



2024 AASCF NOVICE Cheer Rules

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Changes to 2023 in *Red*

TUMBLING	
A. GENERAL May jump/rebound over an individual; May rebound from feet into a stunt transition; When rebounding into a stunt transition, may not rebound to inverted or through an inverted position; NO tumbling over, under, or through a stunt, individual or prop; NO tumbling while holding/contact with prop.	½ rebound to prone allowed. NO dive rolls.
B. STANDING	Skills with constant physical contact with the performing surface such as a cartwheel, rolls, handstand, bridge kick over, back bend kick over, handstand backbend, front limber, walkover. Blocked cartwheels allowed. NO tumble connected to a walkover. <i>Tiny ONLY: No bridge/backbend or bridge/backbend variations.</i> <i>Tiny/Mini ONLY: No walkovers or walkover variations.</i>
C. RUNNING	Skills with constant physical contact with the performing surface such as cartwheels, rolls, walkovers. Blocked cartwheels and round offs allowed. NO tumbling immediately after round offs or round off rebound. NO tumble connected to a walkover. <i>Tiny ONLY: No bridge/backbend or bridge/backbend variations.</i> <i>Tiny/Mini ONLY: No walkovers or walkover variations.</i>



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STUNTS	
A. SPOTTERS	All Stunts. Exception: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stunts only supported at waist that start or end on the performance surface.• Non-twisting T-Lifts that start and end on the performance surface where at least one foot is at waist level or below throughout the skill.• <u>'Release move' style</u> stunt transitions that are supported at the waist
B. STUNT HEIGHT	Waist level single leg (NO Prep level single leg). Prep level two leg (may pass above prep level). NO single based stunts. Exception: Waist level stunts and shoulder sits allowed.
C. TRANSITIONS	Must remain in contact with at least one base. No leapfrog/leapfrog variations. NO stunt transition to prone. Exception: Stunt transitions from ground to prone allowed. NO 'release move' style transitions body position to body position (lib to/from body position is allowed).
D. TWISTING	$\frac{1}{4}$ Twist from ground to waist level OR $\frac{1}{4}$ Twist from waist level to ground OR $\frac{1}{4}$ twist transition at waist level. No twisting to, from or at prep level (refer to IASF Glossary for prep level definition). Exception: rebound $\frac{1}{2}$ turn to prone; wrap around; up to $\frac{1}{2}$ twist starts and ends on performing surface and only supported at the waist; $\frac{1}{4}$ twisting T-lift that starts and ends on performing surface.
E. RELEASE MOVES	Not allowed other than dismounts.
F. INVERSIONS	Not allowed (inverted athlete must maintain contact with performing surface).
G. DOWNWARD INVERSIONS	Not allowed.
H. OVER/UNDER Stunt or individual passing over/under a separate stunt or individual.	Arms and legs allowed.



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PYRAMIDS	
<i>Please note IASF define a pyramid as "Two or more connected stunts." If a stunt is only connected by a person or people on the ground it will not meet the pyramid definition.</i>	
A. GENERAL	Must follow stunt and dismount rules and allowed up to 2 high; Top person must receive primary support from a base unless legal as a release transition; Released transitions may not come in contact with other stunt/pyramid release moves; Required catchers/spotters must be stationary, must maintain visual contact with the top person throughout the entire transition, and may not be involved in any other skill or choreography when the transition is initiated; Primary weight may not be borne at second level.
B. STRUCTURES (Single based are not allowed above waist level. Required bracer(s) must be connected to top person by initiation of skill and remain in contact throughout skill).	Prep level single leg requires hand-arm/hand-arm connections with both arms braced by two top persons at prep level or below. Exception: One of the required hand-arm connections may be made with an additional base on the ground. That person must have both feet on the ground and be attentive to the top person. The other connection must be with a top person at prep level or below. Prep level bracers must have both feet in the bases' hands unless in shoulder sit, flat back, or straddle lift. Two leg extended stunts not allowed.
C. NON-RELEASED TRANSITIONS	TWISTING: Must follow stunt rules. INVERSIONS: Must follow stunt rules.
D. RELEASED TRANSITIONS	Not allowed other than dismounts.
E. OVER/UNDER Stunt, pyramid or individual over/under a separate stunt, pyramids or individual.	Arms and legs allowed.
DISMOUNTS	
A. GENERAL	Multi-based cradles require 2 catchers and a spotter with at least one hand-arm supporting waist to shoulder region of top person.
B. DISMOUNTS	Straight pop downs, basic straight cradles. NO waist level cradles, sponge tosses or dismounts from above prep level in pyramids.
TOSSES	
A. GENERAL	Not allowed.
B. TOSSES	Not allowed including waist level cradles and sponge tosses.