

# REVIEW PROCESS

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  - ✓ Following review, all rulings are final.
  - ✓ I understand that other teams cannot be discussed or reviewed.
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## **1 Day Event**

*\*In person conversation may not be available at every 1-day event. A method to review any deductions/legalities will be provided prior to the division awards session should a coach inform an event official of a concern through the process below.*

### **Cheer Deduction/Legality Review**

- Deduction sheets will be distributed approximately 10 minutes following the teams' performance.
- The deduction sheets will be time stamped.
- Coaches will have 15 min from the time deduction sheets are time stamped and available to resolve any questions.
- If a legality infraction is found, the coach will be requested to meet with a legality official shortly after the performance.
- Review Process
  - Official Coach can ask for a Deduction/Legality review.
  - Routine will be reviewed in its entiretyAny additional deductions will be assessed if found during the review process.
  - A response will be provided to the official coach either in writing or verbally prior to awards.
- Any additional Legality clarifications can be submitted to [USARules@varsity.com](mailto:USARules@varsity.com) for further explanation.

### **Dance/Song/Pep Flag Legality Review**

- A Legality Official will contact a coach prior to the awards ceremony should there be a legality penalty issued.
- Coaches will have 15 min from the time they are contacted to resolve any questions.
- Any additional legality clarifications can be submitted to [USADanceRules@varsity.com](mailto:USADanceRules@varsity.com) for further explanation.

### **Cheer and Dance/Song/Pep Flag Scoring Reviews**

- Score sheets will be available following awards.
- All **Scoring** review requests by the official coach should be emailed to [USAScoring@varsity.com](mailto:USAScoring@varsity.com) no later than the following Monday at 5pm PT.

*\*Email [USACompetitions@varsity.com](mailto:USACompetitions@varsity.com) for any additional questions/concerns for an upcoming USA event*

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## **National Event**

*\*Any cheer legality questions should be submitted to [USARules@varsity.com](mailto:USARules@varsity.com) and all dance/song/pep flag questions should be submitted to [USADanceRules@varsity.com](mailto:USADanceRules@varsity.com) 3 WEEKS PRIOR to attending our Nationals Event. Please see the USA School Spirit Packet for details on how to submit your video for review.*

## **Cheer Score Sheet & Deduction/Legality Distribution Information**

- Score sheet and deduction packets will be distributed approximately 10 minutes following the team's performance.
- The deduction/legality sheets and score sheets will be time stamped.
- The official Coach will have 15 minutes from the time their score sheet and deduction/legality sheets are time stamped and available to resolve any questions, unless noted differently at the event.

## **Cheer Deduction/Legality Review Process**

- The official Coach will submit a Score Check Inquiry form indicating a Deduction/Legality Review.
- Routine will be reviewed in its entirety. Please be sure to review your routine prior to requesting your review. Any additional deductions will be assessed if found during the review process.
- A response will be provided to the official coach verbally or in writing prior to the awards if the request was made before the deadline.

## **Cheer Scoring Review Process**

- Scoring Reviews may be requested within 15 minutes from the time score sheets have been made available for the following:
  - Stunts, Pyramids, Tumbling, or Jumps with a score that is believed to be out of range. Or if a zero is given.

All other scoring questions MAY be reviewed on Day 1, however conversation at the event may not be guaranteed. If a response is needed, detailed information will be provided and returned to the coach. Category scoring reviews are not taken on Day 2.

## **Dance/Song/Pep Flag Legality Review**

- A Legality Official will contact a coach prior to the awards ceremony should there be a legality penalty issued.
- Coaches will have 15 min from the time they are contacted to resolve any questions.

## **Dance/Song/Pep Flag Score Sheet Distribution and Review Process**

- Score Sheet packets will be distributed after the announcement for advancements or placements.
- The official coach must submit a Score Review Form for questions regarding placement or scores.
- A response will be provided to the coach, verbally or in writing, before the next round of competition or prior to awards.
- Teams that do not advance or have questions after final awards will need to allow up to two business days following the conclusion of the event for their submission to be reviewed.
- Questions regarding another team and/or their performance will not be allowed.
- Not all review forms will be handled on site.

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