

ADDITIONAL DEADLINE DATES AND SPECIFICS

CHEER SAFETY TAPE (due Tuesday, December 15, 2009)

All cheerleading teams who plan on attending the National Championship need to submit a safety tape to the UCA office no later than **December 15, 2009**. This tape should include all pyramids, partner stunts and tumbling in your routine. Note: You may show only one couple or group. It does not have to include the entire team.

Ship to Bill Ahern, 6745 Lenox Center Court, Suite 300, Memphis, TN 38115.

CROWD HIGHLIGHTS (due Tuesday, January 5, 2010)

Highlights of these tapes will be shown at the National Championship

This portion of your video entry will be due **January 5, 2010**. The time limit is **one minute & thirty seconds**. You may edit this portion of your entry. Here are some tips on getting the best angles and score:

- Video the team so you can actually see the team interacting with the crowd.
- Side angles are also good. Make sure you can see both the cheerleaders and the crowd.
- Show your team using a variety of material (signs, flags or traditional chants or band cheers) to get the crowd motivated.
- Remember - the judging for the crowd segment is based upon the methods and materials being presented by the cheerleaders. You should avoid doing basket tosses and/or elite stunts that are not being used to "lead the crowd".
- In addition to evaluating technical skills, the traditional role of cheerleaders encouraging the crowd's support of the team will also be considered. The level of actual crowd response will not be the primary criteria for awarding points; rather the methods and materials being presented by the cheerleaders will be judged. See the sample score sheet.

CROWD TAPE JUDGING SHEET

Crowd Effective Material (4 Points)

Are the worlds easy to follow, is the squad positioned for maximum crowd coverage, and does the material encourage crowd participation?

Spirit Raising Techniques (4 Points)

Raising spirit by various demonstrations of activities within their campus and local community. Is the team able to demonstrate their ability to raise and influence school spirit in a positive manner? Examples; Community parades, Functions, Pep rallies, etc.

Use of Signs, Poms, Megaphones, Flags, etc. (4 Points)

Are the signs easy to read and follow, are the flags or poms or megaphones effective and used to enhance the material?

Good Use of Stunts to Lead Crowd (3 Points)

Are the skills done quickly, are they solid, do they hit at the right time, and do they add to the squad's ability to lead the crowd?

TOTAL SCORE (15 Points)

The crowd segment counts for 15% of your total score at the National Championship.

Crowd tapes must be received by **January 6, 2010**. Postmarks of January 6, 2010 will not be accepted. We suggest using Fed Ex to ship your videos.