



MEMO: 2020 JAMZ NATIONALS – SCHOOL CHEER

WELCOME

Welcome to the 2020 JAMZ School Cheer National Championship. We are proud to bring this exceptional experience to you this year with all show cheer teams competing twice, the addition of group/partner stunt, the most comprehensive scoring review system in the industry and more prizes and awards than any other School National Championship on the West Coast. With over 150 School Cheer teams attending this year this our largest School Cheer Nationals ever. We also can't forget that JAMZ Closing Ceremonies and Awards show and production is unrivaled in the Industry. VEGAS is on fire with School Cheer at The Orleans Arena!!

SAVE THE DATE: JAMZ 2021 SCHOOL CHEER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: February 19-20, 2021

COACH CHECK-IN

Upon arrival in Vegas, dance teams are required to check in on Thursday between 3:00PM – 7:00PM. Please enter through the lower level side entrance (park in the BACK-parking lot behind the Orleans Hotel). You will see a sign clearly marked “Coach Check-in.” Only those coaches listed on the team entry form are eligible to check team(s) in – ID must be presented at the time of check-in. Coaches that wait until immediately before or after the required coaches meeting time at 5:00PM will incur extended wait times. Please enter through the lower level side entrance (park in the BACK-parking lot behind the Orleans Hotel). You will see a sign clearly marked “Coach Check-in”. Be prepared to carry out a backpack for each participant! Check-in coach will be required to show ID. Only coach(es) listed on team entry is eligible to check team(s) in.

REQUIRED COACH MEETING

- **Thursday 2/20/20 at 5:00pm – Orleans Arena 3rd Level: REQUIRED** Informational meeting for School Cheer Coaches Only. Only 1 Coach is required to attend. Discussion of policies, procedures, score review, and other items regarding weekend at JAMZ School Nationals.

COACH GIFTS

Each registering team receives 1 coach duffle bag filled with goodies! JAMZ receives coach goodies from sponsors and local Las Vegas businesses...and there are always some fun JAMZ items in there for you too!

COACH VIP

JAMZ has provided a “getaway” area for all advisors and coaches. Coach VIP is located on the 3rd level of the Orleans arena (Coach VIP pass required). *This is also where check-in is located.*

COACH COMPLIMENTARY MASSAGES

Coach happy hour is provided at Coach VIP 3rd level in the Orleans Arena. Friday & Saturday 2:00PM -4:00PM



COACH COMPLIMENTARY HAPPY HOUR

Coach happy hour is provided at Coach VIP 3rd level in the Orleans Arena. Happy Hours will be on Friday & Saturday 4:00pm – 6:00pm.

LEVEL RULES VIOLATIONS EXPLANATION- ALL COACHES MUST READ:

ALL COACHES AND ADVISORS should be aware that cheer Level rules and safety violations are judged live by the rules and safety judge on site during a live competition. It is IMPOSSIBLE for the safety and rules judge to 100% detect all violations during a competition day just as it is impossible for officials/referees to detect all violations in other sports. Just because a team has attended a prior JAMZ event, competition with another company, Nationals, regional, or camp and that team's skills or routine received no safety deductions does not mean that the routine is LEGAL or violation free.

MANDATORY ROUTINE LEGALITY VIDEO REVIEW

MANDATORY - All teams must send a video of their routine to be reviewed for Safety and Levels Rules Legalities before Nationals, for FREE! After video review, teams will be contacted by the JAMZ Rules Team regarding any violations or to certify the routine as legality free. Routines that are certified as legality free are guaranteed that they will not receive a safety legality at the 2020 JAMZ School Nationals as long as they perform the same skills, the same way at Nationals as they performed them in the video submitted through this process. Any links to videos teams submit must remain active throughout the conclusion of the 2020 JAMZ School Nationals in order to verify videos against actual skills performed on the Nationals stage. Videos will not be reviewed for execution deductions, time limit deductions, or music violations. Remember, the Routine Legality Review Submission is the only ONLY way to GUARANTEE your routine is Safety Violation Free. JAMZ WILL NOT withdraw any rules violations because a rules judge at a prior competition, regional, championship, camp or event failed to detect or discover the violation at the previous event- there are no exceptions made to this policy. Videos need to be sent to rules@jamz.com with the subject line of JAMZ School Nationals Routine Review. The submission message also needs to include the team name, division entered, coach name, and team level. In order to guarantee your routine is reviewed all videos need to be submitted no later than 10pm on Friday, February 14th.

RULES QUESTIONS

School Cheer Questions are available for answering throughout the day on Friday & Saturday February 21-22, 2020 by JAMZ Event Staff.



COACH & ATHLETE SPORTSMANSHIP CODE OF CONDUCT

School Cheer Coaches are reminded that they and their athletes must at all times comply with their individual School or Board of Education Sportsmanship Code of Conduct. Violations will be reported to School Administrators.

ATHLETE GIFTS

Each registered athlete will receive a JAMZ 2020 School National Championship backpack from JAMZ. Backpacks will be distributed from the first floor of the Arena side lobby, make sure you bring enough helpers to carry the athlete backpacks away. Please note that all Athlete Gifts **MUST** be picked up before 4pm on Saturday, February 22, 2020. Backpacks will not be shipped to **ANY** team failing to comply with this deadline.

ATHLETE WRIST/ANKLE BANDS

Bands may be worn on wrist or ankle, but must be able to show upon entry to the venue. Bands must be worn each day of the event to allow entry. The FULL ATHLETE LATE FEE will be charged for replacement bands.

TICKETS- SPECTATOR INFORMATION

Advance ticket purchases can be made for all spectators in advance to avoid ticket lines:

<http://www.orleansarena.com/events>

ORLEANS ARENA SECURITY INFO

Please visit the below link to inform yourself and your parents regarding then Orleans Arena Security procedures: <http://www.orleansarena.com/arena-info>

OPEN WARM-UP LOCATION

In addition to the scheduled warm-up each team will receive prior to performing, JAMZ offers an unscheduled free outside warm-up area (weather permitting, Thursday-Saturday) for all teams. Floors will be located between the Orleans Hotel and Arena adjacent to The Orleans Hotel Pool Area. This is a first come, first served Open Warm-up and teams may not reserve practice time. Teams will have a time limit set by the Open Warm-up Director if other teams are waiting to Practice. Please respect JAMZ staff and play nicely with each other in this space as we are providing this space free of charge and any negative interactions will be relayed and handled directly by a JAMZ official.

Once again Open warm-up will be administered on first come first serve basis per team. Teams will be allowed to sign-up immediately after they have completed their time on the open warmup.



OPEN WARMUP TIMES: (WEATHER PERMITTING)

In addition to the scheduled warm-up each team will receive prior to performing, JAMZ offers an unscheduled outside warmup area (weather permitting on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) for all teams. Floors will be located between the Orleans Hotel and Arena. Open warm-up will be administered on first come first serve basis.

- 2 full foam floors
- Extra foam floor stations

This is NOT to be used in place of your scheduled warm-up - all teams must go through the warm-up rotation, explained below. Teams are not required to utilize outside warm-up area. In the event that there is a wait list, teams will be given a time to return for use of floors. Open warm-up is weather permitting.

CHEER TEAMS PERFORMANCE / WARM-UP PROCESS

Listed on your schedule is a “warm-up” time. Please report to the warm-up check-in location (southwest tunnel) at least 5 minutes prior to the listed warm-up start time. You will begin the warm-up process on your listed time.

PERFORMANCE FLOOR

42' deep X 54' wide foam cheer floor.

WARM UP ROTATION

- 1st warm-up location: Orleans official team room:
 - *Recommendation:* pep talk, stretch, relax, prepare, enjoy!

POINT OF NO RETURN: No rules questions allowed after this point

- 2nd warm-up location: Orleans official locker rooms:
 - *Recommendation:* Bathroom break, Water, Oranges, last minute touch ups for hair and make-up
- 3rd warm-up location: Time: 5:30 seconds: Carpeted foam floor sections.
 - *Recommendation:* stretching and warming up.
- 4th warm-up location: Time: 5:30 seconds: 60' deep X 12' wide foam floor.
 - *Recommendation:* warm-up tumbling.
- 5th warm-up location: Time: 5:30 seconds: 42' deep X 54' wide foam floor.
 - *Recommendation:* routine run through.

Above are only recommendations; coaches are welcome to customize the warm-up to fit the individual teams' warm-up requirements.



INDOOR PRACTICE SPACE AVAILABLE IN LAS VEGAS AT JAMZ NATIONALS

JAMZ does not offer Ballroom practice space at JAMZ Nationals. Nevertheless, please contact the following local Gyms in order to reserve indoor practice time during JAMZ School Cheer Nationals.

Organization Name: Maniakz @ Mirabelli Community Center

Contact Name: Jennifer Blanchard

Contact Email: jblanchard@lasvegasnevada.gov

Contact Phone: 702-229-6359

Rental Cost: \$100 per hour

Gym Name: Las Vegas All Stars

Gym Location: 5260 S. Decatur Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89139 suite 2 (walking distance from The Orleans)

Rental Contact Name: Courtney Berg

Rental Contact Email: info@lvalldstarcheer.com

Rental Contact Phone Number: 702-236-8039

Rental Cost: Contact for Rental Cost

Gym Name: Las Vegas Elements

Gym Location: 6560 Spencer Street, Las Vegas, NV 89119

Gym Contact: Char Cropper

Email: admin@lasvegaselements.com

Phone: 702-791-0055

Rental Cost: Contact for Rental Cost

Gym Name: California Allstars

Gym Location: 1505 Helm Dr

Rental Contact Name: Travis Vance

Rental Contact Email: calvoffice@californiaallstars.com

Rental Contact Phone Number: 702-998-8102

Price: \$100 per hour



SCHEDULE CHANGES

3 ways we'll notify YOU:

1. The MC will announce any division(s) that has a change(s). If your division is called, please report to Coach VIP – we will make sure you're updated!
2. As you check-in for your warm-up – IF there's a change in YOUR category, the JAMZ staff member checking you in will notify you and get you updated!
3. Coach Arena 3rd level VIP anytime – give YOUR division – ask if there are any changes – we'll update you ASAP!

SCORING INFO

JUDGING PANEL INFORMATION

JAMZ is providing judges from across the country with extensive school cheer industry backgrounds and experience.

Each judging panel will consist of:

- 3 panel judges
- 1 head judge
- 1 rules/execution judge

School Show Cheer teams will compete twice (with the exception of sideline performance cheer and group/partner stunt). Scores will be calculated the following way to determine a team's placement within a division.

- 1st Performance will be worth 35%
- 2nd Performance will be worth 65%

Any questions concerning scoring must be directed to the "JAMZScore" table at the JAMZ Score Review Waiting Room.

EXECUTION/DEDUCTION SHEETS

It is **MANDATORY** that all coaches pick up their deduction sheets from the "JAMZScore" table in the JAMZ Score Waiting Room located at Purple C immediately following their performance(s). (Purple C is located at the start of the warmup process through the hallway, the first door on your left). Day 1 and Day 2, you will have 15 minutes from your team's scheduled performance time to ask for an official score review (in writing) of any bobbles, falls, or rules violations. Team's may only request a review of their own team's execution or safety violations. Team's **MAY NOT** request the review of another team's routine for execution or safety violations because those deductions are based on the human eye and are not review able for adding additional deductions not viewed live. However, please be aware any review of your point deductions/ rules violations may result in your team being awarded additional violations that were not viewed during the "live" performance if the video review discovers deductions not originally placed on your team. Teams that receive a **WARNING** on Day 1 are **REQUIRED** to discuss their **WARNING** with the JAMZScore Official.



SCORESHEETS:

Any questions concerning scoring must be directed to the JAMZScore/Score Review Waiting room located at Purple C the first door on the left hand-side in the hallway located after the start of the warmup process.

FIRST PERFORMANCE SCORE SHEETS

After the last performance in your division, you may pick up Day 1 score sheets at the "JAMZScore" table in the Score Waiting Room (Purple C) . Score sheets will only be given to coaches listed on file. This packet will include: each judge's scores and comments in addition to your division's current ranking –The Coaches Element Evaluation Sheet. (The JAMZ Coaches Element Evaluation Sheet includes EVERY score EVERY Judge gave EVERY team in your division- We believe in Transparency). Teams will have 20 minutes from the close of the division to ask for an OFFICIAL Score Review (in writing) regarding any scoring concerns. ALL Elements of the Scoresheet may be reviewed without limitations, but they will be properly reviewed against the other team's scores in their divisions. "Comparative Scoring". Please understand ALL DAY 1 SCORES ARE NOT FINAL UNTIL 8AM ON DAY 2. Updated Scores or Coaches Element Evaluation sheets will be available in the Score Review Room.

Time Limit: Teams will be limited to 10 minutes with the JAMZ Score Review Official so should prioritize their score review accordingly. This is not a time to re-choreograph your routine but get a clear analysis of your routine and scores. Changes to teams' score are based on the "reasonable judge standard". This will be explained more at the MANDATORY Coaches meeting.

SECOND PERFORMANCE SCORESHEETS

Day 2 score sheets WILL NOT be distributed until the award ceremony for your division(s) has concluded. However, if a team's DIFFICULTY Score or ANY Overall Judge Score is DECREASED from Day 1 to Day 2 coaches will receive a Notification Sheet of Decrease in Routine Difficulty Sheet. This will be delivered to teams with their Legality/Execution Deduction sheets immediately after their Performance. Teams will have 15 minutes to request a Scoring Review of any Decrease in Difficulty Notification Sheets they receive. All non-placing teams will pick up their score sheets in the Score Review waiting room (Purple C) immediately following the award ceremony.

DAY 2 CHANGES IN ROUTINE FORM

Teams that plan to incorporate any changes in their routine from Day 1 to Day 2 are REQUIRED to fill out an official change in routine form. This form will be placed on the judge's tracker sheet to notify the judges of any change in routine you plan to incorporate on Day 2. A separate form must be filled out corresponding to which skills a team changes (Building, Tumbling/Jumps, or Overall Elements).



CHEERREPLAY REPLAY

Teams that receive penalties will also be receiving preliminary notification of their penalty through CheerReplay. Please make sure all phone numbers and emails are up to date so these emails go to the correct individuals. Emails may only be changed at Coaches Check-In/VIP at the time of registration check in. Nevertheless, your official notification **MUST** be picked up in PAPER at the Score review Waiting Room.

YOU HIT ZERO BUTTONS

Teams that hit ZERO Deductions (No Execution deductions and No Safety Deductions) will receive the below You Hit Zero buttons per athlete for 1 zero deduction performance. Teams will only receive 1 You Hit Zero Button per competition. Therefore, teams have the opportunity to receive these on either Day 1 or Day 2 but may not receive 2 You Hit Zero Buttons if a team hits Zero both days.

SPOTTERS

ON STAGE JAMZ SPOTTERS - As a safety precaution, JAMZ provides teams required spotters. This is mandatory and teams may not opt out of this.

ROUTINE INTERRUPTION DUE TO INJURY

Routine Stoppage

The only individuals that may stop a routine for injury are:

1. JAMZ Competition Officials
2. Coach from the team performing
3. Injured Individual
4. Safety Judge
 - An injured athlete may create a potential safety hazard because of the inability to hold, support, spot or catch. For the safety of all athletes competing, a routine may be interrupted if:
5. An athlete is clearly injured.
6. An athlete is questionably injured and does not resume their role in the routine within 5 seconds of questionable injury.
7. An athlete leaves the competition floor due to an injury.
 - In the event that a routine is interrupted due to injury, it will be at the JAMZ Competition Officials' discretion whether or not that team will be allowed to perform again at a later time.



ATHLETE RETURNING TO COMPETITION

An Injured Participant may not return to the competition floor unless the competition officials receive clearance from all of the representatives listed below:

1. Event Medical Personnel attending to that participant
2. Parent/Guardian (if present)
3. Head Coach/Gym Owner of competing team
 - In the event of a suspected head injury, the participant cannot return to perform without clearance from a licensed medical professional that has training related to head injuries.

TEAM PERFORMANCE

In the event that a team is allowed to perform again following a routine interruption, the new performance time will be at the sole discretion of the JAMZ Competition Official. The team must (pending the injury's impact on the routine) perform the routine again in its entirety (FULL OUT), but judging will resume from the point at which the injury/interruption occurred as determined by the judges. Once again all skills must be performed full-out from the beginning of the routine. All point deductions accumulated to that point (if any) will carry over.

If a team is permitted to perform again, but fails to perform the routine in its entirety (example: throwing back tucks instead of the full twist thrown in the original performance), it is at the discretion of the JAMZ Competition Official to determine how that team's scores will be affected.

COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT POLICY

JAMZ requires all teams at the time of registration to verify that all of their music complies with applicable copyright laws. JAMZ will allow protest of a team's music for potential copyright infringement by following the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Standing Requirements. Therefore, only individuals, organizations, or companies who can show standing in Federal Court (typically only owners of the valid copyright or their assignees) will be allowed to protest another team's music on copyright infringement grounds. Determination of standing will be evaluated by JAMZ General Counsel David Sims. JAMZ policy has always been that all teams should comply with applicable US copyright laws.



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STOCKTON. CA

APRIL 19. 2020
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LOS ANGELES. CA

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- Rings for Every Division Winner
- Paid Pinnacle Bids for DI/DII, School, Youth & NA Grand Champions
- Partial Paid Pinnacle Bids for DI/DII, Youth, Prep & School Level Champions
- All Star DI & DII Program Cup Award*
- Open to Youth, School & All Star Teams
- Full Spring Floor Event

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**The top 3 scoring teams from your program will be combined. The highest score will win the Program Award!*



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WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS EVENT!

- Registration Open - No Bids Required
- Teams Perform Twice on Sat & Sun*
- Spring Floor for All Teams
- Banners
- Rings*
- Friday Night Rebel Prom Party for All

*REGISTER BY: APRIL 23, 2020 **

- Rebel Jackets for Level & Age Division Champions*
- \$750 worth of Rebel Gifts & Prizes at Prom/Event
- Rebel Uniform Award - \$400 Custom Couture Uniforms for one team (up to 36 members). Expires 5/30/2020

**Some exceptions to performances & giveaways apply. See online.*

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