



Cheer Canada

Special Abilities Cheer

Committee Terms of Reference

Committee Name	Special Abilities Cheer
Chair	Katie Kovacs
Composition	<p>Board member(s): Minimum of 1 board member</p> <p>Committee representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Athlete representative ● Coach representative ● Parent representative <p>Other committee members will be made up of those working with those with special abilities and/or experience working with special abilities in cheerleading.</p> <p>Individuals will be selected based on their passion and ability to advocate for special abilities athletes and who can provide resources and connections to further the participation and opportunity for this division.</p> <p>Members shall be appointed for a term of a minimum of one (1) year, with no term limits. The Chair and Cheer Canada board member(s) listed are voting members of the committee. The Chair may invite other individuals, including technical experts to participate in meetings as necessary.</p>
Preferred # of Members	Composed of a minimum of five (5) with a maximum of nine (9)
Mandate	The committee's mandate is to provide athletes with either cognitive disabilities or physical disabilities at all ages and levels with the access to participate in cheerleading regardless of geographic location or ability. The committee's goal is to have participants benefit from resources to training, competitions and international opportunities.

<p>Key Duties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recommend safe and consistent training pathways based on the LTAD program ● Investigate the possibility of offering multiple levels and divisions ● Investigate potential for special abilities teams to get feedback at competitions in the form of a scoresheet ● Increase nationwide participation of Special Ability teams ● Assist with providing coaches with tools and training on how best to deal with varying cognitive behaviours ● Assist with medical committee to provide coaches and volunteers with opportunities to get medical training ● Assist with nurturing international competition opportunities
<p>Authority</p>	<p>The committee will make decisions via vote, then propose action in the form of a recommendation to the Board. The Board may approve the recommendation, revise or send it back for further investigation.</p>
<p>Budget</p>	<p>There is no budget allocated for this committee at the time.</p>
<p>Frequency & Types of Meetings</p>	<p>Meetings will occur every two months by phone or video conferencing or at the request of the Committee Chair. Participation in electronic communication will be necessary between meetings. Additional research, drafting and work will be regularly required outside of meeting times.</p>
<p>Resources</p>	<p>IASF and ICU rules and scoring, PSO programs</p>
<p>Reporting to Board</p>	<p>The committee reports to the Board of Directors by submitting a report twice a year. The Committee will maintain minutes of its meeting and will make those minutes available to Committee members and the Board of Directors.</p>
<p>Duration of Committee Approval & Conclusion</p>	<p>These Terms of Reference were approved by DATE. The Board will review these Terms of Reference by June 1, 2019.</p>