



OASSA State of Ohio Cheerleading and Dance Championships

COACHES INFORMATION (ARRIVAL/EVENT DETAILS)

2019 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019 for

All Cheer Div. I-VI Non-Building and Building Categories (St. John Arena, OSU)

Feb. 28, 2019

Dear Coaches:

Congratulations on qualifying for the OASSA State of Ohio Cheer and Dance Championships! **Day Two of the State Championships event (all Cheer Div. I-VI Non-Building and Building categories) will be held on Sunday, March 10, 2019 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 Dance and Non-Tumbling cheer competition on March 10, 2019.

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

<http://www.oassa.org/state-championships> 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 8.**

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.** Buses 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 (*exception – 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 or enter the Warm-Up area; **please advise them of this rule.**

THE “TEAM ENTRANCE” DOOR AT FRENCH FIELD HOUSE WILL OPEN AT 7:00 AM. 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. III and IV Non-Building, followed by awards in both categories.
- **SESSION TWO** will include Div. II, V and VI Non-Building, followed by awards in all three categories.
- **SESSION THREE** will include Div. I Non-Building and ALL Building Div. I-VI, followed by awards in all seven categories.

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. Early arrival is permitted. Please be sure to check in as usual in the French Field House. On-site questions may be directed to Lenee’ Lagnese, the OASSA State Championships event director.

SPECTATOR DOORS WILL OPEN AND TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE AT 7:30AM. 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. **THERE WILL BE 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 stay at the DJ booth to start and stop your squad's music; please report several minutes before your team is scheduled to perform. WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STARTING/STOPPING OF THE MUSIC. WE RECOMMEND BRINGING MORE THAN ONE COPY OF YOUR MUSIC TO BE PLAYED. We can accommodate i-pods, phones, etc. **Matt Ryan, who will be providing music services for the day, recommends CDs for best sound quality. If you utilize a newer iPhone and plan to use the Aux cord, please bring your own adapter to mesh with his equipment.**

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. **No need to resubmit documents: Your signed 2019 Terms of Agreement/Music Certification and all Coach and Participant Release/Waiver forms which you turned in at your Regional Qualifier event will be transferred by OASSA to the State Championships Check-In Table (located at the Team Entrance inside French Field House).** EXCEPTION: DO bring new signed Release/Waiver forms ONLY for any Coach/Participant/Alternate attending the State Championships who did NOT attend your Regional Qualifier event and turn one in there. (NOTE: If your Terms Document was unsigned by your administration due to school closures the week of Jan. 28, BRING a new fully signed copy with you. If you need copies, see Doc. # 6, 7 or 8 at: <http://www.oassa.org/forms-information>)

INSURANCE:

Coaches will have the responsibility of documenting medical 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.

Please note: We will offer a designated "Family/Friends seating area" from which to view your team's performance on the floor. Please note no food or beverages are permitted in the designated "family viewing area," so please plan accordingly.

SPECTATOR TICKET PRICES – CASH ONLY at event or PRE-PURCHASE option!

Tickets will be sold at the door for CASH ONLY. Or, save time and avoid the lines by buying your tickets online prior to arriving (*a convenience fee will apply to online sales*). Visit the Ticket Roar site at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-oassa-state-cheer-dance-championships-tickets-52821772343>

****Ticket prices (all prices are before convenience fee, if using Ticket Roar pre-purchase option):**

--ADULTS \$10

--STUDENTS AND SR. CITIZENS (60 and older) \$5

--Children 6 and under will be admitted free.

Spectators will be permitted to enter the Main Gym area 30 minutes prior to the start of Session One competition (which begins at 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. Paid parking available at Lane Avenue Garage and Tuttle Park Place garage (be prepared to pay cash and expect 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 the OSU Parking Info/Map/Driving Directions** (Document #10 posted on our STATES “Forms/Info” webpage) here:

<http://www.oassa.org/forms-information>

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 team! 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 or credit/debit card). We highly suggest coaches of state-qualified teams place an “Advance Purchase” order for the team; orders accepted through noon Thursday, February 28. Orders will be filled and available for pick-up by team designee the day of the event (*ask at T-shirt sales table*). See OASSA website for pre-orders and payment instructions (Doc. #11):

<http://www.oassa.org/forms-information>

PROGRAMS:

2019 State Championships Programs will be available for \$5.00 (CASH ONLY) and will list schedules, names of competitors, and photos of teams. (*Team information and photos will appear as submitted by coaches*).

ROSES: Individually-wrapped, **SINGLE-STEM ROSES** (in assorted colors w/water vial) available for purchase at the event for \$3.00 per stem or 2 for \$5.00 (CASH ONLY). First come, first-served while supplies last. Tell your friends/family members!

VIDEO/PHOTOS:

Video and photo services will be provided on-site at the event by Lockwood Media; see OASSA website to view their ad and list of services: <http://www.oassa.org/state-championships>

AWARDS:

A champion trophy will be awarded to the first place team in each division. In addition, each member of the championship team will receive an individual award. Trophies will be awarded in each division for all placements in accordance with the number of teams in each division. In response to many schools’ new branding initiatives and posting rules within facilities, individual banners will not be given out this year. Instead, each championships team will be photographed in front of the 2019 OASSA State Championships banner, and OASSA will provide the head coach of each championships team a complimentary team photo via e-mail after the event, courtesy of Lockwood Media.

RULES:

Please be sure to double-check the Cheer rules (*and visit the NFHS and/or ACCA links*), as applies to your team. 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 and cheer rules links can be found on the OASSA Cheer and Dance “Forms and Info” webpage at:** <http://www.oassa.org/forms-information>

GETTING THE WORD OUT:

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! Please share our 2019 “**Parents Letter**” with your families (Doc. # 12 on the “Forms and Info” webpage) at: <http://www.oassa.org/forms-information>

Social Media:

Follow us on the following social media sites for the latest OASSA Cheer & Dance event/Cheer Ohio summer camp information:

Twitter: @ohioprincipals

Facebook: OASSA Cheer & Dance

Instagram: oassaspirit1

Share your competition photos with us! Use the following hashtag #oh19roadtostates

WEATHER: The event will be held, rain/snow or shine, as long as Franklin County/OSU do not declare a Level III snow emergency. If you should experience catastrophic weather in your part of the state, we ask that you exercise caution in your travel decisions, and teams are to follow the direction of your school/district administration.

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,

Posted 2/28/19

The OASSA Staff