

# 2024 MCJA Election Form

PLEASE fill out this form by Friday, April 5, 2024.

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**Position Running for:**

- Representative
- President-Elect

Have you been a member of MCJA for three consecutive years?

Yes

No

### JUDGING EXPERIENCE \*

Heading into my 20th year as a Competitive Cheer Official! (Panel & Safety)

### OTHER EXPERIENCE RELATED TO SERVING AS A BOARD MEMBER \*

(Coaching, Training, etc.)

In addition to serving on the MCJA board previously and conducting many trainings for MCJA, I was also a Varsity Competitive Cheer coach for 7 years, and have served as the Past-President, President, Vice President, Membership Secretary, & Secretary for the Competitive Cheer Coaches Association of Michigan (CCCAM). I have also served on numerous MHSAA committees in the past, such as the Competitive Cheer Technical Sub-Committee, the Competitive Cheer Rules Committee, & Competitive Cheer Manual Task Force. Finally, I've volunteered at the Competitive Cheer State Finals for many years, and at the Women in Sports Leadership conferences.

### What will you bring to the MCJA Board? \*

Like many others, I bring a lifelong passion for the sport of Competitive Cheer, and a sincere desire to see our sport evolve as the athleticism grows. I have been fortunate to see the sport from multiple vantage points: first as an athlete, then a coach, and finally as an official. All of those help to inform my service to MCJA and the overall sport.

Why are you interested in being on the MCJA Board? \*

Over the last few terms on the board, I've focused on ensuring that we're laying a solid foundation for novice panel officials of the rules of the sport, while also ensuring that we're continuing to train all of our members on proper technique (and the deductions when that technique isn't achieved)! I'd also like to continue to be part of the evolution in our sport, lending any expertise I can from my experience as an athlete, coach, and official.

What do you see as the role of MCJA? \*

MCJA plays a very important role in educating our officials, advising the MHSAA through our recommendations, and fostering effective relationships between Officials & Coaches.

How will you encourage other officials to be a part of MCJA? \*

If officials aren't part of the MCJA, I believe it is either because they don't know about it or because they don't see the value in it. As a trainer, my goal is to ensure that our members learn at least one new thing that helps them enhance their officiating, whether that's explaining technique on a skill, talking about the history of the sport, or how to ensure we're judging consistently against ourselves (not the person next to us). Regardless of whether I'm a member of the board, I'll continue to recruit and mentor new officials to ensure our athletes get the impartial officiating they deserve based on the rules of the sport.

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