

State Cheer – General Information

Congratulations on qualifying for the WACPC High School State Cheer Championships held at the Coliseum at the Alliant Energy Center, Madison! Prepare your athletes and spectators for this event by carefully reading the information below.

Important Times:

7:30 am – Team registration begins at the WEST lobby

8:00 am – Spectator doors open (EAST or WEST lobby)

8:00 am – First coaches meeting in the Coliseum Club

9:00 am – Team Competition Begins

11:30 am – Second coaches meeting in the Coliseum Club

~2:30 pm – Team Award Session

~5:00 pm (1 hour after the Team Award Session concludes) – Stunt/All-State Competition Begins

~8:45 pm (~4 hour session) – Stunt/All-State Awards

Parking/Entrance:

- Spectator parking at the Alliant is \$6. Vehicles receive a parking stub which allows spectators to come and go throughout the day.
- Spectator admission is \$10 and includes an event program. Children 5 and under are free.
- Busses may drop teams off at the WEST lobby. Buses must either park off-site or park at the Alliant for \$18. Buses should park in the NORTH LOT, on the west-most side. Please see the parking SITE PLAN. One bus driver may be admitted for free to the event. Buses should pick up teams at the WEST lobby after the event.
- Concessions will be available throughout the day.

Team Space:

- Upon registering, paid athletes will be escorted into the arena. Bleacher sections behind the black curtain are for athletes only and their belongings. Please do not take up more room than needed. WACPC is not responsible for lost/stolen items, please leave valuables at home.
- Coaches and other registered team personnel will receive wristbands. Only those personnel with the "team" colored wristbands will be allowed into team-only areas.
- Please use the bathroom and locker rooms for their intended purposes only. These areas are utilized by all athletes and need to be kept clean and free of team and personal gear.

Warm-up/Performance:

- There is no mat time on the main mat.
- The warm-up area will be on the main floor of the arena, opposite of the performance area (see INTERIOR plan).
- Teams are responsible for reporting on time to the start of rotation based on their performance number. Performance times are approximate. The event will run as close to the scheduled times as possible, but may run early or late. Late comers will not be given extra time.
- Teams will start their rotation ~40 minutes before they are scheduled to perform. Teams will report to the Photographer; 4 minutes on Mat A (2-strips) outside of the arena to stretch, warm-up jumps, standing tumbling, as well as run through music and warm-up voices. There is limited ceiling height so stunting is not allowed. Then each team will have 4 minutes on Mat B (2-strips) and 8 minutes on Mat C or D (a full 9-strip floor). The team will then travel to the back-stage On Deck area. There will be no other mat time available.
- Stunt Groups/All-State athletes will start their warm-up rotation ~20 minutes prior to when they are scheduled to perform. All-State Athletes will report to the Mat A (4 minutes – 2-strips w/ limited ceiling height) and Mat C (4 minutes - 54x42 mat). Stunt groups will report to Mat

B (4 minutes – 2-strips) and Mat D (4 minutes - 54x42 mat). When the All-State performances run back to back (towards the end of the session, athletes in back-to-back timeframes will have to share the mats for 2 of the 4 minutes. In most cases, athletes would be sharing with a teammate.

Music:

- The DJ has suggested that music be brought on an MP3 player; however, a CD can also be used. Please always have a backup CD available.
- If an MP3 player is used, the coach, or team representative **MUST** operate it. The DJ will not do this.
- Music may be checked prior to the start of competition. During sound checks, the DJ will only verify that the CD can be read, it will not be played over the main system. It is highly recommended to avoid R/W (read/write) CD's. Also make sure your CD is formatted as a MUSIC CD, not a DATA CD.

Performance:

- Alternate performers (team members not performing that day, but that are rostered team members) may take the floor with their team, but then should exit at the stairs located in front of the stage to view the performance.
- Please note that all teams enter the performance floor with music, fog and flashing/strobe lights. If you have concerns about the strobe/flashing lights, please contact Amy Nass PRIOR to the day of state cheer.
- The coach or team representative in charge of the music must report to the Sound Table when their team is In The Hole. If your team has any issue with the strobe/flashing light, please tell/remind the Sound Table at this time.
- Coaches may view the performance at the Sound Table or right in front of the stage. An area will be set aside for coaches.
- Backstage viewing – All teams have the opportunity to view their routine immediately following their performance. Teams will exit to the right of where they entered. Escorts will lead your team to the viewing station.
- All spectators of the PERFORMING team are invited to the area in front of the stage for up-close intimate viewing of the routine. We ask that spectators quickly enter and exit the area so each team's fans have the opportunity to view their team.

Award's Ceremony:

- For the award's ceremony, teams will be called onto the stage based on their division (Small, Medium, Large, Co-ed, Cheer Dance, and Non-Stunting). The award schedule will be posted with the performance schedule.
- The top 3 teams will be announced from all the enrollment divisions (D1, D2, D3). First place teams should line-up along the front of the stage to receive their medals and be introduced by their coaches.
- When the 1st place team is announced, we ask that all teams remain seated to cheer them on. We want to recognize and photograph our champions, so we would like them to be the only team standing so they can have their moment in the spotlight.
- Once all the enrollment divisions have been announced, the teams should leave the stage for the next division.

Miscellaneous Information:

- State merchandise can be pre-ordered at the WACPC Merchandise website link. State Cheer apparel must be preordered by Wednesday, February 22 or when stock runs out. A limited supply of merchandise will be available on the day of the event (take cash or check). If you have not submitted your preordered apparel payment, please bring it the day of your state event.
- Make sure that photographer forms are completed prior to the start of your rotation to ensure that you will have the full time allotted with the photographer. The forms are available on the website.
- Action shots will be available for purchase as well.
- Professional videotapes and DVD order forms are available from When We Were Young Productions located on the arena floor.
- Videotaping is allowed from your seat for your team's performance only.
- The athletic trainer is located in the warm-up area, near the curtain.
- WACPC promotes positive sportsmanship at all events. If you have witnessed a team, coach and/or spectator/support groups demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship, please consider nominating them for the Jaci Kosin Sportsmanship Award. A nomination form can be found at the Recognition website link or comments can be sent directly to Melinda Einan at meinan@new.r.com.

Questions or concerns prior to the competition should be emailed to Amy Nass at nass_amy@yahoo.com.

**We look forward to providing an exceptional experience
for your teams and spectators!
Good luck!**