



# OASSA State of Ohio Cheerleading and Dance Championships



## COACHES INFORMATION (ARRIVAL/EVENT DETAILS) 2017 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017 for All Dance and Non-Tumbling Cheer Categories (Worthington Kilbourne HS)

Feb. 24, 2017

Dear Coaches:

Congratulations on qualifying for the State of Ohio Cheer and Dance Championships! **Day One of the State Championships event (Dance and Non-Tumbling cheer categories) will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at Worthington Kilbourne HS, 1499 Hard Rd., Columbus, OH 43235.** Please read all information thoroughly in order to avoid confusion.

- ✓ Admission Fee
- ✓ Parking Info/Map/directions to Worthington Kilbourne HS
- ✓ General Information for the Dance and Non-Tumbling cheer competition on March 4, 2017.

**PERFORMANCE SCHEDULES ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE AND UPDATED DAILY, AS NEEDED, AT:**

[http://www.oassa.org/index.php/Site/cheer\\_competition/](http://www.oassa.org/index.php/Site/cheer_competition/) Each team will have a scheduled warm-up time. **Please do not call the OASSA office for times. As changes are made they will be posted on the website —please check after 4:00pm each day for updates. A FINAL WARMUP & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE BY 4:00PM ON FRIDAY, MARCH 3.**

**TEAM ENTRANCE/CHECK-IN:** (Worthington Kilbourne “Bus and Team Drop-Off” area – rear of building)

**Follow the signs marked BUS/TEAM DROP-OFF (in rear of building).** Buses may park in the rear lot designated for that purpose; passenger vehicles will need to return to the front lots to park after dropping team members. (see “Parking” below.) At check-in, each coach will receive a packet of information. Only participants/team members and coaches listed on the Team Roster will be permitted to enter through the team entrance (*exception – bus drivers will be admitted through Team Entrance at no charge, upon request*). Parents/family members are not permitted to enter through the Team Entrance or enter the Warm-Up area; **please advise them of this rule.**

**THE “TEAM ENTRANCE” DOOR AT WORTHINGTON KILBOURNE HS (WKHS) WILL OPEN AT 8:00 AM.** Participants should plan to arrive no later than 30 minutes before first warm-up time (see schedule). Teams will warm up in the Auxiliary Gym and perform in the adjoining Main Gym (indoor access). Order of competition: **SESSION ONE WILL INCLUDE POM AND JAZZ CATEGORIES, FOLLOWED BY AWARDS. SESSION TWO WILL INCLUDE HIP/HOP CATEGORIES, FOLLOWED BY AWARDS. SESSION THREE WILL INCLUDE NON-TUMBLING CHEER CATEGORY, FOLLOWED BY AWARDS.**

**NO COACHES MEETING:** Due to staggered arrival of teams, there is no official coaches’ meeting before each session. You will receive a packet of information and any updated schedule upon check-in at the Team Entrance. On-site questions may be directed to Lenee’ Lagnese, the OASSA State Championships event coordinator.

**SPECTATOR DOORS WILL OPEN APPROXIMATELY 8:00AM; TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE AT 8:15AM.** Please be sure to pass that information to parents to avoid any unnecessary confusion. We don’t want to disappoint parents who are trying to get into the gym earlier than that time, but we will not be able to grant access prior to the stated entry time.

**UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT:**

Each team is responsible for its own equipment and clothing. We are not responsible for any articles left unattended at Worthington Kilbourne HS.

**CONCESSIONS:**

For your convenience there will be concession stands available outside the main gym at WKHS.

**SCORE SHEETS:**

Coaches may pick up score sheets and final tabulation sheets at the conclusion of the competition. ALL DECISIONS RENDERED BY THE JUDGES CONCERNING SCORES AND RULES INTERPRETATION ARE FINAL. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**PERFORMANCE FLOOR and WARMUP FLOOR:**

Dance teams will WARM UP and PERFORM on gym floors. For Non-Tumbling Cheer Teams, blue gymnastic/cheerleading mats will be used for both WARMUPS and PERFORMANCE FLOOR. The competition floor will be a total of 9 strips. The warm-up floor will have 9 strips. There will be NO penalty given for going off the mats.

**MUSIC:**

You are responsible for providing a representative to start and stop your squad's music. WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STARTING/STOPPING OF THE MUSIC. WE RECOMMEND BRINGING MORE THEN ONE COPY OF YOUR MUSIC TO BE PLAYED. We can accommodate i-pods, phones, etc.

**WAIVERS & TERMS OF AGREEMENT/MUSIC COPYRIGHTS CERTIFICATION:**

Release/Waiver forms must be on-file for all participants and coaches in attendance at the State Championships (go to [http://www.oassa.org/index.php/Site/cheer\\_competition/](http://www.oassa.org/index.php/Site/cheer_competition/) to download documents needed). **OASSA will transfer your signed 2017 Terms of Agreement/Music Certification and all Coach and Participant Release/Waiver forms which you turned in at your Regional Qualifier event over to the State Championships Check-In Table (located at the Team Entrance at WKHS).** Be sure to bring new signed Release/Waiver forms ONLY for any Coach/Participant/Alternate attending the State Championships who did NOT attend Regionals and turn one in there.

**INSURANCE:**

Coaches will have the responsibility of documenting medical/liability insurance coverage for each one of their competitors, AND MUST HAVE DOCUMENTATION FOR THIS WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES DURING THE COMPETITION.

**SEATING FOR SPECTATORS--IMPORTANT:**

We will be using one (1) to two (2) panels of judges, depending on the event being judged. The judges' panel will be seated on the same side of the gym; therefore, the order of competition will be posted all together.

***Please note: We cannot offer a designated "Family/Friends seating area" at WKHS from which to view your team's performance on the floor. Please note no food or beverages are permitted in the main gym, so please plan accordingly.***

**SPECTATOR TICKET PRICES (INCLUDING 2-DAY EVENT TICKETS) – CASH SALES ONLY!**

We hope that you and your squad/team will publicize this event in your school and community and that you will have an enthusiastic following. It is an impressive accomplishment to qualify for the State Cheerleading and Dance Championships and is something of which your school and community should be proud! Tickets will be sold ONLY at the door. *There will be special two-day spectator pricing available for those also attending Sunday's Championships event at OSU (for Cheer Div. I-V Mount and Non-Mount):*

--ADULTS \$10 for Saturday (Saturday-Sunday ticket \$15)

--STUDENTS AND SR. CITIZENS (60 and older) \$5 for Saturday (Saturday-Sunday ticket \$8)

--Children 6 and under will be admitted free.

Spectators will not be permitted to enter the Main Gym area until 45 minutes prior to the start of Session One competition (approximately 8:15am).

**PARKING:**

**Full-size buses delivering teams may park in the BACK parking lot after dropping off participants.**

**Spectators/Passenger vehicles** –Spectators should park in the lots in the front of the school building. Passenger vehicles delivering teams may enter the back lot for DROP-OFF of teams ONLY but must return to the front of the building to park (*back lot has limited space and is reserved ONLY for full-size buses.*) For directions/map, please view the Worthington Kilbourne HS Map/Directions info posted on our STATES webpage here:

[http://www.oassa.org/images/uploads/2017worthington.kilbourne\\_directionsmap .pdf](http://www.oassa.org/images/uploads/2017worthington.kilbourne_directionsmap.pdf)

**T-SHIRTS:**

State Championships shirts make a great memento! Be proud of qualifying for the State Championships and wear your shirts to school as a squad! THE NAMES OF EACH SCHOOL THAT QUALIFIED FOR THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE LISTED ON THE BACK! Shirts can be purchased at the Championships for \$20 (*cash preferred*). Coaches of state-qualified teams may place an “Advance Purchase” order for the team; orders will be accepted through noon Thursday, March 2 and will be filled and available for pick-up the day of the event. See OASSA website for pre-orders and payment instructions:

[http://www.oassa.org/images/uploads/2017States\\_Tee\\_PreorderForm.pdf](http://www.oassa.org/images/uploads/2017States_Tee_PreorderForm.pdf)

**PROGRAMS:**

2017 State Championships Programs will be available for \$5.00 and will list schedules, names of competitors, and photos of teams. (*Team information and photos will appear as submitted by coaches; info was updated and presumed accurate through Tuesday, Feb. 21.*)

**VIDEO/PHOTOS:**

Video and photo services will be provided on-site at the event by Lockwood Media; see OASSA website to view their list of services: [http://www.oassa.org/images/uploads/2017\\_OASSA\\_Cheer\\_Dance\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.oassa.org/images/uploads/2017_OASSA_Cheer_Dance_Flyer.pdf)

**AWARDS:**

A champion trophy and a champion banner will be awarded to the first place squad in each division. In addition, each member of the championship team will receive an individual award. An appropriate number of trophies will be awarded in each division for placements according to the number of teams in each division.

**RULES:**

Please be sure to double-check the NFHS, AACCA, and/or UDA (Dance) rules, as applicable (*quick links for CHEER rules found on the OASSA website*). We worked diligently to make sure that any potentially-illegal moves were pointed out at our regional events, but we are NOT responsible for penalties given during the State Championships. It is your responsibility to follow the rules. The OASSA event RULES AND REGULATIONS can be found on the OASSA website <www.oassa.org>. Be sure to review the details. Here is a link to those rules:

[http://www.oassa.org/images/uploads/2016-2017\\_Rules\\_and\\_Regulations2.pdf](http://www.oassa.org/images/uploads/2016-2017_Rules_and_Regulations2.pdf)

**QUESTIONS:**

For questions regarding registration or payments, contact OASSA Cheerleading Coordinator Jeri Dill at 614-430-8311 or <jdill@oassa.org>. For questions regarding schedules, performance or other technical aspects of your program or competition, contact OASSA Cheer/Dance Consultant Lenee’ Lagnese at <lenee@oassa.org>.

Thank you for supporting the OASSA State of Ohio Cheerleading and Dance Championships. Best of luck to you and your squad/team!

Sincerely,

The OASSA Staff