



IDAHO STATE DANCE & CHEER CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 16-17, 2012 Northwest Nazarene University



Coaches' Preliminary State Information

Qualifying For State 2012

Classifications: Teams shall qualify in their assigned IHSAA classification. Note: For the purpose of awards, district competitions may combine classifications and and/or invite out-of-district schools. However, state qualifiers must be determined from in-district schools only.

Regular Qualification: Place in the top half, of the total number of routines by in-district schools of their classification. *Exception: In districts with just one team in a classification, that school may enter routines without qualifying at the tournament unless otherwise required by the district board of control.*

Alternates: Districts may submit *one* alternate in each qualifying division. Alternates will be entered in state only if a team of that division in their own district is unable to attend.

Hardship Qualification: After state qualifiers are determined, the team with the next highest score in each qualifying division may request a hardship. Each application will be reviewed and the IHSAA will notify the school of a decision within three school days. The decision of the review committee is final.

Hardship requests must be:

1. Written, thoroughly explaining the reason for the request.
2. Include documentation that supports the routine's "state-worthiness". Documentation includes scores & place of finish in previous competitions of the current year. Do not submit event score sheets.
3. Signed by the school principal and superintendent.
4. Emailed or faxed to the IHSAA office no later than one week after the district qualifier. Late or incomplete materials will not be accepted.

Divisions of Competition (See IHSAA Rules & Regulations for competition rules of each division)

Cheer – Qualifying divisions are: Show Cheer – Stunt (all girl or coed), Show Cheer – Non-stunt, Sideline Cheer, Pom, and Stunt Group (all girl or coed)

1. **Size:** The maximum number of competitors allowed on the floor is 24 (including mascot) in team divisions. Stunt groups consist of 5 or fewer members.
2. **Coed: Show Cheer-Stunt:** Teams with one boy may compete as either coed or all-girl. **Stunt Group:** Stunt groups with one boy must compete as coed.
3. **Changing Categories:** Switching from coed to all girl or vice versa is permitted only in emergency situations such as members leaving school or injuries that are verified by a medical professional. Contact the IHSAA if such a situation arises.

Dance – Qualifying divisions are: Dance, Hip Hop, Kick, Military and Prop.

Registering State Qualifiers

Individual School Responsibility

1. Coaches must register qualifying entries **online within one week** of their qualifying tournament.
 1. Go to the ICDC website (idahodanceandcheer.com)
 2. Click on "Online Registration" (left side of the page);
 3. Select "2012 State Verification";
 3. Fill out form completely and click "Submit". Your entries will be confirmed asap by email.
2. (NEW 2012) Submit a UDI Sweatshirt Order Form no later than Friday, March 9. The United Dairymen of Idaho is supplying a free state sweatshirt to all participants. In order to receive the sweatshirts, each school must submit the order form with names and sizes of all members of the team
Ordering procedure:
 - a. Go to the IHSAA website (idhsaa.org), Click on "Spirit" (left side of the page)
 - b. Click on "UDI Sweatshirts Order Form" (located below "ICDC/IHSAA State Championships")
 - c. Fill out order form completely. Email to McU Sports as instructed.
 - d. Sweatshirts will be available for pick up at the McU booth at the tournament

- B. **District Manager Responsibility:** District Managers will email a report of state qualifiers and event recap sheets by Monday following the district competition

State Schedule

1. **Location:** Due to a scheduling conflict, the 2012 tournament has been moved to Northwest Nazarene University, 313 E. Dewey St, Nampa. Tournament logistics and directions to NNU will be sent ASAP.
2. **Schedule:** (*Schedule is tentative and is subject to adjustment*)
3A/4A Friday, March 16: **3A** check-in 6:30 a.m.; competition starts 8:00 a.m.; awards approx. 12:15.
4A check-in 1:00 p.m.; competition starts 2:00 p.m.; awards approx. 9:15 p.m.
2A/5A Saturday, March 17: **2A** check-in 6:30 a.m.; competition starts 8:00 a.m.; awards approx. 1:15 p.m. **5A** check-in 2:00 p.m.; competition starts 3:30 p.m.; awards approx. 8:30 p.m.

Dance Prop & Shoe Inspection

Technical judges will inspect all props and shoes in order to ensure that the competition floor is protected from damage. Any prop or shoe that does not meet the following criteria will not be allowed on the floor:

1. **Stage Props:** all props that will be pushed on or carried onto the floor must have sufficient protective covering on all surfaces that will or might touch the floor, including bottoms, corners and edges. This requirement includes hard wheels. Soft rubber wheels do not need to be covered.
2. **Hand props:** Any hard or sharp edges, ends or points of a hand prop that will intentionally strike or rest on the floor must have sufficient protective covering.
3. **Shoes:** All shoes must have non-marking soles.

State Awards

1. **Division Awards:** Trophies will be awarded by classification in each division of competition. Number of trophies awarded will be based on the number of teams competing in that division/classification.
2. **Grand Champions:** A grand champion for each classification will receive an IHSAA state championship trophy and a UDI banner. Grand champions will be determined by:
 - a. CHEER – combining each team’s adjusted (penalties deducted) scores in show cheer and sideline, plus the higher score between pom or stunt group.
 - b. DANCE – combining the ordinal scores of each team’s top three events.
3. **Sweatshirts:** Each participant will receive a free state championship sweatshirt provided by the United Dairymen of Idaho. Sweatshirts must be ordered in advance as outlined on pg. 1 of this document.