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Dear Coach

Thankyou for enrolling in the USASF Coach Credentialling with Aussie Gold Cheer & Dance. Please find following information to assist you with completing your certification.

**About:**

The USASF Credentialling Program examines, tests and certifies the knowledge, expertise and proficiency that a cheer coach possesses to safely teach building and/or tumbling skills in Levels 1-5.

**Eligibility:**

Candidates must be 16 years old at the time of testing to gain Level 1 and 2 credentials and 18 and over to be eligible for Level 3-5.

**Credentialling:**

- The initial phase of credentialling includes:
  - Online (written) test
  - Hands-on (in person) oral test
  - Practical Field Experience Validation (complete the form and bring it with you)
- Coaches will choose the skill set(s) and levels at which they would like to credential:
  - Building Skills (includes stunts, tosses, pyramids, transitions, inversions, and dismounts) in Levels 1-5
  - Tumbling in Levels 1-5
- All coaches will begin at Level 1 and continue through the highest level for which they qualify.

The PRACTICAL FIELD EXPERIENCE FORM REQUIRES VERIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING for coaches to move beyond level 1:

- To be credentialed at Level 3 or higher, coaches must document and verify Practical Field Experience coaching at the levels that precede the one for which they are being tested.
- To be tested at Level 3, coaches must document and verify that they have spent a minimum of 100 hours coaching at Levels 1 and 2.
- To be tested at Level 4, coaches must document and verify that they have spent a minimum of 75 hours coaching at Level 3.
- To be tested at Level 5, coaches must be able to document and verify that they have spent a minimum of 75 hours coaching at level 4.

**NOTE:** Hours spent in the field coaching are cumulative. In essence, they are “in addition to” the hours required at the previous level. For example, for a coach to be eligible to test for level 5 they must have spent at minimum 250 hours coaching at levels 1 through 4 (distributed as listed above).



**Maintaining Valid Credentials:**

- Credentials are valid for three years. When credentials expire at the end of the three year term, coaches must re-credential using the process below.
- If a coach does not renew Career Membership by October 31 of a new membership term, credentials also expire and the coach must restart the credentialing process from the beginning.
- Coaches who initially credential at Levels 1-4 may test to the next level at any time during the three-year period during which their credentials are valid. Expiration dates will extend an additional three years as each level is successfully completed.
- It is the responsibility of a coach to stay current with credentials. Know your expiration date and plan accordingly. It is always best to plan on attending a re-credential prior to your credentials expiring.

**Cost:**

The cost for credentialing is priced per skill set per level:

SKILL SET	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5
Building Skills (Stunts & Tosses)	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Tumbling	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25

**USASF General Membership:**

The USASF General Membership & benefits do not apply to International coaches.

**Benefits:**

The USASF credentialing does not include Professional Indemnity Insurance, therefore coaches are advised to seek their own insurance.

**Ready To Get Started?:**

Please refer to the "Credentialing Steps" document to assist you with completing your credentialing (1<sup>st</sup> time), re-credentialing (2<sup>nd</sup> time), or renewal (3<sup>rd</sup> time) requirements.

If you require further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to call or email me on:

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Kind regards



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