

For Immediate Release  
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## **OASSA ANNOUNCES STATE OF OHIO HIGH SCHOOL CHEER & DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY**

**Columbus, Ohio – January 13, 2021** – The Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators will be holding the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual State Cheer and Dance Championships virtually for 2021.

This is not a decision we have taken lightly, and we know that this will come as a disappointment to our teams, coaches and fans but we feel it's the appropriate thing to do to keep Public Health first-and-foremost in our minds. The virtual format will allow all teams the chance to participate in regionals (to try to receive a qualification for states), the ability to submit performances while respecting the limitations and rules put in place by local school districts. We believe that a virtual competition will inspire our teams to work their hardest and showcase their talents at an even higher level. We are excited that the virtual format will allow all of our fans to experience a once in a lifetime cheer competition designed to highlight the accomplishments of our many teams.

The factors leading to this tough decision are as follows:

- We are still under (Gov. Mike DeWine's) limits on mass gatherings indoors.
- Limited access to appropriate venues due to COVID restrictions.
- The variety of plans and protocols in place at the local level for extra-curricular teams and activities.
- COVID restrictions impacting travel and transportation for teams.
- Last year's spectator attendance for the OASSA two-day event topped 9,100. We also had approximately 2,900 participants and coaches at last year's events. Our event continues to grow each year and this year's projections are even higher.

### **Regionals & States Overview:**

#### **Regionals:**

Registration for Regional Qualifiers is open now for Ohio High School Cheer & Dance Teams (grades 9-12).

- January 29<sup>th</sup>: Deadline for teams to register for Regionals.
- February 4<sup>th</sup>: Regional video submissions are due to OASSA by noon.
- February 6-7<sup>th</sup>: Judges will report to OASSA headquarters to judge all Regional video submissions.
- February 8<sup>th</sup>: State Qualified teams are announced.

#### **States:**

The State competition will follow a similar format to Regionals. See the timeline below:

- February 8<sup>th</sup>: OASSA State Cheer & Dance Registration Opens to Qualified Teams
- February 22<sup>nd</sup>: OASSA State Cheer & Dance video submissions are due to OASSA
- February 27-28<sup>th</sup>: Judges will report to OASSA headquarters to judge all State video submissions.
- March 13<sup>th</sup>: OASSA will publish a schedule of events and ALL events will be broadcast online with Award announcements.

Please join us by encouraging your contacts to register for our upcoming Regional competition.

Additional details will be posted on <https://oassa.org/cheer-dance/> as they become available.

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29<sup>th</sup>  
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*cheer & dance*  
**REGIONAL**  
Qualifier

**Registration for the  
29th Annual OASSA Regional Qualifier  
is now open!**

The Regional Qualifier is by  
**Video Submission Only.**

**Registration Deadline:  
Friday, January 29, 2021**

**Open for Ohio High School  
Cheer & Dance Teams  
(grades 9-12)**

**Registration Instructions [HERE](#)**

1. Register **PRIOR** to submitting video(s).
2. Team Roster due at time of registration.

**Click to Register!**

REFER TO THE PRESS RELEASE ATTACHED  
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**The 2021 OASSA  
STATES Championships will be**

★ **VIRTUAL** ★

Announce State Qualified teams:  
**Monday, February 8, 2021**

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN:  
**Monday, February 8, 2021**

Registration Questions:  
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