



OSAA / U.S. Bank / Les Schwab Tires  
**2017 CHEERLEADING STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

February 11, 2017  
Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 300 Winning Way, Portland, OR 97208



## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

*Additional information is available on the OSAA website, <http://www.osaa.org/cheer>*

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A. Registration materials to be submitted include the

- 1) Registration Form
- 2) Team roster
- 3) Team picture
- 4) A list of two completed OSAA sanctioned competitions with full routine

B. AD's / Coaches are responsible to meet the registration deadline, including submission of registration form, required support material and verifying accuracy of all materials prior to submission.

C. **Deadline.** The deadline for online receipt by the OSAA of Registration Forms and supplemental materials for the Cheerleading State Championships shall be clearly marked on the Registration Forms available on the OSAA website. Deadline to submit registration and supplemental materials is **Wednesday, January 18, 2017**. Late entries and/or supplemental materials will not be accepted.

2. **AD/COACH AND SPECTATOR INFORMATION:** <http://www.osaa.org/cheer>

Detailed information regarding the 2017 Cheerleading State Championships will be posted on the OSAA website by **noon on Friday, January 20, 2017**. It is essential that participating teams and individuals access this information prior to the state championships. Included will be information regarding where to purchase tickets and prices, parking, maps, how to submit souvenir program information, souvenir merchandise, etc.

3. **CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE:** <http://www.osaa.org/cheer>

Championship Schedule will be posted by **noon on Friday, January 20, 2017**. This schedule contains the performance order, team photo schedule, check-in time, practice schedule and performance time. Check the OSAA website frequently prior to the State Championships for any schedule changes.

4. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** <http://www.osaa.org/cheer>

Administrators and coaches are encouraged to review the specific information that will be added and updated as we approach the date of the state contest on the Cheer page of the OSAA website.

## **COACH / TEAM INFORMATION**

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1. **CHEERLEADING RULES:** <http://www.osaa.org/cheer>

A. **Eligibility.**

- 1) **School.** Schools that are registered with the OSAA to compete in cheerleading activities are eligible to participate in the Cheerleading State Championships.
- 2) **Student.** Students wishing to participate in the Cheerleading State Championships must satisfy the current OSAA eligibility rules. **See also OSAA Handbook, Rules, Rule 8.**
- 3) **Alternates.** Each squad may bring two alternates to the Cheerleading State Championships in addition to the maximum number of participants allowed by the division constraints. Alternates must be listed on the Registration Form and shall satisfy the same eligibility requirements as other Cheerleading State Championships participants, except that alternates may be members of the junior varsity or freshman squads.

- 4) **Coaches Certification.** Coaches must meet all OSAA Certification requirements, including the yearly OSAA Spirit Safety Clinic in order for their teams to be eligible. See OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies, Certification – Athletic Directors and Coaches.
- 5) **Penalty for use of an ineligible student.** Any school for which an ineligible student performs shall be disqualified from consideration for awards, and reported to the OSAA Executive Board for possible further sanctions and penalties.
- 6) **School Representation.** Only one varsity squad from each Oregon high school shall be allowed to compete. The squad may be a combination of two or more varsity squads (i.e., football and basketball squads may be combined for the Cheerleading State Championships.)
- 7) **Varsity Level Only.** In order to represent a school as a participant at the Cheerleading State Championships, a cheerleader must have participated on squads at a majority of VARSITY games for at least one season for the year.
  - a) A cheerleader who participates on the varsity during the Winter sport season only must have participated on squads at a majority of the entire Winter sport season's contests prior to the Cheerleading State Championships in order to be eligible to represent the school at the Cheerleading State Championships.
  - b) **EXCEPTION:** Alternates may be members of a school's junior varsity or freshman squad, and may replace a varsity squad member due to special circumstances (i.e., injury, illness, ineligibility of a varsity team member) if the substitution is reported to and approved by the OSAA prior to participation.
- 8) **Previous Qualifying Competition:** All squads entering the Cheerleading State Championships must have competed in at least two OSAA sanctioned competitions during the school year of that Cheerleading State Championships unless a specific exception to this rule has been granted in writing by the OSAA. Performing in an exhibition does not satisfy this requirement.

The routine performed at the qualifying competition must include all or most of the team's planned two and one-half minute Cheerleading State Championships routine, including stunts and gymnastics, so that they may be reviewed by a technical judge prior to the Cheerleading State Championships. Neither the OCCA All-State Individual and Stunt Team Competition nor any other invitational competition allowing routines of fewer than two and one-half minutes in length or routines that do not include stunts and gymnastics may be used to satisfy the "previous qualifying competition" requirement.

- B. **Divisions.** The divisions at the Cheerleading State Championships shall include varsity level squads based upon school classification and squad gender as indicated below. NOTE: Squads with one or more male squad members shall participate in a Coeducational Division. ***Once Divisions have been established, changes will not be permitted.***

<u>Division Title</u>	<u>Squad Size</u>	<u>Squad Gender</u>	<u>Minimum Division Entry</u>
3A/2A/1A	20 or fewer	Females	<b>5</b>
<b>4A</b>	<b>20 or fewer</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>5A</b>	<b>20 or fewer</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>6A</b>	<b>20 or fewer</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>8</b>
Coed (Small; 1-2 males)	20 or fewer	Coeducational	<b>8</b>
Coed (Large; 3 or more males)	20 or fewer	Coeducational	<b>8</b>

- C. **Division Changes:** The schedule and divisions will be set based upon registration forms received. Once Divisions have been established, changes will not be permitted. See Cheerleading Handbook, Rule1.5, "Minimum Division Entry" for more information.
- D. **Cancellations:** If, for whatever reason (illness, injury, etc.), you must drop your squad from competition, please notify Kelly Foster at the OSAA immediately.

Please direct your questions or comments regarding judges, schedule, coaches or other pertinent information as it relates to the championship, to Kelly Foster at the OSAA (503.682.6722 x233 or email: [kellyf@osaa.org](mailto:kellyf@osaa.org)).