



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

All Dance, Non-Tumbling & Game Day Categories  
Pickerington North – Sat. February 29, 2020  
7800 Refugee Rd., Pickerington, Ohio 43147

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:**

- Please Enter at the traffic light off Refugee Rd. and drop athletes off across from the stadium; the TEAM ENTRANCE AND REGISTRATION doors are labeled "GG".
- **Buses** may park at the back near the "PASS GATE" or Buses may park at Lakeview JH. (see map)
- **Parents** may drop off athletes and then continue past the tennis courts and take a right turn to access the athletic parking and entrance.
- 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.

**SCHEDULE**

- Visit the OASSA webpage to view the schedule here: <http://www.oassa.org/competitions-forms>
- Each team will have a warm-up time. 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 (FIELDHOUSE)**

- Warmups will also take place in the fieldhouse and your team will be escorted to the performance lineup. No glitter, hair appliances, gum or beverages (other than water).
- 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 room located in the Faculty Dining Room.
- 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 Pickerington North HS.

## 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

- Dance teams will WARM UP and PERFORM on gym floors. For Non-Tumbling and Game Day 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 THAN ONE COPY OF YOUR MUSIC TO BE PLAYED. We can accommodate i-pods, phones, etc.

## 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 7:00am. Concessions will be open at this time in the Commons area. No admittance to the gymnasium until 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 SEATING

- The main gymnasium has a capacity of over 2500 people.
- Cheer Team spectators should sit anywhere in the gym. There will be special seating available when your cheer team performs.
- Dance Team spectators will want to sit on the right side of the gym. (first entrance when coming through Commons)

## JUDGES TABLES

- Cheer Judges will be located at the west end of the gymnasium by the basketball hoop.
- Dance Judges will be located at the top of the bleachers on the right side of the gymnasium.

## 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**

- There will be fully stocked concessions available in the Commons area beginning at 7am.

## **RESTROOMS**

- Spectator restrooms are located near the "FAN ENTRANCE", in the athletic hallway adjacent to the commons and concessions area.

## **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 Fairfield County 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

