

COLLEGIATE SPIRIT PROGRAM SAFETY AUDIT

(Recommended to be administered quarterly by administrators responsible for institution's spirit program)

1. How many students participate in our spirit program? (Please specify by cheer, dance and mascot.)
2. Are all squad members full time students?
3. What is the average age of our cheerleading squad?
4. The main purpose of our institution's spirit program is to provide leadership in generating school spirit surrounding our inter-collegiate athletic teams. Have the criteria to select our squad been created to achieve this mission?
5. Are our selection criteria and procedures clearly documented and communicated to all those wishing to be members of our spirit program?
6. Do we emphasize an effective balance of crowd leading techniques, energy, enthusiasm and athleticism at our athletic events?
7. Do the members of our squad project the image consistent with the expectations of our institution and department?
8. Do we have clear policies and procedures that specify rules of conduct for our coaches and squad members, and have these been clearly communicated to all?
9. Have all squad members and coaches signed documents acknowledging their understanding of our rules of conduct and agreeing to abide by them?
10. Do practice schedules reflect a balance between spirit planning and athletic technique development? On average, how many hours per week does our squad practice?
11. Are we allowing our squad members sufficient time to have their academic responsibilities be their primary focus and are we monitoring each squad member's academic progress?
12. What is the graduation rate of our cheerleading squad?
13. Do our squad members participate in other student activities so that they are authentic student body members and campus leaders?

14. Have all of our coaches been sufficiently interviewed to understand their roles in facilitating the successful execution of our spirit program according to its mission as defined by our institution's administration?
15. Do our coaches understand that they have primary responsibility for the safe supervision of the squad?
16. Is it our program's policy to strictly follow the AACCA safety guidelines? Are our coaches thoroughly familiar with these guidelines, and do they understand their responsibility to strictly follow these guidelines at all times?
17. Are our coaches AACCA safety certified?
18. Do we use proper stunt progression sequences as defined by AACCA and do we keep a thorough record of each squad member's progress on stunt progressions?
19. Are our squad members aware of the AACCA safety rules and do we have a signed document by each acknowledging their understanding of these rules, as well as their agreement to always comply with them?
20. Do we have an official "Emergency Plan" which is posted in our practice area and which our squad has rehearsed?
21. Do we have physical examination reports and physician's releases for all squad members?
22. Do we have a structured fitness and conditioning program that has been designed or approved by a qualified person?
23. Do we keep complete and thorough records of any injuries that may occur to squad members, as well as how and when they are deemed fit to participate in all squad activities?
24. Do we have an effective way to determine when squad members who have been injured are physically ready to rejoin the squad for normal activities?
25. Have we done background checks on our coaches with acceptable outcomes, and do we have this information on file?