
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 Youth Nationals

When: February 20/21, 2021

Where: Orleans Arena | Las Vegas, NV

COVID-19

As you all know, an event such as Youth Nationals must be planned well in advance. Due to COVID-19, we are all facing truly unprecedented circumstances. With Youth Nationals originally scheduled for January 2021, the decision was made to push into February in hopes that a vaccine and/or therapeutics will be available, and gatherings such as Nationals can fully open in a safe environment. We have addressed unique COVID-19 conditions that may occur and our current mitigation plan.

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.

- **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/venue/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 Youth Nationals will be an 'Open Nationals' and not require qualification.** Since teams will not have the opportunity for judges to review their routine for rule violations prior to nationals, JAMZ is requiring all teams to submit a video – please see below for details. The routine rules video cost is free for 2021.
- ▶ **YOUTH STATUS** –Teams Affiliated with a Football Program
 - If your football season was cancelled due to COVID-19, please bring your 2019 season 'books' as proof of affiliation. If your football season was not cancelled, please bring your current books.

JAMZ MANDATORY VIDEO SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT

REQUIRED: In order to run a legality free Youth 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 16, 2021** - Submit by 11:59pm PST

CLICK HERE to submit your routine <https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/emf/ycada/routine-review-form-jamz-youth-nationals>

COVID-19 REGISTRATION PAYMENT PLAN

Due to COVID-19 uncertainties we request that you **register your team early** but **HOLD OFF PAYING until December 1, 2020**. 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

Due to COVID-19 JAMZ Youth Nationals has been shortened to two days. This has lessened the number of performances that can be accommodated. 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.

RULES & SCORING

See the JAMZ Championship Guide for more details on the rules and scoring process. **Please note in 2021 NA Cheer Divisions will follow YCADA NAX rules and scoring.** All rules questions should be submitted through the ASK A RULES QUESTION FORM, which can be found under the "Tools" tab on the YCADA homepage (www.ycada.org)

HOW TO GET INFO & REGISTER

1. Get additional Nationals Info here: <https://www.jamz.com/Youth-National-Championship>
2. Find Divisions/Categories/ Rules/Scoring/How to Register Here: <https://www.jamz.com/Championship-Guide>Youth/Step2/Main-Page>
3. If you are ready to register, follow the steps given here: <https://www.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 Youth 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 until January 26th
- ▶ 50% refund until February 2nd
- ▶ 0% refund after February 2nd

ATHLETE REGISTRATION FEE

- ▶ \$107.00 Per Athlete
- ▶ \$85.00 per Athlete Crossover/Cross Competitor
- ▶ \$0.00 per Special Needs Athlete

2ND PERFORMANCE

Youth 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.

- ▶ 2nd Performance is a flat fee of \$200.00 per team.
- ▶ Last day to add a 2nd performance is January 15, 2021 (2nd 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 1st and 2nd performance.
- ▶ Warm-up and practice times may overlap. No changes will be made after the final schedule is posted for this reason.

COMBINING TEAMS

Since NA programs do not require league rosters, combining teams is not an issue. This section is for youth teams who are affiliated with and cheer for football. (Youth Affiliated)

Youth (Affiliated) teams may be combined members from another team for Nationals under the following guidelines:

- ▶ Teams are with the SAME youth organization. (Example Starbucks Junior Pee Wee & Starbucks Pee Wee)
- ▶ No additional athletes are be added
- ▶ The team enters a division based on the age of the oldest member of the combined team.

DIVISIONS ARE NOT GUARANTEED.

- ▶ To protect the prestige of winning a national title, if there is only one team registered in a division at the time the draft schedule is created, that division will be combined with another division within a two-year age gap (providing other divisions are present; i.e. if Division 10 Cheer Level 1 only has 1 team registered, they will be moved to Division 11 Cheer Level 1). If there is not another age division within a two-year age gap, there will be no change.
- ▶ **JAMZ RESERVES THE RIGHT TO COMBINE/DELETE DIVISIONS BASED ON PARTICIPATION.** For teams in upper level youth divisions: If there is a lack of participation in the selected division – your team may be required to omit the element(s) allowed at the upper level youth division and move to a lower level. Example: Tic Toc stunts allowed in YCADA Level 4 division must be omitted to abide by YCADA Level 3 rules. Coaches will be notified of this type of division change up to two weeks PRIOR to competition.

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 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 that is arriving early to check-in your teams. ALL participant 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.

Waiting time for check in may take up to an hour and a half, 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

On Friday Feb 19th Division 12, Division 15, Division 18 and Open Theme have first priority to check in. If you do not have a Division 12, Division 15, Division 18 or Open Theme team, you are welcome to check in but may have a longer wait time.

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
- ▶ \$19 - Seniors (65+)
- ▶ \$19 - Children (ages 6-15)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021

- ▶ COACH CHECK-IN from Noon - 7:00 PM
 - All coaches welcome – Mandatory check in for Division 12, Division 15, Division 18 & Open Theme

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2021

- ▶ DIVISION 12, 15, 18, Open Theme Compete! (Times TBD)
- ▶ COACH CHECK-IN for Sunday Divisions available from doors open until the end of the day

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

- ▶ DIVISION 6, 8, 10, 11, 13 & ALL Pom Divisions Compete! (Times TBD)

POM IN THE SHOWROOM

All Pom Divisions, regardless of age division, will compete on Sunday Feb 21st in the Orleans Showroom. Fans and teams will love this amazing theatrical venue.

- ▶ If this is your teams 2nd performance be sure to register and pay for your 1st performance then email registration@jamz.com to receive credit toward this performance.

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!

- Team Awards will be presented to at least 50% of the teams in each division. Not to exceed 7th place.
- Medallions will be presented to all athletes placing 1st through 3rd
- National Championship Jackets for 1st place winners (*See Exception listed below*)
- 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.

If you have additional questions visit the Youth National Page <https://www.jamz.com/Youth-National-Championship> or email our championship staff at championships@jamz.com – We look forward to seeing you SOON! Stay Safe!