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## **Emerging and Re-Emerging Scholastic Cheer Teams Exemption Policy**

### **1) Preamble**

This policy addresses emerging and re-emerging scholastic cheer programs.

### **2) Exemptions**

- a) BCSC may grant exemptions to the “10% rule” for BCSC member scholastic teams that meet all of the following criteria:
  - i) The principal school must meet one of the following conditions:
    - (1) Has never competed in BC, or
    - (2) Has not competed in BC in the past 5 seasons, or
    - (3) Has competed in 1–2 seasons in the past 5 years and is still in the early stages of program development *\*If needing this criteria, please provide details below for review by the BCSC Board of Directors.*
  - ii) Athletes from outside the principal school must attend schools within the same school district.
  - iii) The athletes from outside the principal school must not have a competitive cheer program at their own schools.
  - iv) Athletes may not compete on multiple scholastic teams within one single season (September to May).
  - v) Athletes from outside of the principal school must not compete with an all-star program in the same season (September to May).
  - vi) Athletes from all outside schools must get permission from their school administration prior to joining the team at the principal school.

### **3) Eligibility**

- a) Teams that meet all of the above criteria may apply for the Emerging and Re-Emerging Scholastic Team Exemption.
- b) Approved teams may include up to 25% of athletes from other schools within their district.
- c) The exemption may be used for up to 2 consecutive years beginning from the year that the team has been granted the exception.

### **4) Team Responsibilities:**

- a) Teams must re-confirm eligibility each season and remain in good standing with BCSC.



- b) Teams are encouraged to actively promote cheer within their principal school and work toward reducing reliance on external athletes over time.
- c) It is the responsibility of the team to confirm eligibility with event producers if competing outside of BC or at a national competition as this exemption may make you ineligible to compete nationally or outside of BC.

**5) BCSC rights**

- a) BCSC reserves the right to deny or revoke an exemption if evidence suggests a team is circumventing the spirit of scholastic cheer through targeted recruitment or poaching of elite athletes who attend schools other than the principal school.
- b) Exemptions apply to the cheer program as a whole, not solely the name of the school. If a program is transferred or rebranded across schools within the district, its eligibility window will be up to the discretion of BCSC.

By submitting an application you confirm that you have read and understand the above information and will abide by the requirements if granted eligibility.