



## 2023 MCCA MASCOT CHALLENGE INFORMATION

Saturday, October 7th, 2023

Woodbury High School

### COACHES:

- ★ Coach registration cost: **FREE** with team/mascot registration.
- ★ ALL coaches must be current members of MCCA to register and attend with their team.

### TEAM REGISTRATION:

- ★ Mascot registration cost: **\$18** per mascot.
- ★ You can register for Session 1 (non competitive) or Session 2 (competitive)
- ★ Registrations are **due Saturday September 23, 2023.**
  - Payment may be paid online at time of registration or offline via mail.
- ★ Rosters and waivers are **due Saturday September 30, 2023..** Rosters/waivers received after the due date will incur a \$25 processing fee.
  - Mascots may have 2 helpers to set up and take down props.
  - Be sure to include all coaches, the mascot athlete, and any helper athletes on Mascot Roster. This form is used to verify total payment due, to verify all waivers are on file and complete, and will be used the day of the competition at check-in.
  - Rosters can be submitted during registration or can be scanned and emailed to [cheeroff.mcca@gmail.com](mailto:cheeroff.mcca@gmail.com).

### MASCOT CHALLENGE FORMAT:

- ★ Each mascot will perform a 1 minute and 30 second skit to music.
- ★ Mascots and helpers will have 1 minute to set up and 1 minute to take down their set.
  - Mascots may have 2 helpers to set up and take down props, but you may not be assisted during your skit. The helpers must be appropriately dressed in your school's spirit program uniforms, t-shirts, and/or warmups.
- ★ If a mascot exceeds either time limit, a penalty will be assessed for each violation.
- ★ Skits should represent good sportsmanship with competing mascots.
- ★ All mascots must provide their own licensed music.
- ★ Please make sure that all music devices have a headphone jack to connect to the sound system and are fully charged, volume turned up, and placed in airplane mode.
- ★ You will need to acquire an adapter in advance if your player does not have a headphone jack.
- ★ MCCA prohibits the use of suggestive, offensive, or vulgar themes that are inappropriate for family audiences.
- ★ Mascots must remain in full character or fully out of character when leaving the practice area. This is to help maintain anonymity. (i.e. must not walk around in body without headpiece attached.)

## PROP RULES:

- ★ Each prop must be able to fit through a standard size door.
- ★ Wheels can be used on the bottom of props for ease of movement.
- ★ To avoid damage to the competition floor, props should be constructed so that they may easily be carried or moved to the performance area. The bottom of all props, flats, flagpoles, and scenery made of wood, metal or PVC type plastic must be padded or taped.
- ★ The use of weapon-like props are prohibited unless appropriate to the character (i.e. knight/sword, pirate/hook, etc). Weapon-like props must be used in an appropriate manner.
- ★ No pyrotechnics, discharge of arms, pressurized canisters, dangerous materials, flammable liquids, or animals will be permitted in or around the performance area.
- ★ Electrical (plug-in) or compressed air apparatuses, including flashcubes (electrical or chemical) will not be allowed.
- ★ Smoke machines will not be allowed.
- ★ The use of powder, dirt, or any other airborne substance that lingers in the competition area shall be strictly prohibited.
- ★ Balloons, confetti, dry ice, water guns, motorized devices, fire extinguishers, or air-horns will not be allowed.
- ★ Mascots are responsible for transporting props to and from the competition venue.
- ★ MCCA will not be responsible to help get props into or out of the performance area(s).

## THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY:

- ★ Current NFHS/USA Spirit Rules.
- ★ MSHSL Rules for participation in extracurricular activities.
- ★ MCCA music rules/USA Cheer Music Copyrights Educational Initiative.

## SCORING:

- ★ The judging panel will consist of 3 judges. Scores of the 3 judges will be averaged and then any deductions will be applied. Score sheets are available on the website.

## AWARDS

- ★ **Session One (non competitive)**
  - Each Mascot registered will receive a Ribbon based on the over judges feedback.
- ★ **Session Two (competitive)**
  - The number of awards given will depend on the number of Mascots registered.
  - The Mascot Challenge winner will be invited to the MCCA State Banquet for recognition on January 26, 2024 at RiverCentre in St Paul, MN.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. Can my Mascot participate in both Session One & Session Two?
  - a. Yes, but you will have to register and pay for both sessions.
2. Where can I view a video of a Mascot skit?
  - a. [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=mascot+national+championship](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=mascot+national+championship)

If you have any questions, please contact Carissa Ulness at [cheeroff.mcca@gmail.com](mailto:cheeroff.mcca@gmail.com).