

UNIVERSAL CHEERLEADERS ASSOCIATION



ALL STAR CHEER SPOTTER POLICY

At all UCA All Star Competitions, the use of additional spotters is not mandatory and will be at the discretion of the coach or gym owner. UCA provided spotters will be available on the main competition floor at all competitions. Coaches may choose to use the UCA provided spotters OR their own spotters OR elect not to use spotters on the main competition floor. Teams may provide their own spotters in the rehearsal area or elect not to use spotters. UCA will not have spotters available in the rehearsal area.

UCA's International All Star Championship will have spotters available for all main competition floors. Teams may choose NOT to use UCA provided spotters with the exception of when television production is taking place. All teams during this time MUST use the UCA provided spotters on the main competition floor. Just a reminder all teams who are taped during this time are not guaranteed to be shown on the CBS Sports telecast.

See the Varsity All Star policy below for guidelines on the use of additional spotters.

Varsity All Star Additional Spotters

In an effort to promote a higher level of safety for competing athletes, Varsity All Star will allow programs to provide additional spotters at Varsity All Star competitions. We feel that an all star program is more qualified to provide additional spotters because of their familiarity with routine skills and safety concerns.

The use of additional spotters is left to the discretion of the coach or gym owner. All star programs may use up to 4 additional spotters for each performance; however, additional spotters are not required.

Definition of Additional Spotter: Individuals on the competition floor provided as a safety precaution to spot certain elements of a routine.

Guidelines

Additional Spotters:

1. Should only be used during the stunt, pyramid, and/or basket toss sections. Additional spotters are provided for added safety and should stand at the back of the floor when not spotting those sections.
2. Should not touch, assist, or save skills being performed. Additional spotters should only be used to prevent a fall to the competition floor. Any touch, assist, or saved skill will be given a fall deduction.
3. Should be dressed so that they are presentable, professional, and distinguishable from the performing athletes. Program provided additional spotters should not wear clothing similar to the performing team's uniform.
4. Should not dress or act in a manner that distracts from the athletes and their performance.
5. Should be at least 18 years old and familiar with spotting the skills of the performing team.
6. Additional spotters must be current members of another team in the program OR a coach listed on the roster as a professional member.

Note: To provide the safest competitive environment, teams should not attempt skills beyond their ability level.