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To: Cheer Coaches
Athletic and Activity Directors

From: Charlie Campbell, Associate Director

Re: Cheer Coaches Requirements

Cheer coaches in Minnesota are NOT required to meet MN State Statute 122A.33 - Head Coach Certification, however, every Head Cheer Coach must complete the Continuing Education Requirement (CER) and annual Rules Interpretation Meeting that can be found on the League's website through their Coaches Dashboard page.

In addition, all head cheerleading coaches who wish to have their sideline cheerleaders stunt are required to complete the Cheer and Dance Safety Certification Course. (Formerly ACCAA and Stunt Progressions 1).

New Stunting Cheer Coaches - If you have never taken the ACCAA safety and in person Stunt Progressions 1 course, you must complete the new combined Cheer and Dance Safety Certification course at NFHSLearn.com **prior** to allowing your students to stunt.

Coaches who have previously completed AACCA and Stunt Progressions 1 - If you have previously completed these two courses, you will have one calendar year to complete the new Cheer and Dance Safety Certification Course at NFHSLearn.com.

This course is required of Head Cheer Coaches who wish to stunt, once every four years. The course is \$85.00.

Requiring these online courses will ensure properly trained coaches, which in turn, will provide a safer environment for participating students.