



**OASSA Presents**  
**THE Ohio Cheer & Dance State Championships 2020**

Divisions I-VI Building and Non-Building Cheer Categories  
St. John Arena, OSU – Sun. March 1, 2020  
410 Woody Hayes Dr., Columbus, OH 43210

Dear Coaches,

Congratulations on your team qualifying for THE Ohio Cheer and Dance State Championships! We encourage friends and family to attend the event and support your team/squad. Please read the information below to avoid confusion:

**PARENT'S LETTER**

- You will receive a letter to send to the parent's.
- PLEASE SEND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so they know what to expect the day of the event!

**TEAM ENTRANCE:**

- Teams MUST enter through the French Field House (FFH) beginning at 7:00am.
- Only PARTICIPANTS and COACHES listed on the team roster may enter through the team entrance.
- Parents/families/friends are NOT permitted in the FFH warm-up area.
- Participants should plan to arrive 30 minutes before the first warm-up time (refer to schedule).
- Buses may drop off teams at the loop in front of St. John Arena before parking across the street by the stadium.
- Only PARTICIPANTS and COACHES listed on the team roster may enter through the team entrance. NO FAMILY OR FRIENDS. **Please advise them of this rule.**

**TEAM CHECK-IN**

- Doors will open at 7:00am.
- Participants should plan to arrive 30 minutes before the first warm-up time (refer to schedule).
- Participants (competing or not competing - alternate/injured) are **not permitted** to check-in unless one of their coaches has checked-in.
- Participants and coaches will be marked with a stamp at check-in.
- A coach from each team will receive a packet of information at check-in.

**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.)
- Buses 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 here: <http://www.oassa.org/forms-information>
- Due to having the Men's Basketball Game at the Schott at 4pm on the same date as the competition, CampusParc has asked if you can let participants/spectators know to self-identify to the parking attendants as being with the OASSA Cheer Competition when pulling into the lots if there is a parking attendant present. Your participants will still receive free parking in the North and South French Field House/St. John Arena lots, but Men's Basketball goers will be charged the \$10 day of game parking fee.

## SCHEDULE

- Visit the OASSA webpage to view the schedule here: <http://www.oassa.org/competitions-forms>
- Each team will have a warm-up time listed on the schedule. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE OASSA OFFICE FOR THE TIMES.
- As changes are made (time changes, NOT session changes) they will be posted on the website. Please check after 4pm each day for updates. A FINAL warm-up & performance schedule will be posted on the website by 4pm February 28th.

## TEAM WARM-UPS (FRENCH FIELDHOUSE)

- Warm-ups will take place in the fieldhouse and your team will be escorted to perform in the adjoining St. John Arena (across breezeway).
- Parents/families/friends are **NOT** permitted in the warm-up area. **Please advise them of this rule.**

## LOCKER ROOMS

- All Cheer and Dance Teams will utilize the restrooms in the designated locker rooms located near check-in.

## ATHLETIC TRAINER

- There will be an Athletic Trainer on site. If your athletes need to be taped, please make sure you are providing supplies and a note from your trainer or a doctor.

## COACHES LOUNGE

- Coaches are invited to take a break in the Coaches lounge located in the French Fieldhouse.
- Snacks and water will be available.

## 2020 RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Please note the NEW DIVISIONAL SPLIT INFORMATION for States.
- Refer to this link: <http://www.oassa.org/forms-information>
- **A few general callouts from Regionals:**
  - **Throwing or tossing signs from Stunts:**
    - A top person in a stunt or pyramid may not release a hard sign directly to the ground. It must be handed to someone on the ground or come down with the top person, with existing restrictions like not cradling with hard props (per NFHS 2019-2020 Spirit Rules Book).
  - **Use of Drops:**
    - Drops that go directly to the thighs, splits, knees or seat on the performing surface are not permitted unless most of the weight is first borne on the hands or feet or the descent is controlled (per NFHS 2019-2020 Spirit Rules Book).
  - **Tumbling while holding props is not permitted except for the following:**
    - Forward or backward rolls.
    - Holding props during airborne or non-airborne tumbling skills in which hand(s) are not being used for support. The props shall not be made of hard material, have corners or sharp edges.
  - **Game-Day Reminder**
    - Our Game-Day division performances should consist of these three elements: a sideline chant, a time out cheer and a band dance or school fight song. **(Teams must choose between a band dance or a school fight song, NOT both or a 10 point penalty will be issued).**
  - **PROPS**
    - Any item that is manipulated (e.g., poms, signs, etc)

## 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.

## SCORE SHEETS

- Coaches will be given 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 start and stop your squad's music. 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

- Waivers turned in at Regionals will TRANSFER over to States.
- Only NEW Coaches who were added since Regionals. PLEASE BRING AT CHECK-IN.
- Only participants who were on the listed as Alternate/Injured (U) for Regionals AND are now competing (P). PLEASE BRING AT CHECK-IN.
- Waivers are found here: <http://www.oassa.org/forms-information>

## TERMS OF AGREEMENT/MUSIC COPYRIGHTS CERTIFICATION:

- Will be transferred by OASSA from Regionals to States.

## 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.

## AWARDS:

- **Trophies (note: this has changed this year)** - Teams that place 1-10 will be announced and presented with an OASSA State Championship trophy in each event/category.
- **Patches** - Each member of each FIRST-PLACE team will be presented with an "OASSA Cheer & Dance State Champions 2020" patch.
- **Banners** - Each first-place team in each event/category will be given an OASSA State Champions Banner indicating which event/category they won! Team photos will be taken immediately following the receipt of the banner.
- **Certificates** - Each TEAM, regardless of placement, will receive an OASSA State Championship participation certificate.

## SPECTATOR DOORS/TICKET SALES

- Spectator doors/ticket sales will begin at 7:30am.
- Tickets will be sold at the door for CASH ONLY.
- **OR** you can save time and avoid the lines by buying your tickets online prior to arriving (NOTE: *a convenience fee will apply to online sales*). Click link here to purchase tickets online: <http://www.oassa.org/tickets>
- **Pricing:** (Saturday Only & discounted Two Day options available for spectators who will be attending both events, Saturday & Sunday)
  - Adults: \$10 (Sat Only) / \$15 (Two Day)
  - Seniors (60+) & Students: \$5 (Sat Only) / \$8 (Two Day)
  - Children 6 & under: Free

## PERFORMANCE/JUDGES SEATING

- 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.***

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENT T-SHIRTS

- Your team's coaches were invited to place an advance-purchase, TEAM order for event T-shirts directly with OASSA. The T-shirt will also be sold the day of the event for \$20, although sizes may be limited. (Cash/credit accepted at the event.)

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM

- Contains the latest Performance Schedule and lists all teams, team members and team photos (if submitted by the coach). ONE complimentary copy will be given to each head coach at Team Check-in.
- Price: \$5.00

## SINGLE-STEM ROSES FOR SALE

- Friends and family may purchase individually wrapped, single-stem roses (with water vials) in assorted colors at the event.
- Price: one for \$3.00, or two for \$5.00. Cash only please. First-come, first-served until sold out.

## CONCESSIONS

- Concession stands will be found throughout St. John Arena; please be sure to walk around either end of the corridor inside Spectator Entrance to find the multiple options for concessions.

## VIDEO/PHOTOS

- Video and photo services will be provided on-site at the event by Lockwood Media (you can pre-order using this link): <http://www.orderlockwood.com/products/2020-OASSA-Cheer-%26-Dance-Championship-Action-Photo-Team-Package.html>

## 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 hashtags
  - #2020roadtostates
  - #oassacheeranddance

## WEATHER

- The event will be held, rain/snow or shine, as long as Franklin County/OSU does 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.

**Registration, roster and payment Questions?** Contact Kelly Latham at [klatham@oassa.org](mailto:klatham@oassa.org)

**Competition and rules Questions?** Contact Denise Farnsworth at [dfarnsworth@oassa.org](mailto:dfarnsworth@oassa.org)

Congratulations and Good Luck at the  
2020 OASSA State Cheer and Dance Championships!  
We'll see you there!

Sincerely,  
OASSA Staff