

**VARSITY SCHOOL AND RECREATIONAL CHEER
ADDITIONAL SPOTTERS
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In an effort to promote a higher level of safety for competing athletes, Varsity will provide additional spotters at all Varsity school and recreational cheer competitions. School and recreational cheer programs do not always have a large number of staff and coaches available to spot routines. To ensure that the safety of participants is not compromised due to limited number of team provided spotters, additional spotters will be provided by the competition company.

Guidelines:

1. Competition provided additional spotters will be mandatory on the competition floor.
2. At select events, a limited number of additional spotters may be available upon coaches' request in rehearsal/warm up.
3. School-based teams and recreational teams may provide additional spotters in rehearsal/warm up.

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

Competition provided additional spotters will follow the listed guidelines:

Additional Spotters:

1. Should only be used during the stunt, pyramid, and/or basket toss sections. Additional spotters are present 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.
3. Should be dressed so that they are presentable, professional, and distinguishable from the performing athletes.
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.

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