

PLEASE READ!! REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2019 OASSA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENTS

NEW STREAMLINED REGISTRATION PROCESS for 2019!

COACHES OF QUALIFIED TEAMS WILL RECEIVE AN INDIVIDUALIZED E-MAIL "INVITATION" AND UNIQUE CODE FOR EACH QUALIFIED TEAM (COACHES WITH MULTIPLE QUALIFIED TEAMS WILL ONE E-MAIL PER TEAM). USE THESE TEAM CODE(S) TO GAIN TEMPORARY ACCESS TO THE STATES REGISTRATION PORTAL. E-MAILS TO BE SENT BY END OF DAY THE WEDNESDAY FOLLOWING YOUR REGIONAL EVENT DATE. IF YOU DON'T RECEIVE YOUR E-MAIL(S) BY THURSDAY, CONTACT JERI DILL AT <JDill@oassa.org>

WHO MAY REGISTER FOR THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS: Only teams who attended and qualified at any one of the four OASSA Regional Qualifier events offered on February 2, 3, 9 or 10.

WHICH STATES EVENT WILL YOU ATTEND: Determined by your event/category entered. The State Championships will be held in Central Ohio over TWO weekends—on **Saturday, March 2, 2019 at Dublin Jerome HS** (for Non-Tumbling Cheer and all Dance categories) and on **Sunday, March 10, 2019 at St. John Arena at The Ohio State University** (for Cheer Building and Non-Building, OASSA Divisions I-VI).

WHO MAY COMPETE: Varsity cheerleading and dance teams, with participants from Grades 9-12 only. No all-star teams and no middle level teams/members are eligible to compete. There are no restrictions on athlete cross-overs to other categories for 2019.

COST: \$17 per participant, per event entered. Save time and "bundle" your registrations for all categories/events into one online session (**keep all event codes handy during your registration**) and receive ONE payment total at Check-out. (Example: You will receive three e-mails/codes if you qualify in Jazz, Hip/Hop and Pom). **TIP: Plan ahead – secure your PO # before registering if possible, or choose "PO process" if approval will be prolonged.**

PAYMENT: By Purchase Order, personal or school credit card, or check (money order or Booster/School checks accepted.) Invoices will be sent to your district when PO # is provided. A PO # will suffice as "timely payment" so you may compete. **A payment confirmation e-mail** will be sent at conclusion of registration (**to receive a "grand total" due at Check-out, be sure to register for all your qualified teams in one registration session**). You will not be permitted to compete unless your payment arrangements are satisfied prior to your event date. Contact Jeri Dill for questions JDill@oassa.org

WATCH FOR AND PRINT OUT THESE CONFIRMATION E-MAILS WHICH WILL VERIFY YOUR SUCCESSFUL REGISTRATION:

--**confirmation of event registration** (one e-mail per event/category entered; is a recap of your registration, including "event type," coaches and team roster.

--**confirmation receipt** (your payment details – shows your choice of payment method and amount due

--**credit card receipt** (auto-sent from processor, OLY if paying via credit card)

--a final confirmation entitled "**IMPORTANT!!! 2019 OASSA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENT DETAILS**" which confirms your successful registration with attachments/links to help you prepare for your competition at your State Championships event. (NOTE: This e-mail will be auto-sent as a DO NOT REPLY and cannot accept "replies." Follow-up registration questions should be sent to Jeri Dill at JDill@oassa.org

***IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE ALL OF THE ABOVE E-MAILS, YOUR REGISTRATION MAY NOT BE COMPLETE. PLEASE CONTACT JERI FOR ASSISTANCE. (Please advise your SCHOOL and EVENT/CATEGORY in the subject line of your e-mail.)**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Based on your Regionals qualifier date. **For Feb. 2/3 Regionals qualifiers, register by Friday, Feb. 15. For Feb. 9/10 Regionals qualifiers, register by Wednesday, Feb. 20.** If you experience difficulties or need assistance, contact Jeri Dill at JDill@oassa.org

REFUNDS: Not permitted (exceptions made for injury/illness or mandatory school functions such as playoffs). Contact Jeri Dill for assistance if you have injury/illness credits left over from your Regionals registration.

ROSTERS: Only participants who currently appear on your Regionals Roster as “Participating” (P) or “Not Participating” (U) are eligible to compete at the State Championships. During your STATES registration session, you will be able to adjust athletes’ status (P/U) for STATES, indicate their current grade level (required for STATES), and edit or add additional coaches at no charge (if needed). No new athlete names may be added. Include any active but non-competing members on your roster and use the “NOTES” text box to explain any special circumstances (*stand-by as needed; injured or academic ineligible – awaiting clearance to compete, etc.*) Injured or stand-by team members who appear on your roster will appear in the printed program and may accompany team to the State Championships at no charge. **NOTE: The names you provided on your Regionals roster will appear in the State Championships printed program; please check your spelling (we will make corrections as able until 4:00PM Friday, Feb. 15.) To make corrections or changes to your STATES Roster after your STATES registration session, contact Jeri Dill JDill@oassa.org**

ABOUT OUR OASSA DIVISIONS:

Events at the 2019 State of Ohio Cheerleading and Dance Championships will be divided into categories (as noted below) and are based on the girls’ enrollment figures posted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA). For 2019, all Cheer and Dance team registrations will include your OASSA Division (I-VI.) OASSA reserves the right to correct the Division selection of any team registered in the incorrect category; contact Jeri Dill for questions. JDill@oassa.org

ALL CHEER AND DANCE TEAMS: Your OASSA Division (I-VI) is based on your school ID # and girls enrollment figure. To reconfirm your enrollment figure, go here: <http://officials.myohsaa.org/Outside/SearchSchool>

Div. I 540 and more girls	Div. III 227 to 383 girls	Div V 96 to 152 girls
Div II 384 to 539 girls	Div. IV 153 to 226 girls	Div VI 95 and fewer girls

AT THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITIONS:

- The **Building** and **Non-Building Cheer** categories will be separated into six OASSA divisions (I – VI).
- **Non-Tumbling Cheer** –If 20 or more teams (total) qualify at the four Regionals, teams will compete at the State Championships on March 2 in either Division A (I, II and III) or Division B (IV, V and VI). **OASSA will notify affected teams following all Regional events (after Sun. Feb. 11).**
- The **Dance** categories are **Jazz, Hip-Hop and Pom.** **NEW FOR 2019: If 20 or more teams qualify in a category (total) at the four Regionals, that category will compete at the State Championships on March 2 in either Division A (I, II and III schools) or Division B (IV, V and VI schools). Example: in Hip-Hop Div. A or Hip-Hop Div. B. OASSA will notify affected teams following all Regional events (after Sun. Feb. 11).**

YOUR CHEER & DANCE CATEGORY/STYLE: Teams must compete in the event/category in which they qualified at their Regionals event. To review the 2019 “Competition Categories” definitions, go here:

http://www.oassa.org/Websites/oassa/files/Content/6192070/OASSA_COMP_CATEGORIES.pdf

RULES: It is the coaches’ responsibility to ensure your State Championships routine follows the OASSA competition rules (“OASSA Rules and Regulations”). Also:

***All Cheer teams** (Building, Non-Building and Non-Tumbling) should follow **NFHS** guidelines.

***Cheer Building teams** should also follow **AACCA** guidelines for building components.

See OASSA website for links to these rules: <http://www.oassa.org/forms-information>

***Dance teams** should refer to the “**Dance**” section of the **2019 OASSA Cheer and Dance Rules and Regulations** (*please note OASSA’s dance rules are derived from—but not identical to--UDA’s 2018-2019 competition rules*). Go here to review these rules: <http://www.oassa.org/forms-information>

ALL TEAMS: Be sure to **thoroughly read and understand** the 2019 “OASSA Cheer and Dance Rules and Regulations” (Document #4 found on the “Forms & Information” webpage): <http://www.oassa.org/forms-information>

QUALIFYING/JUDGING: At the State Championships events, individual judges’ scores will be compiled to determine the overall team score. Teams will receive copies of the judges’ score sheets following the awards ceremony. You may view sample Score Sheets at: <http://www.oassa.org/forms-information>

PENALTIES: No penalties were issued at Regionals. Violations at the Regionals level which were unobserved/unnoted by the Regionals judging staff will not be the responsibility of OASSA if repeated at the State Championships level. (Regional judges watched for infractions and notified you if seen.) However, please be sure you review and

understand the rules. If you have any questions, please contact Lenee' Lagnese at: lenee@oassa.org A sample of the Penalty Sheet is found here (under Documents 5.) <http://www.oassa.org/forms-information>

AWARDS: Trophies for all placements in each event/category will be awarded at the OASSA State Championships, and team photos will be taken immediately following the receipt of the trophy. Each member of each first-place State Championships team will receive an additional award. Individual championships banners will not be awarded to championship teams this year.

HAVEN'T SUBMITTED YOUR TEAM PHOTO? DON'T DELAY! If you would like a picture of your team to appear in the printed State Championships Program, please submit during your registration session (see special link) **OR** e-mail it in JPEG format to Darbie Carlson at [<DCarlson@oassa.org>](mailto:DCarlson@oassa.org) **IMPORTANT: If you do not receive an e-mail confirmation within 3 days of your photo submission, contact Darbie via e-mail.** Please do not submit team photos THAT INCLUDE BANNERS. **The deadline to submit State Championships Team Photo is: Friday, February 15, 2019.** EARLY submissions requested and appreciated *(if you don't qualify, your photo won't be printed.)*

Registration, roster and payment Questions? Contact Jeri Dill at JDill@oassa.org

Competition and rules Questions ? Need a video or move reviewed ? Contact Lenee' Lagnese at lenee@oassa.org

***Please assist us by including your SCHOOL and EVENT/CATEGORY in the subject line of your e-mail. If you do not receive a reply within 48 hours, please re-send and/or contact the OASSA office at 614-430-8311.**

Please visit the OASSA "Cheer and Dance" webpages often at <http://www.oassa.org/cheerdance>

Congratulations on qualifying to compete at the 2019 OASSA State Cheer and Dance Championships! We'll see you there!

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