

2026 MCJA Election Form

PLEASE fill out this form by Friday, April 10, 2026.

Thank you for your interest in serving on the MCJA Board of Directors. By submitting this form, * you are acknowledging your intent to run for a Representative position on the MCJA Board. Serving on the Board is an opportunity to support Michigan's cheer community, contribute to organizational decisions, and help advance MCJA's mission.

Before completing your nomination, please review the MCJA Constitution, which outlines the responsibilities and expectations of Board members. It can be found here:

<https://www.mcjacheer.com/wp-content/uploads/2024-MCJA-Constitution-web-copy.pdf>

Yes

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Have you been a member of MCJA for five years prior to the election?

Yes

No

Please describe your judging experience, including the number of years you have judged. *

Safety official for 11 years

Please describe any experience that has prepared you to serve as a Board member (e.g., coaching, training, leadership roles). *

I have served on the board for the past 2 years, have been judging for 11 years, and have coached for many years before that. I also serve on two other Boards including the Clarkston Northern Youth Football League as Cheer Director, and the PTA Board at my kids' elementary school as the President.

What do you believe MCJA's primary responsibilities and functions should be? *

I believe MCJA's primary responsibilities are representing its members and continuing to grow both the organization and the sport of competitive cheer. It's important that judges feel heard and supported, while also working to bring in new members to keep the community strong. MCJA should help move competitive cheer in a positive direction by being involved in rules changes and promoting consistency in judging. I also think it's important to keep growing the sport and building a love for it... not just for judges, but for coaches and athletes too. Another big part of MCJA's role should be making the overall experience of competitive cheer better for everyone involved. That includes keeping members informed, providing support, and making sure there's good communication across the board.

What steps will you take to encourage other officials to join and engage with MCJA? *

I've always promoted MCJA by speaking positively about it and emphasizing how important it is to be a member to stay informed and involved. I would continue to do that by leading by example and having conversations with other officials, especially newer ones, about the benefits of joining. I also think it's important to keep things welcoming and encourage members to stay engaged by attending training/conferences and tuning into Cheer Chat.

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