



Saskatchewan Cheerleading Association

Committee Terms of Reference

Athlete Council

NAME & TYPE	Athlete Council - Standing
COMPOSITION	<p>The Committee shall consist of at a minimum five (5) and at maximum eleven (11) individuals, and must include the following who may vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One Member of the Board of Directors; ● One all star cheer representative; ● One scholastic cheer representative; ● One all star performance cheer representative; and ● One scholastic performance cheer representative; <p>To ensure diverse representation, the committee will consider but are not bound by, the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Representation of a variety of SCA member organizations; ● A blend of U16/Junior High, U18/Senior High and Open/Post-secondary athletes; ● A blend of all cheer levels; ● A blend of all performance cheer categories; ● Gender diversity; ● Regional representation; and ● Experience at Worlds caliber events <p>The committee chair may invite observers to participate in meetings from time to time as necessary.</p>
APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR	The Chairperson shall be the Athlete Development Director or an individual appointed by the board.
SERVING TERMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair: two-year term ● If only one other council member is selected, that member will have the option for a one-OR-two-year term ● If two or more council members are selected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Min of two, max of six positions: one year term ○ Min of two, max of five positions: two-year term ● Executive Director and/or staff: on-going

	The call for committee members will be sent in July, application deadlines will be communicated accordingly. The council will be set by mid-August of each year and run until mid-December
DECISION-MAKING PROCESS	The council will make decisions via vote, then propose action in the form of a recommendation to the Board. The Board may approve the recommendation, revise or send it back for further investigation.
AUTHORITY DELEGATED	The purpose of the Athlete Council is to represent the Saskatchewan cheerleaders to further the objectives of the SCA. The Council shall provide input on matters related to all athlete development programming (participant and excellence) provided by the SCA.
MEETINGS	The council will meet bi-monthly or as needed at the request of the Chair or the Executive Director.
STAFF SUPPORT	The council will receive the necessary staff resources from SCA to fulfill their mandate.
COMMUNICATION WITH BOARD	The council will maintain minutes of its meeting and will make those minutes available to council members and the Board of Directors. The chair shall give a verbal report at all regular board meetings.
COMMUNICATION WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	The Committee Chair will communicate with the Executive Director.
SPECIFIC AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY	<p>The primary purpose performed by the Council is providing feedback to the Board on a range of matters, which may include but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Engaging and representing the best interest of the Athlete membership; ● SCA athlete development programming such as membership recruitment, participant level, excellence level, Provincials, etc.; ● SCA high performance program initiatives such as leadership conferences, high performance camps, Team Canada combine prep, etc. ; ● Athlete focused education; ● Branding, sponsorship and promotional activities of the SCA via SCA Executive Director; ● Trendsetters will be selected from athlete council; ● Expect to participate in a timely manner in the decision-making of the SCA by providing an athlete perspective;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Perform such additional duties as may be asked of the Council by the Board.
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Other	