



IDAHO STATE DANCE & CHEER CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sponsored by Idaho Coaches of Dance & Cheer
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CHEER

Qualifying For State

Cheer teams shall qualify for State at a designated district/regional qualifying competition in any of the following divisions: Show Cheer (*Stunt or Non Stunt*); Sideline Cheer, Stunt Group.

1. **Regular Qualification:** To qualify for state, teams must place in the top half, or major portion thereof, 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 in state without qualifying at the tournament unless otherwise required by that district's 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 drops or is unable to attend. If more than one team drops, additional alternates will not be allowed.

2. **Hardship Qualification:** After teams in the top half have qualified, the team with the next highest score (cheer) or next lowest ordinal (dance) in each qualifying division may request a hardship qualification for state. The hardship must be in written form and should thoroughly explain the reason for the hardship. The request should include previous competition results from the current year against teams in their areas. The request must be signed by the school principal and superintendent. Requests and supporting documents must be sent to the IHSAA office no later than one week after the conclusion of their district qualifier. Late or incomplete materials will not be accepted. A committee consisting of representatives of the IHSAA, ICDC Board and tournament management will review each application. The school will be notified of the decision within three school days. The decision of the committee is final.
3. **Classifications:** Teams shall qualify in their assigned IHSAA cheer classification: 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A. (*In cheer & dance, 2A & 1A are combined.*). State qualifying routines must be determined by classification from in-district schools only. However, for the purpose of awards, district qualifying competitions may combine classifications and and/or invite out-of-district schools.

4. **Team Categories**

- a. **Size**

- The maximum number of competitors allowed on the floor is 24, including mascots.
- Show Cheer-Stunt: Small Teams =15 or fewer members; Large Teams = 16-24 members. Size categories will be used at district qualifying competitions. **At State, teams will not be divided by size.**
- Show Cheer-Non Stunt and Sideline: Not divided by size.
- Stunt Group: 5 or fewer members.

- b. **Coed**

- Show Cheer-Stunt: Teams with one boy may choose to compete as either coed or all-girl.
- Show Cheer-Non Stunt and Sideline: All-girl and coed teams will compete together.
- Stunt Group: teams with one boy must compete as coed.

Divisions of Competition

1. **Show Cheer - Stunt:** Time: 2:30 max. Routine must contain at least one cheer or chant and a musical segment of at least 45 seconds, but not greater than 1:30. Permitted: partner stunts, pyramids, tosses, tumbling, jumps, dance, pom-pons, megaphones, signs and banners.
2. **Show Cheer - Non-Stunt:** Time 2:30 max. Requirements: Routine must contain at least one cheer or chant and a musical segment of at least 45 seconds, but not greater than 1:30. Permitted: tumbling, jumps, dance, pom-pons, megaphones, signs, banners. Not permitted: partner stunts, pyramids, tosses.

3. **Sideline Cheer:** Time: (*New 10-11*) **1:00** max. **Requirements:** Routine must consist of a variety of crowd involvement and performance cheers & chants and jumps. Routine must include a two-jump series performed by the entire team in unison with no prep between jumps. **Permitted:** A maximum of two types of props in addition to poms. Types are: 1. hand held signs (*signs held by one person*); 2. banners (large signs held by more than one person); 3. large flags (*flags attached to long poles*); 4. megaphones; 5. items used as bases. **Not permitted:** partner stunts, pyramids, tosses, tumbling or music.
4. **Stunt Group:** Time: 1:00 max. **Requirements:** Routine must include a variety of stunts with emphasis on technique, transitions and creativity. Music is required for the entire routine. **Not permitted:** tumbling, jumps, chants, megaphones, pom-poms, signs, banners, flags or props as bases. In this event, teams will compete as either all-girl or coed.

Cheer District Qualifying Tournaments-2011

Dist I & II	Dist I/II State Qualifier	Feb. 26 Lake City HS	Contact: Michelle Daly, Rathdrum
Dist III	Treasure Valley Inv.	Feb. 26, Mtn View HS	Contact: Tracy Poff, Mtn. View HS
Dist IV	4 th Dist Cheer & Dance	Feb. 5; Twin Falls HS	Contact: Shawnda Wright, Twin Falls SD
Dist V	Dist V Cheer & Dance	Feb. 12, Pocatello HS	Contact: Shari Bradley, Pocatello HS
Dist VI	6 th Dist Cheer Qualifier	Feb. 26, Skyline HS, IF	Contact: Cathy Owen, Eagle Rock JH

Reporting Qualifiers / Registering for State

1. **District Manager Responsibility:** District Managers must send a report of state qualifiers along with all required team information to the state director by Monday following their qualifying tournament.
2. **Individual School Responsibility:** Coaches must register their school's qualifiers within 1 week of their qualifying tournament. Register online at www.idahodanceandcheer.com. Online registration is required before a team will be entered in State.

Team Entry Fees

2011 State Championship entry fees, if any, will be determined after the state championship and will depend on whether sufficient attendance revenue is collected to pay tournament expenses.

1. If participation fees are assessed, teams whose coach is an ICDC member as of January 1 will be charged less than teams whose coach is not a member of ICDC.
2. Coaches wishing to become ICDC members will receive the discount only if membership payment (\$25) is received by January 1, 2011.
3. Teams that were 2010 Grand Champion are exempt from paying entry fees.

Schedule of Events

This year, cheer will compete before dance in all classifications. A tentative schedule of events will be available soon. The start times listed below are approximate and may be adjusted after qualifiers are determined:

1. **3A/2A** Cheer competition begins at 8:00 a.m.; dance competition begins at 10:15. 3A/2A awards for both cheer and dance will follow at approximately 1:30 p.m.
2. **5A/4A** Cheer competition begins at 2:30 p.m.; dance competition begins at 4:45. 5A/4A awards for both cheer and dance will follow at approximately 8:30 p.m.

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 be determined by combining the adjusted (penalties deducted) scores in show cheer and sideline cheer. Grand champions will receive an IHSAA state championship trophy and UDI state championship banner.