

OASSA CHEER & DANCE NEWS



CHEER COACHES: THANK YOU!

We sincerely appreciate your participation in the recent OASSA Town Hall Meetings. Your feedback, insights, and opinions are incredibly valuable to us!

Please review the important information below, which includes survey results and updates.

Thanks to your input, we have discussed, voted on key concerns, and are now implementing changes for the 2025–2026 competition season.

We heard you—and we’re taking action!



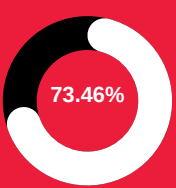
NEXT CHEER TOWN HALL MTG

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT CHEER TOWN HALL MEETING ON MAY 4, 2025 AT 7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86815318303?pwd=YJjDf6ZVzlqdBJKA8DzZ7YwEtuSTay.1>

Meeting ID: 868 1531 8303. Passcode: 994865

REGIONAL QUALIFICATION SCORING FOR HIGH SCHOOL CHEER



The survey results showed **73.46%** in favor of scoring at the cheer regional qualifiers.

The qualifying percentage will be **75% or higher** to advance to The State Championship.

DIVISION SPLITS (SMALL/LARGE)



The survey results showed **73.47%** of coaches would like to keep the divisions the SAME for the 25-26 season.

26.53% of coaches would like a change.

As we move into the 2025-2026 season the steering committee made up of coaches from across the state adjusted our Divisions/Categories will be split at 15 teams vs the current 12 teams fighting for a state title.

We reserve the right to keep the category combined if the split of the division/category at 15 is limited to a runner up and winner. The split must be a competitive category creating legitimacy of **STATE CHAMPION**.

DEDUCTION SYSTEM ADJUSTMENTS

We are keeping the current system in place as it aligns with the industry standard.

The coach's vote was **95.9% remain the same, 4.1% make a change**.

We will be making an adjustment to the NFHS safety violations/infractions per **YOUR** request!

However, the steering committee has adjusted the NFHS violation sheet to reflect the concerns of coaches on how the deductions are implemented. All agree that safety comes first but not at the punishment of possible performance errors.

NFHS will now have a **MINOR** violation and **MAJOR** violation on the deduction sheet.

Examples:

MINOR (-1 pt) stepping on props while stunting or tumbling, aggressive release of sign, etc.

MAJOR (-10 pts) unsafe building violations, tumbling skills, etc.

Change of the verbiage under time violations.

Opening 8-count of music when there is a DJ/Music error. This will be added into the context with the 3-second grace period once your routine is in motion.



COMMUNICATION

MINUTES: Minutes can be found on the website at OASSA.org from our steering committee meetings & coaches town hall meetings.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2025-2026 Cheer coaches committee members:

Samantha Riordan (Lake HS – NE, D2) 2023-2025 Term

Peggy Wadsworth (Wadsworth HS D3) 2024-2026 Term

Katie Weisenberger (St. Paul HS – NW, D6) 2023-2025 Term

Maria Maluchnik (Genoa Area HS – NE, D4) 2023-2025 Term

Amie Clark (Hilliard Darby HS D1 CENTRAL) 2024-2026 Term

Zach Shafer (Preble Shawnee HS SW) 2024-2026 Term

Melissa Kelly (Grove City HS CENTRAL) 2025-2027 Term

Carla Crawford (Dublin Jerome HS, Central) 2025-2027 Term

Katie Spinell (Tusky Valley HS, SE) 2025-2027 Term

“At-Large” CHEER HS Representative

Bethany Tawab (Springfield (Akron) – NE) 2024-2026 Term

BAND APP: At the request of transparency and communication we will also be starting a Band for Ohio School Coaches to ask questions for OASSA events and more.

NEW BUSINESS

Over the next few weeks our primary focus will be the following:

- Scoresheets
- Rubrics (focus on cheer and dance verbiage)
- Building Committee (stunts, pyramids, tosses scoring ranges/skills)
- 75% cumulative (stay/change)



INVITATIONALS

OASSA is looking for invitational hosts for the Fall. Contact Trisha if you are interested in an opportunity to co-host an event.