

## 2017-2018 Performance Rec Cheer Divisions

Name	Age	Gender	Members
<b>Level 4</b>			
Senior Rec	18 years & younger	female/male	5-36 members
Junior Rec	14 years & younger	female/male	5-36 members
<b>Level 3</b>			
Senior Rec	18 years & younger	female/male	5-36 members
Junior Rec	14 years & younger	female/male	5-36 members
Youth Rec	12 years & younger	female/male	5-36 members
<b>Level 3.1</b>			
Senior Rec	18 years & younger	female/male	5-36 members
Junior Rec	14 years & younger	female/male	5-36 members
Youth Rec	12 years & younger	female/male	5-36 members
Pee Wee Rec	10 years & younger	female/male	5-36 members
<b>Level 2</b>			
Senior Rec	18 years & younger	female/male	5-36 members
Junior Rec	14 years & younger	female/male	5-36 members
Youth Rec	12 years & younger	female/male	5-36 members
Pee Wee Rec	10 years & younger	female/male	5-36 members
Mini Rec	8 years & younger	female/male	5-36 members
<b>Level 1</b>			
Senior Rec	18 years & younger	female/male	5-36 members
Junior Rec	14 years & younger	female/male	5-36 members
Youth Rec	12 years & younger	female/male	5-36 members
Pee Wee Rec	10 years & younger	female/male	5-36 members
Mini Rec	8 years & younger	female/male	5-36 members
Tiny Rec	6 years & younger	female/male	5-36 members

The age of the competitor as of August 31, 2017 will be the age used for competition purposes throughout the 2017-2018 season for all Rec Cheer divisions. Proof must be provided upon request.

In an effort to maintain a competitive atmosphere, Varsity reserves the right to close, combine or open divisions at any time leading up to each event.

**Performance Rec** is defined as a competitive rec division that has level restrictions and will be judged on the Varsity All Star Score Sheet, and follow the level guidelines for All Star cheer set forth by USASF.net. For SCORING related questions, please email Marissa Segur at msegur@varsity.com. Teams in Performance Rec divisions often practice more, have competition practices and/or compete on a regular basis.

*Programs must choose one style (Performance or Traditional) and all teams within the program must compete in these divisions. For additional information on the best option for your program, please contact Candace Hertel at CandaceH@jambrands.com*

### **Recreational Cheerleading – “Rec Cheer”**

Varsity recognizes that Recreational Cheerleading does not have an official governing body to refer to, and that Rec Cheer Teams may have different guidelines to follow within their individual organizations. Please adhere to the guidelines set forth by your organization, and select the division that best fits both the age and abilities of the athletes on the team so that your team will be given the best opportunity for success at Varsity events.

For the purpose of competing at Varsity events, both Traditional and Performance Rec Cheer is defined below. All teams competing in these divisions must meet these criteria in order to compete in these divisions:

1. Must be affiliated with, report to, and be governed by an organization such as the following:
  - a. YMCA
  - b. Boys and Girls Club
  - c. City/County Parks and Recreation Program
  - d. Community Youth Organization
  - e. Pop Warner Association
  - f. Any other community run program not associated or affiliated with a school or all-star program
2. A team must be able to prove their relationship and affiliation with their said organization if requested. Their organization's President or higher seated authority must submit a formal letter stating their endorsement.
3. 50% of the team must have cheered for a sport (i.e. football or basketball) with that association or organization within the current cheer season. Proof must be provided upon request.
  - a. *If the organization the team is representing or associated with **does not** offer cheering for a sport (i.e. basketball or football), this rule may be waived only if the president or higher seated official writes a letter to the event producer informing them this option is not available. This is the only reason a team should not be allowed to cheer for a sport. This also does not guarantee you will be allowed to compete in a rec division.*
4. A team may not have more than 25% all star athletes on its teams. Proof must be provided upon request.
5. Participants may not represent more than one recreational program in a season. Proof must be provided upon request.

A Recreational/Organizational Cheerleading team may do or have the following:

1. Can hold tryouts.
2. Can have their own practice facility or gym.
3. Can practice and/or attend tumbling classes at gymnastics or All Star cheer facilities.
4. Can combine team members from other teams within the organization.

**If a team does not meet all of the above criteria they may be disqualified.**

**Rec Cheer Teams who do not cheer for a sport, or are affiliated with all-star programs or schools, even if it is a half-year or introductory team, will need to register in the all-star, prep cheer or school division that best suits their ability level at Varsity events. They are NOT considered Rec Cheer teams and cannot register in the Rec Cheer Divisions listed above for Varsity events.**