ACA Cheer Nationals 2012

FINAL PACKET

Performance Schedules

Performance Schedules for Junior High/High School, Small Gym and All Star have been posted on our aca.varsity.com website.

Coaches' Check-in / Registration Table

The coaches' registration table is located in the practice area. All coaches are required to check in their gym/teams at least **one hour** prior to their practice time on the first day of their competition. At this time coaches/gym owners will:

- Pay any outstanding registration fees
- Turn in Medical Releases (for JH/HS teams only)
- Turn in Team Eligibility Rosters for all teams. (For those that mailed these to the ACA office, please bring a copy with you to the registration table).

Please make sure you have all Medical Releases and Team Eligibility Rosters completed prior to coming to the registration table.

Medical Release Forms

JH/HS Coaches: please bring two copies per participant. One will be collected at check-in and the coach will retain one during the competition. Medical release forms can be printed from the ACA website: aca.varsity.com.

Team Eligibility Rosters

JH, HS, Small Gym & All Star Coaches: Please bring one roster per team. Rosters will be collected at check in. Rosters can be found on the aca.varsity.com website. Small Gyms and All Star teams must provided USASF membership numbers for each of their participants on their team roster.

Practice Area & Times

NOTE: The practice is located in the Exhibit Area directly behind the performance area. Assigned practiced times and areas (A, B & C) are indicated on the performance schedule. Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled time to your designated practice area. NO PRACTICE TIMES WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR SQUADS/TEAMS ARRIVING LATE!

Your practice times will consist of 24 minutes: 8 minutes for stunt warm-up on two strips of mats, 8 minutes for tumbling on a tumbling run, and 8 minutes on a full-size floor. Once you have completed your practice, please go directly to the backstage performance area as squads are scheduled very tightly. Directional signage will be posted to guide you. **Note**: All Star performances will be on spring floors and Junior/Senior High School performances will be on regular AMF matting.

Two Bose sound systems will be provided in the practice area. No large speakers will be permitted in the practice mat area. Please be mindful of others practicing.

ACA Spotters

Spotters will be provided for all JH/HS teams. No spotters will be provided for Small Gym or All Star Nationals. Gyms may provide their own spotters if desired.

Score sheets and Verbal Critiques

Score sheets and a DVD with verbal critiques may be picked up at the Coaches' Registration table in the Practice Area. Pick up times for your level will be announced throughout the event. There will be DVD players to view your routine and listen to the verbal critiques. Please be mindful that many coaches will want to view their routines and listen to the verbal critiques, so

please utilize the DVD players, then move on to allow others to use it. Score sheets for Finals can be picked up directly following each Awards Ceremony at the Coaches' Registration table in the Practice Area.

ACA Scoring System

The ACA scoring system consists of the total panel minus deduction points, then divided by the number of judges on the panel. Final performances will be the same order within divisions as the first day. 25% of first performance scores will be added to 75% of the 2nd performance scores to determine totals for overall rankings.

All Star Limited Scoring Range

ACA will be utilizing the Varsity E-scoring system.

Road to The World's

This year ACA will be awarding two fully Paid Bids and six additional At Large Bids for the USASF World's Competition. Consideration for the two paid bids will be limited to the two highest scoring teams competing in Level 5 World's qualifying divisions. At Large Bids will be awarded according to scores and judges' decision. All Worlds' Bid Packets will be awarded at the end of the last All Star Awards Ceremony. The World Championship will be in Orlando, Florida on April 25-30, 2012.

International All Levels

ACA Cheer Nationals is a proud partner of the International All Levels All Star Championship. Teams placing in the top 5 in their respective divisions will automatically quality to attend one of the eight All Levels Championship Competitions. ACA will be offering a $500 bid certificate (registration credit) to a top team winner at each of the ACA Small Gym and ACA All Star competitions.

Music/Audio Station

The music/audio station will be located on the performance floor of the Arena to the right of the judges' area. Please report there at least one performance prior to your scheduled performance time. Bring backup music with you to the music/audio station in case of any unforeseen problem.

Competitor Gifts

Each competitor will receive a gift for competing at ACA Cheer Nationals. This year's gifts are trading pins and will be issued backstage directly following your team's first performance.

Jacket Lounge

Once teams are dismissed after awards, National Champions should report to the Jacket room (121 A - located to the right of the store in the lobby) to receive their National Champion Jackets.

**** The Information below pertains to parents and spectators. Please pass this information along to them.**

Spectator Tickets

Spectator tickets will go on sale every day 1 hour prior to the first performance scheduled for that day. Tickets will be sold at the 9th Street entrance lobby/ticket office of the Fort Worth Convention Center.

Tickets are $10 per person per event. There are three events:

1. JH/HS & Small Gym
2. First Day All Star
3. All Star Finals

Event passes for all events may be purchased for $20. Children 8 and under will be admitted free of charge.

Noise Makers

No gunshot type noisemakers or air horns are permitted in the Fort Worth Convention Center.

Seating

Seating in the Fort Worth Convention Center is open seating. Please do not save blocks of seats. Seating is first come, first serve.

Concessions

Located in the concourse surrounding the Arena.

ACA Superstore

Located in the 9th Street Entrance of the Fort Worth Convention Center. The ACA Superstore will be open during the entire event.

Team Photos

Team photos will be taken prior to your scheduled practice time on the first day of competition in the Practice Area. Please report 30 minutes prior to your scheduled practice time.

DVDs of the Performance

Performance DVDs may be ordered/purchased at the ACA Superstore.

Videoing of the Event

Videoing of the ACA Cheer Nationals is allowed from the stands. No electrical outlets will be available. Taping must be done with power packs and no tripods.

Hotels

The Omni hotel located directly across the street from the Fort Worth Convention Center will serve as ACA's Headquarter Hotel. All traveling teams (those not driving to and from the championship each day from home) are required to use Champion Housing for their hotel reservations. If you have teams or parents who have not already secured their hotel rooms through Champion, you may contact them at acacheerhotels.com.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Martin Luther King Parade on Monday morning will affect traffic. Also please be advised that there are construction and road closures in the downtown area.

We look forward to seeing each of you next weekend and hope you and your teams have a wonderful experience at ACA Nationals.