

2025 Game Day Updates

This summary provides a high-level overview of the upcoming enhancements to NYS Game Day. Comprehensive details will be covered in the RefReps course, which is tentatively scheduled for release during the final week of August.

Score Sheets

The score sheets have been reorganized for clarity, while retaining all core performance expectations from the previous year—except for one modification. The Relevance of Situational Sideline score is now the only score specific to the Situational Sideline section.

For scoring purposes, the Situational Sideline and Crowd Leading Cheer are now treated as a unified category. All remaining scores reflect performance across both elements collectively.

It is important to note that **teams are still required to perform both a Situational Sideline and a Crowd Leading Cheer** during evaluation.

Full details and guidance will be provided through the RefReps course, scheduled for release in the final week of August.

- [Crowd Leading Score Sheet](#)
- [Band Chant/Fight Song Score Sheet](#)
- [Game Day Electronic Score Sheet](#)

Guiding Questions and Approved Comments

To support both coaches and judges in understanding the criteria within each scoring element, each scoring category now includes pre-approved comments linked to specific evaluation questions. These comments will appear on the electronic score sheet for judges to select, as appropriate.

Comprehensive explanations of each scoring component will be included in the RefReps course.

- [Crowd Leading Scoring Questions/Comments](#)
- [Band Chant Scoring Questions/Comments](#)
- [Fight Song Scoring Questions/Comments](#)

Game Day Scoring Guide

To support greater consistency in the application of the ABCs, the newly developed Game Day Scoring Guidelines document offers structured direction for evaluating all Game Day elements.

Instructions on how to utilize this resource effectively will be included in the upcoming RefReps course.

- [Game Day Scoring Guidelines](#)

Game Day Format Changes

- Teams are no longer required to dismount from skills between the situational sideline and Crowd Leading Cheer. It is also optional as to whether or not teams spirit between these 2 sections or if they want to transition directly into the Crowd Leading Cheer.
- Game Day Relevance of Situational Sideline Scoring Guide - This will be covered in detail in the RefReps course.
 - 2 different points of reference within the sideline chant effectively/correctly conveyed an offense or defense situation - will receive a score of 5
 - 1 point of reference within the sideline chant effectively/correctly convey an offense or defense situation - will receive a 4
 - 0 points of reference within the sideline chant effectively/correctly convey an offense or defense situation - will receive a 2
 - No Sideline was performed - will receive a 0
 - Examples:
 - "Defense, Devils, Defense! Hold that Line!" – 5
 - "Tigers Attack! Move that ball!" – 4
 - "Chargers, Let's Charge! Go, Fight, Win!" – 2
 - Defense Cue is called – Response: "Touchdown! Touchdown! Score 6 More!" - 2
- The Game Day Format Violation for an incorrect response to the situational sideline has been removed as it's considered within the Relevance of Situational Sideline Score detailed above.