

## Dear Coach and Team Members:

We can't wait to see your team shine at JAMZ Nationals! Enclosed is all the information you need to know to plan your trip to this year's 2021 JAMZ Nationals! Let's get started!

**What:** JAMZ SCHOOL NATIONALS

**When:** February 19/20, 2021 – School Cheer  
February 19, 2021 – School Dance

**Where:** Orleans Arena | Las Vegas, NV

## COVID-19

As you all know, an event such as School Nationals must be planned well in advance. Due to COVID-19, we are all facing truly unprecedented circumstances. We pray that by February 2021 a vaccine and/or therapeutic will be available, and gatherings such as Nationals can fully open in a safe environment. Below are unique COVID-19 conditions that may occur and current mitigation plans.

After you register, if updates on the topics below occur, we will email so you can share with your athletes' parents. If you have specific questions not addressed here or on our website, please reach out to us at [registration@jamz.com](mailto:registration@jamz.com).

- **General Safety Precautions**
  - Depending on February 2021 local/venue/CDC guidelines, please advise your families to plan on wearing masks, use physical distancing and hand sanitizer as precautionary measures while attending the event.
  - Athletes MAY be required to wear masks during warm-up and/or performance depending on local/CDC guidelines.
- **Venue Capacity**
  - The Orleans Arena has a large capacity. There is a *chance* that spectator attendance will be limited to a percentage of venue capacity. If this happens, fans may watch their divisions performance then exit the venue. In this case, rolling (ongoing) awards may be held to maintain the required capacity limit.
- **Refunds due to COVID-19**
  - If the event must be cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, JAMZ will notify you in advance by email no later than two weeks prior to the scheduled event date. Your team will be refunded 100% of your registration fees in the same manner you paid.
  - You then can advise your families to cancel their individual hotel rooms.
    - Make sure parents immediately contact their chosen hotel. If they have booked rooms at the Orleans Hotel, a full refund will be given if the EVENT is cancelled due COVID 19.

## QUALIFICATION

Due to COVID-19 all JAMZ 2020 qualifying events have been cancelled.

- ▶ **JAMZ 2021 School Nationals will be an 'Open Nationals' and not require qualification.** Since teams will not have the opportunity for judges to review their routine for rules violations at a qualifying event, JAMZ is requiring all teams to submit a video – please see below for details. The routine rules video review is FREE for 2021.

## JAMZ MANDATORY VIDEO SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT

**REQUIRED:** In order to run a legality free School National Championship JAMZ is requiring all teams to video their entire routine and submit the routine for a Legality Certification. A Rules & Scoring team will review the video in its entirety for legal violations. If your routine review analysis comes back with zero legality violations that guarantees the routine is violation-free and will supersede all other rulings at Nationals. **EXCEPTION:** This does NOT include changes made to the routine after video submission, athlete stage error, time violations, inappropriate choreography, or music violations. JAMZ will release details of the video submission legality review process approximately 2 months before JAMZ Nationals.

Routine Legality Review Cost: WAIVED in 2021.

Deadline: Friday, February 12, 2021 - Submit by 11:59pm PST

CLICK HERE to submit your routine [rules@jamz.com](mailto:rules@jamz.com)

## **COVID-19 Registration | Register Early – Don't Pay until Dec 1<sup>st</sup>**

Due to COVID-19 uncertainties we request that you **register your team early** but **HOLD OFF PAYING** until **December 1**. This will let JAMZ know of your intent to attend but remove the stress of paying (and possibly needing a refund) until the event is closer.

## **REGISTRATION NOTES**

There is a good possibility the event will close (fill up) before the 'last day to register'. After the maximum number of performances are reached, the registration system blocks entry.

- ▶ Please do not book your hotel and travel until you are registered for the event.

## **HOW TO GET INFO & REGISTER**

1. Get additional Nationals Info here: <https://www.jamz.com/School-National-Championship>
2. Find Divisions/Categories/ Rules/Scoring/How to Register Here: [https://jamz.com/Championship-Guide\\_School\\_Step1\\_Main-Page](https://jamz.com/Championship-Guide_School_Step1_Main-Page)
3. If you are ready to register, follow the steps given here: <https://jamz.com/getdoc.cfm?id=1397>
4. If you've already registered and need to make a **CHANGE** to any part of your registration:
  - a. Select **STEP 3 (BIG YELLOW BOX)** on your dashboard & follow these steps
    - i. Click the yellow **EDIT** button on the dashboard next to the team that needs a change.
    - ii. Change your Roster, Coaches, Name of Team, Level, Type of Performance ect
    - iii. Click **APPLY** when all changes are done
5. Performance order is determined by the date of registration and full payment is received. First to register = last to perform.
  - a. Remember not to pay until December 1, 2020.
6. The last day to register & pay is **February 11, 2021**
7. Do not book your hotel or travel until you have REGISTERED for the event.

## **JAMZ NATIONALS REFUND POLICY**

If JAMZ School Nationals is cancelled due to COVID-19 100% refund will be given.

JAMZ Nationals refund policy is as follows. Please check our website for the registration deadline dates for the event. All refunds are issued in the manner that they were received. Please allow 3 weeks to process the refund.

- ▶ 100% refund if requested on/before February 4<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ 50% refund after February 4<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ 0% refund after February 11<sup>th</sup>

## **SCHOOL CHEER REGISTRATION FEE | February 19/20, 2021**

- ▶ \$115.00 Per Athlete
- ▶ \$85.00 per Athlete Crossover/Cross Competitor
- ▶ \$0.00 per Special Needs Athlete

## **SCHOOL DANCE REGISTRATION FEE | February 19, 2021**

- ▶ \$100.00 Per Athlete
- ▶ \$85.00 per Athlete Crossover/Cross Competitor for each additional routine
- ▶ \$0.00 per Special Needs Athlete

## **NATIONALS TEAM REQUIREMENT**

To protect the prestige of winning a national title, ALL divisions MUST contain at least two teams. Teams found to be alone in a division will be asked to move to a different division/skill level. Teams will be notified of necessary division/level changes up to two weeks prior to JAMZ Nationals.

## **2<sup>ND</sup> PERFORMANCE**

School teams are allowed to compete in a second category! However, teams are NOT allowed to compete in the SAME CATEGORY twice. The second category MUST contain at least 70% of the SAME athletes as in the first category with NO added athletes.

- ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> Performance is a flat fee of \$200.00 per team.
- ▶ Last day to add a 2<sup>nd</sup> performance is January 15, 2021 (2<sup>nd</sup> Performance is not guaranteed. There is a chance the event will fill up prior to this date).
- ▶ JAMZ cannot guarantee more than 20 minutes between team's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> performance.
- ▶ Warm-up and practice times may overlap. No changes will be made after the final schedule is posted for this reason.

## **PERCENTAGE ALLOCATION**

School CHEER teams will compete twice (with the exception of Sideline and Group/Partner Stunt). Scores will be calculated the following way to determine a team's placement within a division:

1<sup>st</sup> Performance = 35%

2<sup>nd</sup> Performance = 65%

## **HOST HOTEL**

While teams may stay at any hotel they wish, JAMZ has secured special rates at the Orleans Hotel which is co-located with the performance Venue.

**Book ONLINE:** [www.orleanscasino.com/groups](http://www.orleanscasino.com/groups) OR call (800) 675-3267 use Group Code: **A1JAC02**

**Reservation Cut-Off Date: 1/21/21**

- ▶ Wed 2/17 \$45
- ▶ Thu 2/18 \$45
- ▶ Fri 2/19 \$125
- ▶ Sat 2/20 \$125
- ▶ Sun 2/21 \$50
- ▶ Mon 2/22 \$45

*Rates above do not include taxes or hotel fees*

## **COACH CHECK IN**

Check-in is located in the Orleans Arena. Use the lower level South East Lobby Entrance. JAMZ staff will then escort you to the VIP Coach's Lounge, on Level 3. Coaches are required to check in no less than one day prior to their competing day. Only coaches listed on the registration portal will be allowed to check in teams. ID's may be required at the time of check-in to verify coach eligibility.

It is our recommendation that you select a coach who is arriving early to check-in your teams. ALL athlete and coach credentials will be distributed at the time of check in. Check-in coaches will also verify all team information for the event weekend. During this time, coaches will also receive backpacks for each competitor. Depending on the size of your team, you may receive multiple boxes of bags, therefore we recommend having assistance from coaches to carry boxes. Check in times listed below. Due to the amount of coaches and time allotted for Coach Check-In, Children/Athletes will not be allowed.

Wait time for check in may take up to 1 ½ hours, depending on the volume of coaches/teams checking in at the time you arrive. In the event of wait, a JAMZ representative will take down your team information on a waiting list. Check in is designated for each team to go through all the weekend's details, therefore it is a lengthy process. We appreciate your patience

## **SPECTATOR TICKETS**

Spectator tickets will be available for the prices shown below. Children ages 5 and younger may enter the facility free of charge. All other children must purchase a spectator ticket for entry.

*These prices include LET taxes but do not include facility or box office fees.*

- ▶ \$30 – Adult
- ▶ \$45 – 2-Day Adult
- ▶ \$19 - Seniors (65+)
- ▶ \$19 - Children (ages 6-15)

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021**

- ▶ All Teams - COACH CHECK-IN from Noon - 7:00 PM

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021**

- ▶ All Dance Teams Perform & Awards
- ▶ All Cheer Teams – Performance #1

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2021**

- ▶ All Cheer Teams – Performance #2 & Awards
- ▶ Sideline Cheer Competition
- ▶ Group & Partner Stunt Competition

## **OFFICIAL NATIONAL CREDENTIALS**

**Athlete Credentials:** National credentials will be included in the team packet given to the head coach during coaches' check in. Every participating team member will receive championship credentials which will be required for entry into the Orleans Arena. Athletes must wear their championship credentials throughout the day for access to backstage areas. Lost credentials can be replaced for \$35.00.

**Complimentary Coach Credentials:** One Complimentary coach ticket per team will be given at coaches' check in. These tickets are intended for the head coaches. The tickets will be valid for entry both days! Coach tickets will be distributed at coach check-in. Coach credentials will additionally allow access to all backstage/team areas, as well as the VIP Coach Lounge, located on the 3rd level of the Orleans Arena.

**Additional Coach Credentials:** Additional coaching staff (assistants) must pre-purchase their coach 2-day pass for \$35. No more than 1 coach ticket/pass per 5 competitors will be allowed. The tickets will be valid for entry both days of the event! Coach tickets will be distributed at coach check-in. Coach credentials will additionally allow access to all backstage/team areas, as well as the VIP Coach Lounge, located on the 3rd level of the Orleans Arena.

\*The 1:5 ratio is strictly followed for backstage capacity issues per the Fire Marshall

## **AWARDS & GIFTS!**

- Banners be presented to top placing teams in each division. Not to exceed 7<sup>th</sup> place.
- Medallions will be presented to all athletes placing 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>
- National Championship Jackets for 1<sup>st</sup> place winners (*See Exception listed below*)
- Grand Championship Banner
- Backpacks for all registered Athletes
- Coaches Bag for every head coach

## **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP JACKETS**

Athletes on first place teams will receive a National Championship Jacket with the following exception:

- Teams entering two (2) categories and placing first in both categories, will receive jackets for their FIRST win only. Individuals will not receive TWO jackets. They will, however receive another 1<sup>st</sup> Place Medal.

## **TIE BREAKER POLICY**

**SCHOOL CHEER TIEBREAKER POLICY:** After final tabulation is complete and two or more teams are tied for FIRST place, the following tiebreaker procedure will be used to determine the first-place team.

TIEBREAKER #1: The tied teams' Final Day 1 score and Final Day 2 score (both unweighted and inclusive of any deductions) will be combined to determine which total score is the highest. The team with the highest, unweighted combined score will be declared the winner. If Tiebreaker #1 is completed and teams are still tied JAMZ will move on to Tiebreaker #2.

TIEBREAKER #2: JAMZ will determine which team had the least amount of deductions (execution and rules violations) on Day 1 and Day 2. The team with the least amount of total deductions will be declared the winner. If Tiebreaker #2 is completed and teams are still tied, JAMZ will move on to Tiebreaker #3.

TIEBREAKER #3: The Head Judge, as well as two Panel Judge (selected at random) will review the tied teams' performance videos to determine the first-place team (by majority vote).

**SCHOOL DANCE TIEBREAKER POLICY:** After final tabulation is complete and two or more teams are tied for FIRST place, the following tiebreaker procedure will be used to determine the first-place team.

TIEBREAKER #1: JAMZ will look at each of the five panel judges' RAW scores and determine how each individual panel judge ranked the tied teams. The team which received the majority of the highest scores placement out of the tied teams will be declared the winner. If Tiebreaker #1 is completed and teams are still tied, JAMZ will move on to tiebreaker #2.

TIEBREAKER #2: The five panel judges will review the tied teams' performance videos and determine which team they believe should win first place. Each of the five panel judges will have one vote and the team with the most votes will be declared the winner.

## **NATIONALS QUESTIONS**

If you have additional questions visit the School National Page <https://www.jamz.com/School-National-Championship> or email our championship staff at [championships@jamz.com](mailto:championships@jamz.com)

**We wish you good health and can't wait to see you soon!**

**JAMZ Staff**