



ADDITIONAL SAFETY SPOTTER RULES

*Applicable to Cheer Out Loud (COL), Asia Pacific Cheerleading Cup (APCC),
and Asian Cheerleading Championships (ACC) 2026*

1. Eligibility / Use:

Each team may use Additional Safety Spotters during the routine. Additional Safety Spotters must be trained in proper spotting techniques.

2. Definition:

Additional Safety Spotters are individuals who are not members of the performing team and are provided on the competition floor as a safety precaution to spot certain elements of a routine.

3. Number of Additional Safety Spotters:

- a. Team Cheer Division may use up to eight [8] Additional Safety Spotters during the competition.
- b. Partner Stunt and Group Stunt Divisions may use up to two [2] Additional Safety Spotters during the competition.

4. Rules for Additional Safety Spotters:

- a. Should only be used during stunts and/or pyramids. Additional Safety Spotters are provided for added safety and should stand at the back of the floor when not spotting those sections.
- b. Should not be used to spot tumbling skills.
- c. Should not stand near a tumbling pass.
- d. Should not touch, assist, or save skills being performed. Additional Safety Spotters should only be used to prevent a fall onto the competition floor.
- e. Should wear the fluorescent vests provided by the organisers.
- f. Should not wear lanyards, badges, or pins. Phones and bags are not permitted.
- g. **Only official lanyard holders may enter the competition mat to spot. Lanyards must be removed before entering the competition mat for safety purposes.**
- h. Should wear proper sports shoes. Flip-flops are not allowed.
- i. Should not dress or act in a manner that distracts from the athletes and their performance.
- j. Should be familiar with spotting the skills of the performing team.
- k. Should not speak or count during the routine in a manner that distracts from the athletes or their performance.

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5. Penalties:

5-point penalty per judge: Any violation involving direct safety interference, unauthorised access, or prohibited spotting activity, including but not limited to touching, assisting, or saving a skill being performed; spotting tumbling skills; standing near a tumbling pass; or allowing an unauthorised person to enter the competition mat to spot.

3-point penalty per judge: Any violation involving the improper positioning or use of an Additional Safety Spotter that does not involve direct safety interference, including but not limited to failing to stand at the back of the floor when not spotting, or failing to use the Additional Safety Spotter only during stunts and/or pyramids.

1-point penalty per judge: Any violation involving attire, prohibited items, footwear, or distracting behaviour, including but not limited to failure to wear the required fluorescent vest; wearing lanyards, badges, or pins; carrying phones or bags; wearing improper footwear; or speaking, counting, dressing, or acting in a manner that distracts from the athletes or their performance.

Each violation will be assessed separately. Where a violation could fall under more than one penalty category, the higher applicable penalty will be assessed. The decision of the judging panel regarding the applicable penalty shall be final.

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