



To Our Valued Members

We are excited to advise our members that the OCF has purchased group sport accident and sport liability insurance.

The benefit to our members is that Athletes, Coaches, Directors, Volunteers and Organization(s) will be protected in the event law suits arise due to property damage or bodily injury.

Accident Insurance – Pays for medical bills on behalf of injured participants.

General Liability Insurance – Covers certain types of lawsuits alleging that a spectator or player has suffered bodily injury or property damage due to the negligence of your organization. Covered persons will include the sports organization itself, directors, officers, and volunteers.

Directors & Officers Liability – Covers certain types of lawsuits alleging that your sports organization's management has resulted in economic injury to another party or that another party's rights under state, provincial or federal law have been violated.

This proactive step will benefit all involved and it was predicated by a need to heed concerns raised within our own membership and steps taken elsewhere in the cheerleading world. We have reviewed recent high profile incidences and this has dictated a prudent course of action. All participants will benefit from the policy in place. Club and school teams will be able to take advantage of group policy coverage that is similar in nature to what Gymnastics Ontario offers its members.

The OCF will continue to push for safety initiatives amongst its members. We firmly believe that we need to take proactive steps to ensure that all cheerleading athletes and related activities are authorized, organized and directly supervised by safety certified coaches and /or advisors.

Certification will be available from the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Advisors (AACCA) and we have plans in place to offer USASF and possibly NFHS level accreditation for coaches.

Measures such as insurance and certification and education are critical in moving forward and ensuring the safety of all concerned and the growth of this activity.

Any inquiries as to how group insurance can benefit your programs should be directed to Chuck Holland at president@ocfcheer.com . We have attached a brief brochure which outlines Members Benefits.