

Idaho Dance & Cheer Championships
Sponsored by Idaho Coaches of Dance & Cheer
March 20, 2010 Idaho Center, Nampa



Preliminary CHEERLEADING Information

Qualifying For State

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

1. **Automatic Qualification - Placement:** To automatically 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. There is not a minimum score requirement for automatic qualification.
2. **Alternate Qualification - Score:** Teams that don't place in the top half, or major portion thereof, may also qualify by receiving an adjusted (penalties deducted) score that is at least **85%** of the total possible score. *Example: Total Adjusted Score (3 Judges)=258 pts; Average Score=86%.*
3. **Hardship Qualification: (New)** Teams that are unable to attend their district qualifying competition due to an uncontrollable and unavoidable school-related conflict that directly affects a significant number of team members may request to qualify by score at another district's qualifier. If attending another district qualifier is not feasible, teams may request to qualify at an alternate local competition. Any competition used as qualifier must be held prior to March 1.
 - a.. Coaches must complete a hardship request form (available on the ICDC website) that includes a detailed explanation of the hardship that will prevent their team from attending their own district competition and include the name/date of the district qualifier they will attend. The request must be verified in writing by a school administrator and submitted to the ICDC state tournament director for ICDC board approval. If the team cannot attend another district's qualifier, the coach must provide the reason – also verified by school administrator – and the name/date of the alternate local competition at which they will attempt to qualify.
 - b. The ICDC board will review each application. If the hardship request is approved:
 1. Teams that attend another district's qualifier will qualify by score only – not by placement. Such teams' routines will not be counted towards that district's total number of routines per division or classification and, unless that district allows otherwise, will not be eligible for placement awards.
 2. Teams that attempt to qualify at an alternate competition will qualify by score only – not by placement. The coach must arrange for that competition's manager to send a copy of the official scores directly to the ICDC state tournament director.
4. **Classifications:** Teams shall qualify in their assigned IHSAA cheer classification: 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A. (*In cheer & dance, 2A & 1A are combined into one division*) For the purpose of awards, district qualifying competitions may combine classifications and and/or invite out-of-district schools. However, state qualifying routines must be determined by classification from in-district schools only. Any out-of-district school attempting to qualify for state via hardship qualification may do so by score only.
5. **Team Categories**
 - a **Size:** The maximum number of competitors allowed on the floor is 24. Team Sizes for Show Cheer-Stunting are: Small: 15 or fewer members; Large: 16-24 members; Stunt Group: 5 or fewer members. In show cheer-non stunt and sideline divisions, teams are not divided by size.
 - b **Coed:** In show cheer-stunting, teams with one boy may choose to compete as either coed or all-girl; teams with two+ boys must compete as coed. In show cheer-non stunt and sideline, all-girl and coed teams will compete together. In stunt group, teams with one boy must compete as coed.

Divisions of Competition

1. **Show Cheer - Stunting:** 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-poms, megaphones, signs and banners.

2. **Show Cheer - Non-Stunting:** 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: tumbling, jumps, dance, pom-poms, megaphones, signs, banners. Not permitted: partner stunts, pyramids, tosses.
3. **Sideline Cheer:** Time: 1:30 max. Routine must consist of a variety of crowd involvement and performance cheers & chants and jumps. *(NEW) Routine must include a two-jump series performed by the entire team in unison with no prep between jumps: Teams may use a maximum of two types of props in addition to poms. Types are: hand held signs, megaphones, large banners, large flags, and props as bases. Not permitted: partner stunts, pyramids, tosses, tumbling or music.*
4. **Stunt Group:** Time: 1:00 max. Routine should 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-2010

Dist I & II	Dist I/II State Qualifier	Feb. 27, Lewiston HS	Contact: Sharon Meador, Orofino HS
Dist III	Treasure Valley Inv.	Feb. 27, Meridian HS	Contact: Tracy Poff, Mtn. View HS
Dist IV	4 th Dist Cheer & Dance	Jan 30; Twin Falls HS	Contact: Jan Kidd, Declo HS
Dist V	Dist V Cheer & Dance	Feb. 13, Pocatello HS	Contact: Shari Bradley, Pocatello HS
Dist VI	Southern Idaho Cheer	Feb. 27, Skyline HS, IF	Contact: Cathy Owen, Eagle Rock JH

Reporting Qualifiers / Registering for State

1. **District Manager Responsibility:** District Managers shall send a report of state qualifiers along with all required team information to the state director ASAP after their qualifying tournament.
2. **State director** will contact coaches of qualifying routines to verify their teams' entries.
3. **Individual School Responsibility:** Coaches must reply to the state director to confirm their entry information ASAP. Confirmation of entries must be provided before a team will be entered in State.

Team Entry Fees

2010 State Championship entry fees will be the same as 2009.

1. Teams whose coach is an ICDC member: \$100 per team.
2. Teams whose coach is not an ICDC member: \$150 per team. Coaches wishing to become ICDC members will receive the discount only if membership payment (\$25) is received by January 1, 2010.
3. Teams that were 2009 Grand Champion are exempt from paying entry fees.
4. Payment of Fees: Although entry fees will be accepted prior to State, ICDC prefers that schools wait to submit payment until receiving an invoice (will be emailed after the competition).

Schedule of Events

A tentative state tournament schedule (subject to adjustment) is attached FYI. Please note the following changes from previous years:

1. Two dance divisions (novelty & hip hop), will compete Friday, March 19 at Rocky Mountain High School, Meridian, beginning at 6:30 p.m.
2. Four dance divisions (military, prop, kick, dance) and all cheer divisions will compete Saturday, March 20 at the Idaho Center.
 - a. 3A/2A dance competition begins at 8:00 a.m. and cheer competition begins at 10:30. 3A/2A awards will follow at approximately 1:30 p.m.
 - b. 5A/4A dance competition begins at 2:00 p.m. and cheer competition begins at 4:30. 5A/4A awards 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 a trophy and a banner.