

ACA Elementary Cheer, Junior High Cheer and Junior Pom Provincials Competition Policy ("ACA Provincials")

1. DIVISIONS

The divisions offered at the ACA Provincials will be as follows:

- a) Elementary Beginner
- b) Elementary Novice
- c) Elementary Intermediate
- d) Junior High Novice
- e) Junior High Intermediate
- f) Junior High Median
- g) Junior High Pom

2. QUALIFYING

Teams will qualify to compete in the ACA Provincials in the following ways:

2.1. Zones Competition

- a) ACA Full Member schools or clubs may offer to host zones competitions as part of their ACA sanctioned competition or as a separate zones competition. Event producers must apply to the ACA as required. Email info@albertacheerleading.ca for information.
- b) Zone boundaries will be similar to those in high school competitions as determined by the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association (ASAA).
- c) Each zone can qualify three (3) teams in each division offered.
- d) These teams will be determined as having the highest scores at their designated zone competition that year.
- e) Teams must only compete in the zones competition designated for their zone.
- f) If there are not enough teams to have a zone competition (i.e. there are three (3) or less teams in a zone), then the teams that are present in the zone will automatically qualify to attend the ACA Provincials.
- g) In the event of a tie at a zone competition in first, second or third place, all teams with scores in these places will qualify.

2.2. Hosting Berths

- a) If an elementary and/or junior high school is hosting or co-hosting the ACA Provincials, then that team will receive automatic berths to compete in each qualifying division that they have a team for that year.
- b) In the event that a team from the hosting school qualifies through zone competition (i.e. places first, second or third), then they will not need this berth. In other words, there may not be additional zone qualifying berths awarded in this case.

2.3. Wild Card Berths

- a) These are berths that will only be used in the event that a division has fewer than six (6) teams that qualify through zone or hosting berths.
- b) If, after considering teams that have qualified through their zone and hosting berth, there are fewer than six (6) teams in a division, wild card berths can be awarded to the next highest scoring team(s) in that division.
- c) The ACA Executive Director will ensure that the teams awarded wild card berths are selected in accordance with the above regulations and will notify the teams.

3. CANCELLING DIVISIONS

- 3.1.** If a division has fewer than three (3) teams that qualify to compete, that division may be cancelled for the immediate ACA Provincials only.
- 3.2.** In the event the division is cancelled, at the discretion of the ACA's Executive Director, teams may be given the opportunity to perform and take part in other festivities during ACA Provincials but will not be adjudicated or receive awards.

4. DEADLINE FOR PULLING OUT OF PROVINCIALS

- 4.1.** Any team that checks the "intent to attend Provincials" box in their team registration will be considered Provincials eligible.
- 4.2.** If a Provincials eligible team qualifies for Provincials either as a zone representative or a hosting berth or wild card berth, that team is expected to attend Provincials.
- 4.3.** If for any reason, a qualified team chooses to not attend Provincials, they must notify the ACA at info@albertacheerleading.ca by midnight on the date indicated on ACA's website and on the Intent to Attend Provincials form.
- 4.4.** A team that withdraws after midnight on the deadline, may be assessed a late withdrawal penalty in the amount of \$500.00 to be payable to the ACA in order to cover the inconvenience of receiving late team information and potentially holding up the event program or other costs involved in finding a replacement team.