

# **AYC and the New England Cheer and Dance Competition**

Teams from all kinds of youth organizations attend the New England Cheer and Dance Competition so we try to make the division options as broad as possible while still attempting to offer a somewhat level playing field. The levels at this competition do not match up exactly with AYC's, so please use the guidelines below to help you determine how to register your team. Our goal is to have a fun, relaxed atmosphere, yet provide an exciting venue where teams get to compete against someone other than who they traditionally come up against at their league or state tournament.

Select the division which best matches the age or grade composition of the vast majority of your team. Please email or call us if you have questions as to where your team(s) belong, we can generally find a good home for every squad. If your team does not cheer for games (competition only), please check "Club" on your registration.

There are five different levels to choose from, based on the difficulty of the elements in the routine and the scoresheet is friendly to both cheer-music and all-music routines. Level 1 Limited teams should enter Bronze, Level 1 routines will fit under Silver, Level 2 under Gold, Level 3 with Platinum and Level 4 into Diamond. We ask that the coach examine the elements in their team's routine compared to the description of the five levels to see which one will be the best fit. Our goal is for teams to be able to compete their routine 'as is', and not need to make any adjustments.

Please go to "Cheer Division's Level Restrictions" to see a complete list of the skills restricted/permitted at each of these levels plus some FAQs. Feel free to contact Lisa Moskow at 413-531-2095 or [moskow\\_lisa@yahoo.com](mailto:moskow_lisa@yahoo.com) with any questions on your squad's routine components. We will be happy to work with you to help you determine the best fit for your team or make any minor tweaks to your choreography.

We look forward to seeing your team this year!