



# OASSA State of Ohio Cheerleading and Dance Championships



## COACHES INFORMATION (ARRIVAL/EVENT DETAILS) 2017 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017 for All Cheer Div. I-V Non-Mount and Mount Categories (St. John Arena, OSU)

Feb. 24, 2017

Dear Coaches:

Congratulations on qualifying for the State of Ohio Cheer and Dance Championships! **Day Two of the State Championships event (all Cheer Div. I-V Non-Mount and Mount categories) will be held on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at St. John Arena on the campus of the Ohio State University, 410 Woody Hayes Dr., Columbus, OH 43210.** Please read all information thoroughly in order to avoid confusion.

- ✓ Admission Fee
- ✓ Parking Info/Map/directions to St. John Arena
- ✓ General Information for the Mount and Non-Mount Cheer competition on March 5, 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:** (St. John Arena “Bus and Team Drop-Off” – Teams proceed to French Field House)

Follow the signs marked **TEAM CHECK-IN**. Busses can drop teams off at the loop in front of St. John Arena (south side of SJA, off Woody Hayes Dr.) before parking (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 at French Field House (*Bus drivers will be admitted through the Spectator Entrance at no charge, upon request*). Parents/family members are not permitted to enter through the French Field House Team Entrance/Warm Up area; **please advise them of this rule.**

**THE “TEAM ENTRANCE” DOOR AT FRENCH FIELD HOUSE WILL OPEN AT 7:45AM.** Participants should plan to arrive no later than 30 minutes before first warm-up time (see schedule). Teams will warm up in French Field House and perform in the adjoining St. John Arena (across breezeway). Order of competition: **SESSION ONE** WILL INCLUDE DIV. II AND III NON-MOUNT CATEGORIES, FOLLOWED BY AWARDS. **SESSION TWO** WILL DIV. IV AND V NON-MOUNT CATEGORIES, FOLLOWED BY AWARDS. **SESSION THREE** WILL INCLUDE DIV I NON-MOUNT and ALL MOUNT TEAMS (DIV. I-V), FOLLOWED BY AWARDS.

**TEAM EARLY ARRIVAL/VIEWING ACCESS:** To accommodate those teams whose hotel checkout times are much earlier than their report times for Session Three, and for teams who wish to come early (or stay late) to spectate: Early arrival is permitted. Please be sure to check in as usual in the French Field House. From there you and your team may enter St. John Arena to watch. Viewing area for teams will be Sections 6, 8 and 10.

**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 State Championships event coordinator.

**SPECTATOR DOORS WILL OPEN AND TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE AT 8:00AM.** 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 The Ohio State University.

**CONCESSIONS:**

For your convenience there will be concession stands available in St. John Arena; please walk around either end of the corridor inside the main spectator entrance to locate various concession choices.

**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. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**PERFORMANCE FLOOR and WARMUP FLOOR:**

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 inside French Field House).** 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 two (2) panels of judges. The judges' panel will be seated on the same side of the gym; therefore, the order of competition will be posted all together.

***Family/friends will be permitted to sit in a designated area in front of their team during their performance on the floor. Listen for announcements to queue up for access. Please note no food or beverages are permitted in the designated "family viewing area," so please plan accordingly.***

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

We hope that you and your squad 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 Saturday's Championships event (Dance and Non-Tumbling Cheer at Worthington Kilbourne HS):*

--ADULTS \$10 for Sunday OSU (Two-day ticket available at WKHS \$15)

--STUDENTS AND SR. CITIZENS (60 and older) \$5 for Sunday OSU (Two-day ticket available at WKHS \$8)

--Children 6 and under will be admitted free.

Spectators will not be permitted to enter the seating area in St. John Arena until 45 minutes prior to the start of Session One competition (*access by approximately 8:00am*).

**PARKING:**

Spectators – The following lots will offer **FREE** parking for this event: North St. John Arena, North French Field House, and the South French Field House lots, first come, first served until full. If these lots are filled, you should expect to pay for parking in any other non-event lots. Lane Avenue Garage is \$7.00 per entry (cash only); Tuttle Park Place garage is \$7.00 per entry (no in and out privileges in these paid garages). **Busses and Team Vehicles** – Park in the Northwest Stadium lot (free) adjacent to Ohio Stadium. **Disability parking** located in the South French Field House lot located off Woody Hayes Drive. **For more detailed information, refer to Parking Info/Map/Driving Directions** on our website at this link: <http://www.oassa.org/images/uploads/2017.OSU.Map.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>

**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; go here to view their 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 squad will receive an individual award. An appropriate number of trophies will be awarded in each division for placements according to the number of squads in each division.

**RULES:**

Please be sure to double-check the NFHS and AACCA rules, as applicable (*quick links 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

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