



# Scholastic Legality Clarification Submission Guidelines and Information

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## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of these guidelines is to provide Scholastic Coaches with the requirements for submitting scholastic legality clarifications to the ACA along with general information on clarifications.

## 2. Video Requirements

### 2.1. Videos must be:

- 2.1.1. filmed specifically for the purpose of getting a ruling.
- 2.1.2. of precisely what you want a ruling on. A ruling will not be granted based on a portion of a video, based on a description, or based on a video with a description of a difference.
- 2.1.3. of your team in a practice environment. Videos from competitions, of more than one skill or sequence, or believed to be of other teams may not be answered.
- 2.1.4. attached. No links to YouTube or other video sites.
- 2.1.5. of a single skill or sequence. Tumbling videos should only include one person and stunt or toss videos should only include one group. Pyramid videos may include all members, but should be of one side when possible. Please ensure there are no extra people in the video that could impact the ruling, such as someone that is in view and could unintentionally be considered a spotter.
- 2.1.6. be clear and display in an upright manner when viewed from a computer.

## 3. Additional information

- 3.1. Submitting a video to [judging@albertacheerleading.ca](mailto:judging@albertacheerleading.ca) is the only way to receive an official legality ruling. No official replies through text, social media, etc. will be given. Note: A conversation with a choreographer, coach, judge, etc., is not an official ruling.
- 3.2. Teams must contact [judging@albertacheerleading.ca](mailto:judging@albertacheerleading.ca) no later than five days prior to the event at which the skills will be performed.
- 3.3. If you have questions regarding multiple skills, they should be sent in separate emails. Sending multiple angles of the same skill in a single email is allowed, but a separate email is required for each different skill.
- 3.4. Every email should be answerable with one word, LEGAL or ILLEGAL. Rulings are based on the legality of the skill in the video, not the participants.
- 3.5. Rulings are only valid if the skill is performed the same way in the video and at the event. It is the responsibility of the coach to have the original email containing the official ACA ruling should they wish to query legalities. This specifically means the original email directly from [judging@albertacheerleading.ca](mailto:judging@albertacheerleading.ca), not a forwarded version of an email from



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those addresses. If a team is called on a skill that the ACA stated was legal, then the safety judge or official at the event should point out the difference.

- 3.6.** If a skill is ILLEGAL, the rule(s) violated will be cited. The Legality Consultant is not obligated to assist with changing choreography in order to make a skill legal.
- 3.7.** The ACA expects coaches to have knowledge of the rules and is not obligated to teach the rules in our replies but will attempt to clarify whenever possible.
- 3.8.** Videos submitted are subject to be used for educational purposes. If you want your video excluded, please indicate that when sending the video.