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TO: Cheer Coach
FROM: Brian Lester, Assistant Director
RE: OSSAA Qualifier Cheerleading Information
DATE: September 6, 2025

Assignments have been posted on our website along with other information for the regional cheerleading competition. Please review this material carefully, as there will be no mailing to your school. The regional competition will be held on September 20, 2025.

There will be three Regional Competition sites, Broken Arrow High School, Chickasha High School, and Stroud High School. Each competition will begin at the assigned times. Some classifications will be divided into two groups—I and II, and two plaques will be awarded in those classifications. **You will be sent information from your assigned site via email prior to the competition.**

Coaches are only permitted on the floor of the competition (**no extra squad members may be on the competition floor at any time**). Only those participating in the routine are permitted on the competition floor or in the competition area. A violation of this policy will result in only 1 floor pass being issued at the next level of competition in which the team participates.

The application for the Academic Achievement Award is located on the forms link of the OSSAA website under the Spirit page. The deadline for this is Tuesday, **September 9, 2025**

Fans and squads are **not allowed** to bring spirit posters, banners, fatheads, etc. Online tickets will be sold in advance and cash tickets are available at each regional site.

Online tickets are \$8.35; cash tickets at the gate are \$10. (\$3.00 from each ticket goes directly to the host site) The link for purchasing tickets can be found on the homepage of OSSAA.com and will open **Monday, September 15 at 9 a.m.** The 2025-2026 OSSAA play-off and media pass will be the only passes accepted. The OSSAA playoff pass must be presented with a driver's license.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM: Please remember that we will have a State Championship Program. You should email your squad's picture and roster to Rod Coulter at programs@vype.com, **no later than September 15, 2025.**

It is mandatory that cheer squads remain in their school uniforms throughout the entirety of the competition for their respective classification. This includes the awards portion of the competition.

STUNT REVIEW PROCESS: Any requests for stunt review must be sent to mwoods@ossaa.com. You will receive a written response to your review request within 48 hours via email. If you had a stunt reviewed regarding the legality of your squad's routine, you must take a copy with you to your regional site. The fee for a review is \$10 per review requested. Stunt reviews may be submitted until **September 5, 2025**. Please carry your printed review with you to the competition.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS:

1. **MUSIC COMPLIANCE STATEMENT:** Please use the ClicknClear.com, Cheer Sounds or the ASCAP database for your music. If you do not use one of those, please send your license to mwoods@ossaa.com by the 15th. You should also carry the license with you to the event.
2. The area used for competition will be matted.
3. The squad must use a minimum of one and one-half minutes of the two-minute time limit. Up to 45 seconds of music may be used in accordance with the above requirements. There is no minimum time limit. Music in a routine will not affect the judging of the routine in any manner. Cheer coaches will be responsible for playing their own music at both the regional and state competitions. A sound system will be provided.
4. The timing begins after the squad has set in formation on the matted area with the first motion, word, skill, or music. The timing ends with the last word or motion. The squad must use a minimum of 1 ½ minutes of the two-minute time limit.
5. Use of or the attempted use of illegal stunts or formations will result in a 10-point deduction per score sheet at the regional competition. A rule violation at State will result in a disqualification.
6. If the cheer routine is interrupted by an injury to one of the participants, the coach may choose to finish the routine from the point of interruption or choose to take the score earned to that point, without any deduction for the minimum time limit not being met.
7. In the event of a tie, all judges' score sheets will be used for the tied squads. If the additional score sheets do not break the tie; the teams will be awarded the appropriate places.
8. Participants will remain in the stands as qualifiers are announced, and awards are given at each regional site.
9. Coaches who have not attended a rules meeting will be prohibited from coaching.
10. The performance order for the squads competing at the Regional and State competition will be set by the OSSAA staff. (NOTE: The order has been randomly selected by the OSSAA staff.) The order of competition is listed on each regional sheet. An emergency will be the only exception for being late. If an emergency occurs, contact the site manager.