

OHIO STATE FAIR CHEERLEADING & DANCE COMPETITION *BACK TO SCHOOL BASH* AUGUST 3rd, 2024

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The Kasich Building

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entry Deadline: July 12, 2024

Event Date/Time: August 3, 2024

Event Notes:

- **Ohio State Fair Cheerleading and Dance Sponsor/Producer**

AmeriCheer and AmeriDance are proud to produce and sponsor the 2024 Ohio State Fair Cheerleading and Dance competition. Call 800-966-JUMP for information on camps, uniforms, clothing, competitions, special events, and more!

- **Performance Area**

The competition will be held at the Kasich Hall. The performance area will be a 54' x 42' cheer foam flat mat system for all teams. Warm up will consist of a 54' x 42' cheer foam flat mat system and a 3 panel stretch mat. Each team will be given 6 minutes of warm up time on each mat prior to the start of the competition.

· **Competition Time Schedule**

o Competition times are subject to change.

9:00am Doors open and Registration begins

10:00am Warm-up begins

10:30am Competition begins

NOTE: All times are subject to change and are based upon the number of participants and number of teams registered for the event.

· **Entry Date and Fee**

o A non-refundable entry fee of **\$30.00 per cheerleader/dancer** is required to enter this competition (includes one athlete and one adult ticket for the fair).

o **NEW** – Specialty Add on Divisions will be an **additional \$5.00 per athlete** when registered with a team competing. If **ONLY** participating in an individual Specialty Division the fee will remain as **\$30.00**.

o Dishonored checks are considered non-payment. All entries covered by a dishonored check will be ineligible to participate.

o Entries must be marked **no later than July 12, 2024**.

o Changes cannot be made to the entry form after the deadline date.

o **Make checks payable to AmeriCheer**. Credit Cards will also be accepted for payment. Please call 614-898-1000 or 800-966-JUMP with questions or regarding payment.

· **Fair Admissions and Parking**

o **Cheerleaders, dancers, and up to two coach/advisors will receive a free admission ticket for the day of the competition and an additional adult ticket for the fair.**

Admission tickets and final instructions will be mailed to the squad “contact” listed upon registration, prior to the Fair. Coach(s)/Advisor(s) name must appear on the entry form to receive a free admission ticket.

· **General Rules**

o A performance order and warm-up schedule will be included in a **final** confirmation emailed to the coaches prior to the event. Ohio State Fair Admissions tickets will be mailed to each team’s coach/contact. Please note that all warm-up and performance times are subject to change. Coaches will receive the most up-to-date performance order at the registration table when checking in the morning of the event.

o Squads must check in at the registration table upon arrival and **no later than** one half hour prior to team’s scheduled warm-up time.

o Members will enter the performance area facing the judges, no exceptions.

· **Liability**

o Each member (including alternate members) of your team are required to sign the **Waiver of Liability** form before competing. A copy of this form will be included in final confirmation and/or is available online at americheerfamilyofbrands.com (please copy for all members/alternates to complete; minors’ parents/guardians must sign the form.)

· Divisions and Rules

- o The competition will follow the 2023-24 AmeriCheer and AmeriDance performance guidelines and divisions.
- o Safety rules will follow the 2023-24 National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) Spirit Safety rules.
- o The AmeriCheer Family of Brands will adhere to the Music Copyright Educational Initiative for this event. All routines must be compliant to this policy. For more information, visit www.americheerfamilyofbrands.com AmeriCheer Family of Brands Music Policy or www.usacheer.net

NEW Specialty Divisions for the Back to School Bash At The Ohio State Fair

We will use the Divisions that were used for the 2023-2024 competition season in ADDITION TO THE FOLLOWING:

NEW! JUMP-OFF CHALLENGE DIVISIONS:

- **Youth Jump-off Challenge**
Eligibility – Any Athlete (male or female) in grades 6 & below for 2024-2025 school year.
- **Junior Jump-off Challenge**
Eligibility – Any Athlete (male or female) in grades 7 & 8 for 2024-2025 school year.
- **Senior Jump-off Challenge**
Eligibility – Any Athlete (male or female) in grades 9-12 for 2024-2025 school year.

JUMP-OFF CHALLENGE PERFORMANCE RULES AND GUIDELINES:

1. All athletes must be in uniform and must represent a school, recreation or all-star team and look competition ready.
2. When the athlete's name is called, the athlete will step forward on the mat and perform his/her jump(s).
3. Athlete will perform on cue their best ***advanced single jump of choice** one competitor at a time.
4. Next, the athlete will perform on cue their best ***advanced connected double jump of choice** one competitor at a time. (*Note: Both connected jumps **may not** be the same jump. They must demonstrate a variety.*)

5. Lastly, the athlete will perform on cue their best ***advanced connected double jump of choice with variety, plus one single jump of choice** one competitor at a time. (*Note: Athlete must show a **distinct break** between the double jump and the single jump.*) Variety means both jumps **may not** be the same.
6. Not adhering to Performance Rules and Guidelines will forfeit the right to earn awards in this division.

***Advanced Jumps include Toe-Touch, Herkie, Side Hurdler, Front Hurdler, Pike, Double Nine, and Around the World.**

NEW! STANDING TUMBLE-OFF CHALLENGE DIVISIONS:

- **Youth Standing Tumble-off Challenge**
Eligibility – Any Athlete in grades 6 & below for 2024-2025 school year.
- **Junior Standing Tumble-off Challenge**
Eligibility – Any Athlete in grades 7 & 8 for 2024-2025 school year.
- **Senior Standing Tumble-off Challenge**
Eligibility – Any Athlete in grades 9-12 for 2024-2025 school year.

STANDING TUMBLE-OFF CHALLENGE PERFORMANCE RULES AND GUIDELINES:

1. All athletes must be in uniform and must represent a school, recreation or all-star team and look competition ready.
2. When the athlete's name is called, the athlete will step forward on the mat and perform his/her best standing tumbling move from the side. (*Note: Standing tumbling moves **may include** connected skills but **may not** change directions during the executed skills.*)
3. Not adhering to any Performance Rules and Guidelines will forfeit the right to earn awards in this division.

NEW! RUNNING TUMBLE-OFF CHALLENGE DIVISIONS:

- **Youth Running Tumble-off Challenge**
Eligibility – Any Athlete in grades 6 & below for 2024-2025 school year.
- **Junior Running Tumble-off Challenge**
Eligibility – Any Athlete in grades 7 & 8 for 2024-2025 school year.
- **Senior Running Tumble-off Challenge**
Eligibility – Any Athlete in grades 9-12 for 2024-2025 school year.

RUNNING TUMBLE-OFF CHALLENGE PERFORMANCE RULES AND GUIDELINES:

1. All athletes must be in uniform and must represent a school, recreation or all-star team and look competition ready.
2. When the athlete's name is called, the athlete will step forward on the mat and perform his/her best standing tumbling move from either side-to-side **or** corner-to-corner. Note: Running tumbling moves **may include** connected skills but **may not** change directions during the executed skills).
3. Not adhering to any Performance Rules and Guidelines will forfeit the right to earn awards in this division.

NEW! HOME FIGHT SONG CHALLENGE DIVISION:

Eligibility – Any **high school team** comprised of athletes in grades 9-12 for 2024-2025 school year.

HOME FIGHT SONG CHALLENGE PERFORMANCE RULES AND GUIDELINES:

1. All team athletes must be in uniform and look competition ready.
2. When the team's name is called, the team will take the floor and begin their Home Fight Song routine when the music begins. The routine may be executed two times through but is not required.
3. The routine **may not** exceed 1:15 Total.
4. Poms **are** required. Other props permitted are signs, megas, and flags but are **not** required.
5. Routine **may not** include any **BUILDING AND/OR TUMBLING SKILLS** of any kind.
6. If any other skills are incorporated, i.e. jumps, kicks, etc., they will be judged as a part of the execution score.
7. Home Fight Song Routine will solely be judged on motion technique/sharpness, timing/synchronization, showmanship/presentation, execution, and overall impression. **Note: Difficulty will not be a scored category in this Division.**
8. Not adhering to any Performance Rules and Guidelines will forfeit the right to earn awards in this division.

· Division Notes

- o AmeriCheer reserves the right to disqualify any team that does not adhere to the division guidelines.
- o AmeriCheer also reserves the right to add divisions based on enrollment.

· Music

o One representative is **REQUIRED** to run the music and remain at the sound table throughout the entire performance (AmeriCheer AmeriDance staff will not play your music). Please have your music on an iPod/Phone/Device. Review the content of the music for any inappropriate language or sounds. Music of poor quality may detract from your performance and could affect scoring. It is suggested that music time be recorded three to four seconds under the

maximum time allotted due to variations in music system speed.

- **Interruption of Performance**

o If interruption occurs during routine performance due to competition equipment, facilities, etc. participants will be permitted to restart the routine from the beginning or at the point of interruption. If an interruption occurs during a routine performance due to your equipment (CD, etc.), participants may either continue the routine or withdraw from the competition. If an injury occurs during a routine performance, a team may either continue or withdraw from the competition. The competition official will determine where the routine continuation will take place in the performance order in either scenario. Competition officials reserve the right to stop a performance due to injury. In any case of the routine being restarted, new scores will be assessed, and previous scores will be eliminated.

OVERALL AWARDS INFORMATION

- **Winners** – Placements in each division will be announced after the competition, after the scores are tabulated. All banners/medals for their respective divisions will be presented at this time. Squad score sheets will be emailed or picked up at the awards table following the awards ceremony.

- **InBids** will be awarded for the **2025 InterNational Championships**.

- o Event Dates: March TBD, 2025

- o Location: Universal Studios Toon Amphitheater in Orlando, FL

- **Sweet Surprise Bid** – will be awarded for the **2025 Hershey Open Nationals**.

- o \$20 Off Per Athlete when registering for the 2025 Hershey Nationals.

- o Event Dates: April TBD, 2025

- o Location: PA Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA

- **“Sweet Escape” Show Your Spirit Award** – This year at the Ohio State Fair Cheer and Dance competition, we will be awarding our “Sweet Escape” Show Your Spirit Award. This award goes to the team with the most creative, enthusiastic, supportive fans!

- o What You Will Win

- A Show Your Spirit Banner

- Organization/Team name listed on the AmeriCheer Family of Brands website

- 20 Tickets to Hershey Park when registered to attend the 2025 Hershey Nationals.