



**The 29th Annual 2021 OASSA
Cheer & Dance State Championships
REGISTRATION & VIDEO GUIDELINES**

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**Congratulations to your team(s) for qualifying for the
2021 Virtual OASSA Cheerleading and Dance
State Championships!**

**Mark your calendars!!
Saturday, March 13th
The 29th Annual 2021 OASSA State Championships
Simulated Live Stream!!
(more info to come)**



2021 OASSA VIRTUAL Cheer & Dance State Championships **REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Registration is NOW OPEN for the 2021 OASSA Virtual Cheer & Dance State Championships!

Who can participate:

- Only teams who qualified at the "2021 OASSA Regional Qualifier by Video Submission" event.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 24, 2021

REGISTER [HERE](#)

PRICING for State Championships

- First event \$100
- \$50 for each additional event.

PAYMENT:

- Purchase Order, personal or school credit card, or check (money order or Booster check accepted.)
 - Credit Card Payments can be made by calling Barb Benson at 614-430-8311 ext 12.
- Please work with your treasure to obtain the purchase number.
- PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE VIDEO SUBMISSION DEADLINE.
 - Invoices will be sent to your district as soon as PO # is provided, and the invoice will suffice as timely "payment."
- You will NOT be permitted to compete unless your payment arrangements are specified prior to your event date.

REFUND POLICY

Not permitted (*exceptions made for injury/illness or mandatory school functions such as playoffs*).

TEAM INFORMATION

- **Will you be submitting a team photo for the Virtual State Championship Program?**
 - If so, you will upload the photo in the google registration form when prompted.
- **Roster Changes:**
 - Only participants who appeared on your Regionals Roster as "Participating" (P) OR "Not Participating" (U) are eligible to compete in States.
 - You will be able to do the following:
 - Amend any team members Scholar Athlete Status.

- Amend any team members Participating (P) or Not-Participating (U) status (*alternate/stand-by, injured/cleared, etc.*)
 - **WAIVERS** - Team members changing to Participating (P) for States will need a participant waiver signed and turned in.
 - Note: Waivers from Regionals are being carried over to the State Competition. No need to resubmit waivers for States.
- Add or delete a COACH's name or update record (*add or correct email or cell#*).
- **NOTE: You will NOT be able to add OR delete team members (participants or alternates.)**
- States Roster changes (Injured to participating) can be sent to Darbie Carlson at dcarlson@oassa.org
 - **Help us produce an accurate State Championships Program & ensure happy team parents; please proof carefully!**

YOUR CHEER & DANCE CATEGORY/STYLE:

- Teams must compete in the category/event in which they qualified at the Regional Qualifier event.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS VIDEO SUBMISSION TIMELINE:

- PLEASE REGISTER YOUR TEAM PRIOR TO SUBMITTING YOUR VIDEO(S)
- PLEASE READ THE **STATES VIDEO SUBMISSION GUIDELINES** PRIOR TO RECORDING:
- Video submissions are **DUE Wednesday, February 24th by 11:59pm (no exceptions)**
 - **Submit video via Google Form.** Visit the OASSA website for a link to Google Form: [OASSA Cheer and Dance webpage](#)
- Judges will report to the OASSA Headquarters on the original dates of States (February 27-28th, 2021) to judge all video submissions for the OASSA State Championships.
 - Each video will be reviewed by judges ONE TIME, straight through, without stopping the video and no playback. Just like a live performance.

SCHOOL DIVISIONS:

Refer to the link below to determine your team's OASSA Division. You MUST know this when registering. <http://officials.myohsaa.org/Outside/SearchSchool>

Division I - 527 and more Division III - 224 to 389 Division V - 93 to 150

Division II - 390 to 526 Division IV - 151 to 223 Division VI - 92 and fewer

RULES

- **Be sure to thoroughly read and understand the 2021 OASSA Cheer and Dance Rules and Regulations**
- It is the coaches' responsibility to ensure your State Championships routine follows the OASSA Cheer and Dance Rules and Regulations. All Cheer teams (Building, Non-Building, Non-Tumbling and Game Day) should follow NFHS guidelines. Cheer Building teams should also follow USA Cheer guidelines for building components. Dance teams should refer to the "Dance" section of the 2021 OASSA Cheer and Dance Rules and Regulations (*OASSA's dance rules are derived from—but not identical to--UDA's 2020-2021 competition rules*).
- Link to the 2021 OASSA Cheer and Dance Rules and Regulations:
 - [Click here for 2021 Rules and Regulations](#)



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Video Submission Guidelines

Virtual Routines

- **All routines must be recorded specifically for the event. Videos from previous competitions or other events may not be accepted, with one exception:**
 - If your team cannot record a NEW video due to sickness, injuries, etc., you may use your Regional Qualifier Video Submission ONLY IF it was authentic and recorded for the OASSA event (Pre-recorded videos from other competitions will NOT be allowed for the State Championships).

Recording Requirements:

- **Spectators during team recording:**
 - Covid Guidelines your district has put into place for spectators to attend events must be followed. If your district allows spectators, please note the following:
 - An audience, if permitted in your local school/district/county as well as coaching and voices on the audio are fine. We recommend making sure that the cameras are steady and voices are not too close to the microphone, to ensure the best quality taping.
 - AUDIO is very important when your team performs, especially when the judges are not present during your performance.
 - We will caution teams to be aware of the camera stability and location. One dominant parental/coach voice if they are too near the microphone may not have the desired impact. Also, if they are clapping and or stomping feet, make sure the camera is steady and doesn't wobble or shake. No one should be near the camera during the performance *due to sensitive sound pickup*.
- Any camera type is acceptable, no need to buy special equipment. We recommend filming in the standard quality your camera will produce, 4K videos are not accepted. Teams are required to **record on a device that is NOT held in their hand**. Any device can be used, but must be placed on a flat surface and may not be touched during the performance. The use of a stand is recommended.
 - Choices of devices include:
 - Video camera
 - Web Camera
 - Tablet/Phone
 - Computer
- We suggest you use 2 separate devices to record so that you always have a backup. One device is your backup recording device in case something happens to device #1 OR can be used to get a different angle of your performance. Review the videos from devices 1 & 2 and decide what angle is better for submission.
- Cell phone footage must be recorded horizontally.

- Camera or cell phone must be stabilized; we recommend not holding it by hand. The use of a stand is recommended. Camera view must remain consistent; do not zoom in or out.
- All videos must be recorded in a single take. Edited footage will not be accepted.

- **Camera Position:**
 - All performers should be continuously visible throughout the entire performance for judging purposes. We suggest the camera be positioned above the performers where we can see the performers in the back. You may use a ladder, bleachers, tripod or anything that can capture the performance from above.
 - Performers are to be seen within the camera frame at all times. If a performer falls out of frame, they will not get credit and will be noted by judges.
 - Camera should be set to view all 4 corners of the floor.
 - If your space does not allow for all 4 corners of the floor to be captured, then set your camera to capture as much of the floor as possible to be sure that all skills that you want counted in your score are in full view for the judges to see.
 - If there are structural objects in your space (support poles, for example) that may obstruct the view of the judges, be sure that all skills are performed within view for the judges to see.
 - In order to maintain fairness and consistency, any skill that is not visible in the frame or occurs behind a structural object will be treated as if it did not happen and it will not be scored.
- **Lighting is everything.** Again, we can only judge what we see.
- **POM DANCE COACHES:** Have all POM performers show hands free poms before the performance, so the judges can score accurately and your team will not be penalized when tumbling.
- **MATS:**
 - Please adhere to the safety guidelines for mats as noted in the NFHS rules and guidelines.
 - Spring floors are NOT permissible for use in State video submissions.
 - Please make sure your mat surface, gym floor, stage, etc... is clear of all other equipment and safe for performing your routine.

When and How To Submit Video Entries:

1. Video submission deadline is **Wednesday, February 24, 2021.**
 - a. **Submit video via Google Form.** Visit the OASSA website for a link to Google Form: [OASSA Cheer and Dance webpage](#)
 - b. OASSA Staff must have all videos by the deadline in order to create the schedule of events and organize all videos in playback order for the judges.
 - c. All OASSA State Championships video submissions will be provided to the production company to add professional production elements, labels, etc. for our simulated live stream on March 13, 2021.
 - d. NOTE: Once you submit your video(s), these are the videos that will be judged. Be sure it is FINAL when you hit submit. You may only submit once per category. If you accidentally resubmit the same category, the first video submitted will be used.

- e. When submitting, please label the video(s) in this format:
 - i. [2021OASSAStates.\(Division#\).\(nameofschool\).\(cheer/dancecategory\).headcoachname](#)
Example: [2021OASSAStates.D4.delawarehayes.building.kellylatham](#)
- f. Video footage must be submitted in **.mov** or **.mp4** format. Other formats will not be accepted.
 - i. **Videos are NOT permitted to be uploaded to YouTube.** This would be a violation of Copyright Law.
 - ii. **Video Quality** - When submitting your video(s), ensure to upload the highest quality. Some videos were very low quality (very pixelated) and it was hard to see movements of arms, legs, etc. Judges were more lenient for Regionals, but will not be for States.

2. **Music Copyrights Forms:**

- a. We received all your Music Copyright Forms at Regionals. No need to resubmit UNLESS there is a music change.
 - b. *The submission of your taped performance for the State Competition is acceptable for educational and adjudicated purposes. OASSA will comply with all laws as we provide the simulated live event.*
 - i. If your music was purchased from a third party company, please make sure you have permission from the company to submit for judging.
3. Judges will report to the OASSA Headquarters on the original dates of States (February 27-28th, 2021) to judge all video submissions for the OASSA State Championships.
- a. Each video will be reviewed by judges ONE TIME, straight through, without stopping the video and no playback. Just like a live performance.

2021 OASSA State CHEER & DANCE Championships **"IMPORTANT FACTS"**

State Championships IMPORTANT FACTS:

- **What does the OASSA Cheer & Dance States Virtual ONLINE Event look like?**
 - Spectators, coaches, teams, etc. can watch FREE OF CHARGE on the day of the event (March 13, 2021)!
 - All State Cheer & Dance performances will be aired via a simulated live stream broadcast on March 13, 2021. OASSA will provide a schedule of events for the day so teams know when their performance will be aired.
 - A professional production company is producing the live stream video content for OASSA.
 - Awards for each category will be aired immediately following the last performance in each category.
 - Select categories may be broadcast simultaneously (i.e. D1 Building Cheer and Hip-Hop may be "live" at the same time on March 13, 2021)

- **State Championship Registration OPENS: February 8, 2021**
 - Additional details about registration will be sent to all coaches (who qualified for states) and posted on the OASSA website on February 8, 2021.
 - **PRICING for State Championships:**
 - First event \$100
 - \$50 for each additional event.

- **Video Submissions Deadline: February 24, 2021**
 - Additional guidance regarding audio/video submission will be provided to all state qualifiers.
 - Judges will report to the OASSA Headquarters on the original dates of States (February 27-28th, 2021) to judge all video submissions for the OASSA State Championships.
 - OASSA Staff must have all videos by the deadline in order to create the schedule of events and organize all videos in playback order for the judges.
 - All OASSA State Championships video submissions will be provided to the production company to add professional production elements, labels, etc. for our simulated live stream on March 13, 2021.

➤ **Video Performance Reviews & Schedule:**

- Each video will be reviewed by judges ONE TIME, straight through, without stopping the video and no playback. Just like a live performance.
- Performance Schedules will be posted 1-2 weeks prior to March 13th.

➤ **Spectators during team video recording (clarification):**

- An audience, if permitted in your local school/district/county as well as coaching and voices on the audio are fine. We recommend making sure that the cameras are steady and voices are not too close to the microphone, to ensure the best quality taping.

➤ **Mats:**

- Please adhere to the safety guidelines for mats as noted in the NFHS rules and guidelines.
- Spring floors are not permissible for use in State video submissions.

➤ **Awards:**

- **NEW! This year: OASSA Staff will be delivering first-place trophies and banners to each first-place team in person!**
- **FIRST-PLACE teams in each event/category will be presented with the following:**
 - **Trophy**
 - **Patches** - Each member of each first-place team will be presented with a "2021 OASSA Cheer & Dance State Champions" patch.
 - **Banner**
- **Plaques will be awarded to ALL teams (except 1st place teams):**
 - Plaques will be mailed after the online event.
- **An OASSA State Championship CERTIFICATE will be awarded to ALL teams:**
 - Certificates will be emailed after the online event.

➤ **New this year - Online Store!**

- 2021 OASSA State Cheer & Dance Championships T-Shirts and Sweatshirts will be available for purchase beginning February 8th. The online store link will be provided to all State Qualified coaches and will be posted on the OASSA website. Teams can place orders online, pay online and the goods will be shipped directly to the team contact.

➤ **FREE Virtual Program (download using QR Code)**

- Contains the Performance Schedule for the simulated live stream online event and lists all teams, team members and team photos (if submitted).
- QR code will be shared to all State qualified coaches and will be posted on the OASSA website.

➤ **OASSA Cheer & Dance Scholarship Winners**

- Scholarship winners will be notified on February 16, 2021.
- Scholarship winners will be announced during the simulated live stream online event on March 13, 2021.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Competition questions:

Cheer Questions: cheer@oassa.org

Dance Questions: dance@oassa.org

**Please visit the [OASSA Cheer and Dance webpage](#)
for additional information.**