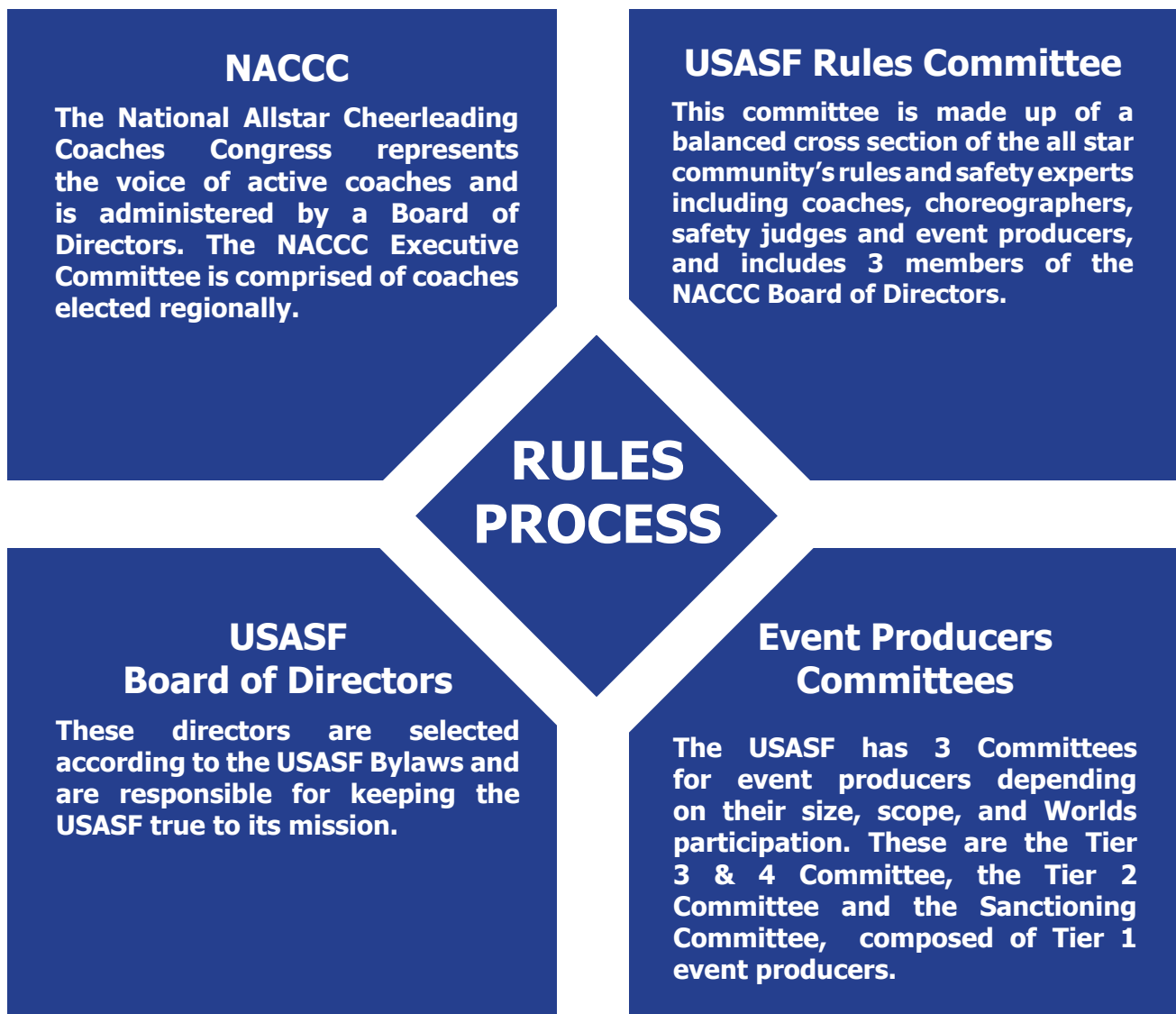


## Cheer Rules Development Process

The goal of the USASF rules development and amendment process is to create and maintain the best possible rules for all star competitions through broad member input and careful rules and safety expert review. While the best rules are defined as those that optimally balance safety, standardization, and performance, safety will always be the first priority.

The rules process involves multiple USASF Committees and Boards working cooperatively to accomplish the rules goal, minimize the potential for adverse unintended consequences, and ensure the USASF mission is followed. The groups are:



# Bi-Annual Rules Process

## Level Rules

Developed and updated biannually, except for imminent safety risks which will be addressed as soon as possible.

## Age Grid

Developed and updated biannually, but may be reviewed and updated annually as necessary.

### PHASE ONE

*(Begins during the summers of odd numbered years: 2011, 2013, 2015, etc.)*

#### Gathering input from all interested members

Each rules cycle, the membership has the opportunity to share ideas and propose changes to the current level rules, age grid and policies with regards to rules. Coaches have the opportunity to raise issues and present their ideas at the annual NACCC coaches retreat in Doral and throughout the summer at the USASF Regional Meetings. Event Producers have the opportunity to discuss their ideas and offer suggestions during the Tier 2 and Tier 3 & 4 event producer meetings, and at the Sanctioning Committee (Tier 1 event producers) meeting.

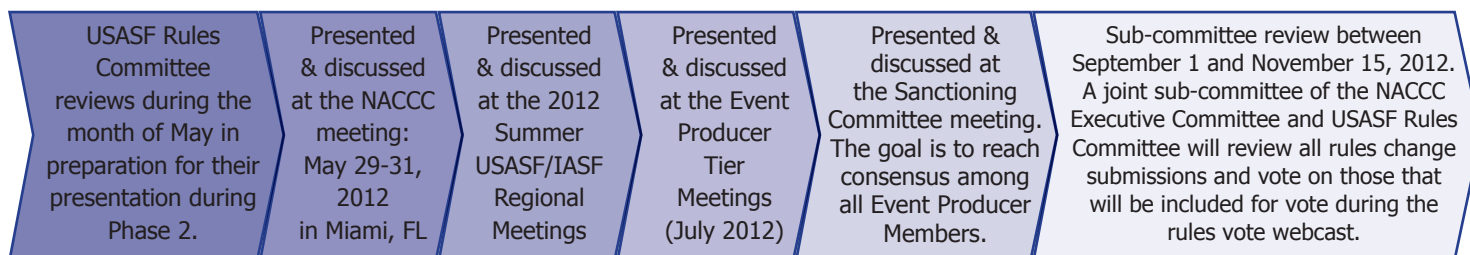
USASF members wishing to change a rule or make a policy change must submit their change on a "USASF Rules and Policy Change Form." They must have five other members of the USASF sponsor and sign their Rules/Policy Change Form. The five members must be from another gym or event producer. Forms will be accepted starting on July 15th (or the first official USASF Regional summer meeting, whichever occurs first), continuing until May 1st of the following year (even years: 2012, 2014, 2016, etc.) when the submission process will be cut off. Change forms with the greatest and most diverse signatures will be given priority.

### PHASE TWO

*(Continues through the even numbered years: 2012, 2014, 2016 etc.)*

#### Review by members & committees

All the rules proposals submitted Phase 1 (on or before May 1st) will be evaluated as follows:



*The Rules Committee has the authority to amend/change/update any proposal during the "review" process to help ensure that it is written to reflect the intent of the original author and to help ensure that those voting on the proposal understand its meaning and the implications of a "yes" or "no" vote.*

## Rules Vote Webcast & Vote

- Members of the NACCC Executive Committee and the USASF Rules Committee will present the rules proposals on the worldwide rules vote webcast which will take place during January 2013. All eligible voters will then have the opportunity to vote.
- The votes will be tallied by USASF staff and the results will be posted on the USASF website subject to certification by Rules Committee and the NACCC.
- The USASF Rules Committee will present the final rules recommendation to the USASF Board of Directors for approval.
- Rules released to members.

**NOTE:** At times, it may be deemed necessary to make rules changes outside the bi-annual process outlined in this document. Instances may include, but are not limited to emergency rules issues (in reference to a specific rule, that if allowed to continue to exist presents an imminent and serious danger to participants at USASF sanctioned competitions) or rules specific to The Cheerleading and Dance Worlds. Please refer to the document found on [www.usasfrules.com](http://www.usasfrules.com) to see how such rules issues are addressed.