The Recreation Scoring System is designed for teams to be performing level appropriate skills in order to receive credit for difficulty in stunts, pyramids, standing tumbling, running tumbling, and tosses. Level appropriate skills are determined by the USASF Cheer Safety Rule allowances within each level. The numeric level in which the skill is first allowed will be considered to be a level appropriate skill, and count for difficulty credit. Below you will find the rule progression to aid teams in creating a legal but creative sequence, along with a list of examples of level appropriate skills. (This document is a shortened version of the USASF Safety rules document, and does not provide an exhaustive list of every level appropriate skill. It is meant to be used as a guide. Please refer to usasfrules.com for the entire rules document to ensure all parts of your routine are legal. Page numbers are referenced below.)

### Level 1 and 3.1

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| **A & B:** Skills must involve constant contact with the performance surface. | Forward/Backward Roll  
Handstand  
1 or 2 arm Cartwheel  
Bridge Kick over  
Front Limber  
1 or 2 arm Front/Back Walkover  
Tinsica  
Valdez | **A & B:** Skills must involve constant contact with the performance surface. | Cartwheel  
Front Walkover into Cartwheel  
Cartwheel into Back Walkover |
| **C & D:** Airborne skills are not allowed.  
Exception: Block Cartwheels and Round offs are allowed. | | **C & D:** Airborne skills are not allowed.  
Exception: Block Cartwheels and Round offs are allowed. | Block Cartwheel  
Round off  
Front walkover into Round off |

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| **General Tumbling D:** Dive Rolls are allowed.  
(May not twist or arch.) | Dive Roll (Hollow position) | **B & C:** Series front and back handsprings are allowed.  
(Skills may not twist while airborne.) | Front Handspring  
Bounder  
Cartwheel step together-Back Handspring  
Round off-Back Handspring  
Round off-Back Handspring series  
Front Handspring step out-Front Handspring  
Front Handspring-Bounder  
Front Handspring step out-Round off Back Handspring(s)  
Bounder-Bounder |
| **B & D:** Series front and back handsprings are not allowed.  
(Skills may not twist while airborne.) | 1 or 2 arm Back Handspring  
Back Handspring step out  
1 or 2 arm Front Handspring (from a lunge)  
Front Limber-Dive Roll  
Back Walkover-Back Handspring  
Back Extension-Back Handspring  
Valdez-Back Handspring  
Front Walkover- Front Handspring (from a lunge)  
Tinsica-Front Handspring (from a lunge)  
Front Limber-Bounder  
Back Handspring step out-Back Walkover-Back Handspring | **A:** Airborne skills without hand support are not allowed. | |
| **C:** A Jump skill in immediate combination with a handspring is not allowed.  
(A jump skill involves a change in body position during a jump.) | T-jump -Back Handspring  
Straight Jump-Back Handspring  
T-jump -Bounder  
Straight jump-Bounder  
Back Handspring- T-jump -Back Handspring  
Back Handspring-Straight jump-Back Handspring | | |

A: Airborne skills without hand support are not allowed.
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| **B & C:** Series front and back handsprings are allowed. *(May not twist while airborne.)* | 1 or 2 arm Back Handspring series  
Back Walkover-Back Handspring series  
Jump-Back Handspring  
Jump-Back Handspring series  
Jump-Bounder  
Front Handspring-Bounder series (from a lunge)  
Jump-Bounder series | **A & C:** Front and back flips may only be performed in a tuck position. *(Flips may not twist.)*  
Exception: *Aerial Cartwheel* | 3/4 Front Flip  
Front Tuck  
Round off-Back Tuck  
Round off-Back Handspring-Back Tuck  
Round off-Back handspring series-Back Tuck  
Aerial Cartwheel  
Cartwheel-Aerial Cartwheel |
| **A:** Airborne skills without hand support are not allowed. | | **B:** No tumbling is allowed after the airborne skill without hand support, except a roll. *(An athlete must power hurdle or take 2 steps after a flip or aerial before performing another pass.)* | Punch Front-forward roll  
Aerial Cartwheel (chasse) Aerial Cartwheel  
Punch Front-forward roll (step step) Round off-Tuck  
Punch Front (step step) Round off-Back Tuck  
Punch Front (step step) Round off-Back Handspring-Back Tuck  
Punch Front (step step) Punch Front |

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| **B:** Handsprings are allowed to twist. | Onodi  
Jump-Onodi | **A:** Handsprings are allowed to twist. | Round off-Onodi |
| **A & B:** Standing flips and flips from back handspring entry are allowed. *(Airborne skills without hand support may not twist.)* | 3/4 Front flip  
Standing Back Tuck  
Standing Front Tuck  
Back Handspring-Back Tuck  
Back Handspring-Back Layout | **A:** Skills are allowed up to 1 flipping and 0 twisting rotations.  
Exception: *Aerial Cartwheels and Onodi’s are allowed.* | Aerial Walkover  
Round off-Back Handspring-Back Layout  
Punch Front-Round off-Back Handspring-Back Layout  
Front Handspring-Punch Front  
Front Handspring-Front Layout  
Round off-Back Handspring-Whip-Back Handspring-Back Layout |
| **C:** Consecutive flip-flip combinations are not allowed. | Back Handspring-Back Tuck-Back Handspring-Back Tuck  
Back Handspring-Whip-Back Handspring-Back Tuck  
Back Handspring-Whip-Back Handspring-Back Layout | **A:** Consecutive flip-flip combinations are allowed. *(Flipping skills are not allowed to twist.)* | Round off-Back Tuck-Back Tuck  
Round off-Back Handspring-Whip-Back Layout  
Punch Front-Punch Front |
| **D:** Jump skills are not allowed in immediate combination with a standing flip. | Jump-Back Handspring-Back Tuck  
Jump-Back Handspring-Back Layout  
Jump-Back Handspring-Whip-Back Handspring-Back Tuck  
Jump-Back Handspring-Whip-Back Handspring-Back Layout | | |