



FAQ'S ABOUT OUR EVENT

Can we record the competition?

No, video recording is allowed at this event.

Can we purchase a DVD or HD Download of the event?

Yes, DVD's and HD Downloads can be ordered online or on site from MR. VIDEO

Can we take pictures?

Yes, but NO Flash Photography. All pictures must be taken from the spectator seating in the balcony. Parents will not be allowed on the competition floor to take photos. The only people allowed on the competition floor are team members from the same school. Parents will be able to go to the team area down stairs to take team photos at our photo station.

Can we buy pictures?

Yes, Sportsline Photography, the official event photographer will have all of their action and team photos available for purchase online following the event. Scan the QR Code at the event or in their ad and be notified when the photos are available for viewing. In addition, they will have photo viewing stations at the event so you can see your photos the same day!

What is the cost for Admission?

It is \$20 per adult and \$12 for Students K-12. Admission is for the entire day. If you would like to leave and come back, you will need to have your **RED** wristband and your ticket to regain admittance.

Will food be available at the event?

Concessions stands will be open for spectators and participants. **Cash and cards will be accepted.**

What happens if there is bad weather?

In the case of severe weather, the event will go on with the teams in attendance. Fees are non-refundable.

Where do spectators park?

The most convenient location is at the St. Paul RiverCentre Parking Ramp across the street. This link will give you a map of various locations to park nearby.

<http://www.rivercentre.org/exhibit/parking-transportation>

Where do buses park?

Bus Parking is located on the opposite side of the Mississippi River off S Robert St. Please consult the map provided to the coach via email and on our website.

How do I request a Media, Bus Driver, and Administrator Passes?

Coaches will receive an email about 10 days in advance of the event with a link to a form to complete. These passes will be available at the MCCA State Apparel table in the Roy Wilkins Lobby the day of the event.

NOTE: Media Passes are NOT for team photographers, only legit media.

Can our team bring in food and beverages?

No, The Saint Paul RiverCentre and Roy Wilkins Auditorium do not allow any outside food or beverages to be brought into the facility.

Does the bag policy apply to athletes and coaches?

No, the bag policy is only for spectators. Details are in the parent/spectator letter.

Can I pay for additional coaches at the team entrance?

No, all coaches must be pre-registered and members of MCCA.

Does our team have to have a team photo taken?

Yes, all teams will have a scheduled time to have team photos taken prior to warm-ups.

However, if you cannot make your scheduled time or choose not to, that is up to you.

Also, all placing teams will have pictures taken on the mat during the awards ceremony.

Is there a trainer on site?

Yes, we will have a staff of medical professionals on site to help you with your needs, minor or serious.

Does a coach need to be present for cheerleaders to stunt?

YES, absolutely!

Do all coaches need to take the USA Cheer Safety Course?

Yes, starting in 2023 it was a requirement. To align with UCA and MSHSL we will be requiring ALL COACHES accompanying the team at the State Competition to complete the certification course. Proof of certification is required upon registering for the State Competition. The course is accessible online and certification is valid for four years. The online course takes between 3 and 6 hours. Coaches can take the USA Cheer safety course on USACheer.org/safety or on the Cheer and Dance Safety Certification course on NFHSLearn.com.

Can I take the Youth USA Cheer Safety Course?

Only coaches of Elementary and Recreational Teams may take the Youth course which is good for 2 years.

FAQ'S ABOUT JUDGING/AWARDS

Can coaches sit in front of the mat during their teams' performance?

Yes, coaches will be allowed to sit in front of the mat. All will need to sit behind the marked line on the floor though.

Where will alternates and managers sit?

All non-competing team members and managers, can sit in the same location as coaches, behind the marked line.

For Game Day, will we pick our own Game Situation?

No. Following the completion of your band chant a defense/offense game situation will be read at random.

Do jumps have to be in the music portion of the traditional routine?

Yes, they must be performed in the music section in order to get credit. This does not mean you cannot do them in your cheer.

Are there any requirements my team must fulfill to gain points?

No, the words listed below the category are only a description of skills that will be scored, not requirements.

What does traditional school image mean?

Make-up should not be excessive stage make-up. The use of eye shadow and blush needs to be moderate. Hair pieces and hair extensions should look natural and uniform.

Bows should not be excessive in size and shouldn't be a distraction to the performance. Bows should be worn in a manner to minimize risk for the participants, should be adequately secured on the back of the head with the tails facing down and should not fall over the forehead into the participants' eyes or block the view of the participants while performing

What is the rule for hair?

Hair must be pulled away from the face (at least half up) with NO hair that frames the face being able to reach the cheerleaders eyes. This applies to all female and male athletes.

Can my team wear glitter?

No loose glitter for ALL teams.

Is jewelry allowed?

No, jewelry is allowed. You will receive a deduction for each piece found at your safety check.

What is the proper finger nail length?

Nails must not be visible above the fingertip when viewed from the palm at face level.

Can teams pin other cheerleaders?

Yes, you can pin other cheerleaders, but please refrain from pinning the athletes directly on their uniform, bow, hair, etc. We do not want any team to receive a deduction because of something they were unaware of.

Will inattentive spotting be called for a safety violation?

Yes, if it is obvious that the spotter is not paying attention to the flyer.

Will I know what deductions my team receives before awards?

Yes, coaches will know all deductions in advance and can challenge some of them. Coaches will report to pick up a copy of their deduction sheet **immediately** following the viewing of their performance. This will be located behind the judges' stand. Coaches will have 10 minutes from the time it is available to dispute any point deductions from the performance (Falls, illegal skills, time of routine). This can be done by completing a **Deduction Review Form**. No challenges can be made regarding deductions for jewelry, hair, finger nail length, or glitter since coaches will have already signed off on these at final safety checks.

- If it is a time dispute, the routine will be timed again via video playback of the performance.
- If it is an illegal skill, that particular skill will be reviewed via video playback.
- If it is for a deduction for an individual or stunt fall, the entire routine will be relooked at for deductions. This may mean if something was missed the first time it could be called during the review process.

How many Varsity Teams advance to finals?

The number of teams advancing will depend on the number of teams in the division.

The top 50% will advance to finals and in the event, there are an odd number of teams in the division, an additional team will advance.

How do I know if my Varsity Team advances to finals?

The announcement of all finalists will be made at the conclusion of the preliminary session. It is suggested that you be in the auditorium for these announcements. We will also place in the Exhibit Hall, Backstage Area, and at the MCCA State Apparel Table a copy of the Finals Schedule.

Will we know prelim scores before competing in finals?

Yes. Final team rankings and total points will be available at the deduction review table following the announcement of teams advancing.

What places are announced?

All places will be announced for Non-Varsity teams, Game Day teams, and varsity teams who have advanced to finals.

Who receives a trophy?

In the Non-Varsity divisions, the top 50% or 50% plus one, in the event of an odd number of teams in the division, will be awarded a trophy or plaque.

In the Varsity Finals, all teams through 3rd place will receive a trophy and all additional places will receive a plaque.

Where can coaches pick up scoresheets?

Coaches will only be picking up their deduction sheets. All other scoresheets will be emailed to the coach following division awards as soon as we can.

Scores from each session of the event will be emailed and posted on BAND to coaches as soon as possible after awards.