proof of licensing.
- Consult your music provider or legal counsel for questions.

