

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
STATE CHEERLEADING COMPETITION
2018



Sectionals – Non COED – Friday, November 9
COED State – Friday, November 9
Single A – Public and Private State Championships – Friday, November 9
Non COED State Championships – Saturday, November 10

Columbus Civic Center
Columbus, Georgia

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE PACKET!



Information Packet

Please read all information

Housing

Each school is responsible for making housing accommodations. You may check on www.ghsacheerleading.com or the GHSA websites for a list of area hotels. **IMPORTANT:** Please complete the attached housing form and turn in when you check your team in at registration. Please be sure to cancel any unused rooms in advance. Please make sure that if you booked earlier in the year that you confirm your contract.

For Assistance Contact:
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Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau

IMPORTANT - Keys to a Successful Event:

- ✓ **READ THIS PACKET! Do not skip a thing.**
- ✓ **ALL TEAMS MUST BE CHECKED IN PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SESSION YOU WILL COMPETE IN.**
- ✓ **PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME. All coaches must have an ID and GHSA pass WITH them. If you do not have the pass with you and/or an ID you will have to go back to get it. The registration staff will refuse to allow you to enter. All issues should be cleared by the Wednesday prior to state. Your team will be moved to the back of the line if you do not have everything ready.**
- ✓ **Please notify our staff where you are seated so we can locate your team if the rotation is running early. You will be asked to move into rotation as the teams rotate and not based on times.**
- ✓ **If a bus breaks down or another issue occurs, please contact Pam Carter at 706-888-5309 OR Penny Pitts Mitchell at 478-957-9775 immediately.**
- ✓ **Failure to be present at the **beginning** of your rotation can result in elimination from competition.**
- ✓ **Missed rotations will mean elimination or the possible loss of warm-up time.**
- ✓ **Once in the arena do not leave the arena after the session begins.**
- ✓ **All members of the team and the three coaches/music person must arrive at the same time and check in at the same time. Failure to do so will result in a coach/music person(s) having to go to the pass gate and/or having to purchase a ticket to enter. It can result in the loss of the badge.**
- ✓ **Do not allow your team to dress in the stands of the arena. DRESSING ROOMS are provided.**
- ✓ **Keep your team together!**
- ✓ **DO NOT enter other rooms in the Civic Center to meet with your team or lock doors to additional rooms.**
- ✓ **Flash photography is not allowed!** Please explain to your fans and parents that we have no flash photography for safety reasons. It is a distraction for team members who are stunting and tumbling and can be dangerous. Cameras can be taken up and individuals can be asked to leave the arena for failing to comply. The competition will be stopped if flash camera(s) create an issue. **Lights/Flashes located on cell phones or cameras cannot be used to film.**
- ✓ **HOUSING FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN AT REGISTRATION.**

Competition Times **Sectionals: Friday, November 9, 2018: The first five teams in each division should make sure they are ready for check in when the doors open at 8:00 AM, 1:00 PM or 6:00 PM. Be seated on the correct side in the back of the arena.**

Session One – AA, AAA, AAAA – ALL TEAMS Check in by 8:30 AM (Arena opens at 8:00 AM) Rotation begins at 8:40 AM – Check your order of appearance; Photographs are made prior to floor rotations. Competition begins at 9:00 AM Announcement of the Top 8 in each division moving to state finals on Saturday.

Session Two – AAAAA, AAAAAA, AAAAAA –The first five teams should make sure they are ready for check-in at 1:00 pm. Check in by 1:30 PM (Arena open at 1:00 PM) Rotation begins at 1:40 PM – Check your order of appearance; Photographs will be made prior to floor rotations. Competition begins at 2:00 PM Announcement of Top 8 in each division moving to state finals on Saturday.

Session Three – Single A Private, Single A Public and COED State Finals – Check in no later than 6:00 PM. Rotations will begin at 6:40 PM. Photos will be made prior to floor rotation. Competition begins at 7:00 PM Awards will follow the completion of the rotations.

Finals: Saturday, November 10, 2017: The first five teams in each division should make sure they are ready for check-in when the doors open at 8:00 AM or 1:00 PM.

Session One – AA, AAA, and AAAA – Check in by 8:30 AM (Arena open at 8:00 AM) Rotation begins at 8:40 AM – Check your order of appearance; Photos will be made prior to floor rotations. Competition will begin at 9:00 AM. Awards Ceremony at the end of the session. **Session Two –AAAAA, AAAAAA, and AAAAAA– Check in no later 1:30 PM** (Arena open at 1:00 PM for check-in) Rotation begins at 1:40 PM – Check your order of appearance; Photographs will be made prior to floor rotations. Competition will begin at 2:00 PM. Awards Ceremony at the end of the session

Registration & Event Procedures

- Only **twenty (20) competitors** dressed in school colors or uniform may enter through the registration area. All others must enter through the front gate including additional alternates, trainers and additional coaches. Two coaches (2) and a Music person (1) can enter through the registration entrance with the team. They will be given credentials and names submitted to registration personnel.
- **Bus Drivers should enter through the Pass Gate at the front of the Civic Center (SIDE ONE) and should have credentials.**
- Cheerleader registration is located at the back side of the arena. Enter through the Center back doors at the top of the steps and register on your assigned side. **Be seated on** your assigned competition side. To get to registration take the steps on the outside of the center back of the Civic Center and walk up to the upper level. **DO NOT ENTER SIDE DOORS.** If it is raining adjustments may be made. Please watch signs.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

See the rotation schedules to determine your teams' placement and side.

- **ODD NUMBER TEAMS WILL REGISTER ON SIDE ONE AND BE SEATED ON SIDE ONE.**
- **EVEN NUMBER TEAMS WILL REGISTER ON SIDE TWO AND BE SEATED ON SIDE TWO.**
- **PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR ASSIGNED AREA (Side One or Side Two) SO THAT YOU CAN BE LOCATED BY THE STAFF.** The staff will attempt to locate all teams. Teams will be warned

one time on the PA system and failure to report to the appropriate staff member could result in the continuation of the rotation and a team being eliminated from competition.

DO NOT SIT ON THE WRONG SIDE!

- Keep your team together until after they compete. For safety reasons monitor them at all times.
- When coming to the floor have all items with you that you may need. Remember your cued CD-R and your back-up tape/CD SHOULD BE WITH YOU WHEN YOU COME TO THE FLOOR. Failure to have those with you will result in a delay of meet penalty.
- Make sure you and your second coach have your badges on. Make sure you have identified your music person and that they have their badge on. The music person will not remain in warm-ups with you but will go directly to the music area.
- Floor passes must not be exchanged. They must be used by those individuals who signed in at registration. They will be taken up as you leave the competition floor. Persons caught making substitutions will have badges taken away.
- Count your cheerleaders – only 16 allowed once you enter warm-ups. All others must remain in the stands.

Important Notes Warm-Ups

- **All teams must check in and prepare for warm-up rotation.** If you are in the first five teams to rotate you may want to arrive no later than **forty-five minutes** prior to the beginning of rotation for your session.
- **First eight teams arrive dressed for warm-ups.** You will rotate through photographs prior to competing on the floor. You must be ready to begin photographs fifteen minutes prior to your warm-up.
- **Once competition begins it will run continuously.** Please make sure your fans are aware of this. Performance times are not issued.
- All teams must be on time and ready when called. Failure to report to the designated area can result in a team being omitted from rotation and elimination from competition.
- The music person will go directly to the music area as instructed by the staff.
- **There will be no music in the warm-up area or in other areas of the building such as the upper concourse.**
- **Only the 16 team members, 2 coaches, and 1 music person** will be given a pass to enter the competition area (Floor). They will be issued a badge to enter the competition floor and it will be taken up as you leave. Floor passes must be worn and cannot be exchanged.
- All team members should be ready and taping of athletes completed prior to their rotation BEGINNING. You should not stop to tape during rotation in warm-ups.
- **You should notify all staff where you are seated so we can locate your team if the rotation is running early. We should not have to look for teams or worry about teams.**

Warm Ups

- All teams should sit on the side they are assigned to compete on so they can easily be located prior to competing.
- **DO NOT** change sides. Be seated on your assigned side.
- When directed by a staff member you will move to seating located near the warm-up area and wait until you are called down to begin the warm-up.
- Please be prepared for your warm-ups and what procedures you will use. The routine is complete and this is not where you choreograph or learn skills.

BE PREPARED! – PRACTICE HOW YOU WILL WARM-UP!

You will be unable to warm-up a full routine. So be ready!

- There will be stretch and jump mats under the concourse. (No stunts or tumbling)

- The second set of mats will be for tumbling only. (No stunts)
- The third set of mats will be for stunting and tumbling. No music allowed.
- All stretching takes place in the South area of the arena behind the curtains/drapes with the performances taking place in the North area (front of the arena).
- Once you have completed warm-ups you will be asked to wait at the curtain for your performance time. Please be respectful of other teams performing and keep the noise level to a minimum.
- **Music will not be allowed in the warm-up area. Respect the teams performing and watch the noise level when in warm-ups.**
- All teams are asked to exit the performance floor on the side they entered and return to their seats. Badges will be returned when exiting the floor.
- We ask that all participants show respect for their fellow teams and for the spectators. Because it is an all-day event **remember that parents CANNOT SAVE SEATS for the team. THE TEAM MEMBERS CANNOT SIT IN THE Aisles.**
- Front arena seats are reserved for spectators and fans. Cheerleaders should not be seated in this area. If you move to the front please sit at the top of the arena with your team.

DO NOT SIT IN THE AISLES!

This is a violation of local and state fire codes.

- **Please remind all fans and athletes that Fire Marshall Regulations require that we do not sit in the arena aisles. Discuss this with the team and parents also.** Do not leave bags and other items in the aisles at any time or security may confiscate all items left in the aisles. The Fire Marshall can stop competition if we are in violation of the regulations.

Music Read Carefully

- There will be no orientation period for music prior to competition. Tapes must be cued prior to beginning warm-up rotation. Teams may not come on the competition floor to cue music. **There is no music in the warm-up area.**
- A sound technician will be present to assist with the music volume during competition.
- One coach or school representative will be responsible for starting and stopping the CD or tape during the routine. This person will move directly to the music area when directed by the staff.
- Use only regular size CD (no cutouts). Have two copies.
- **Coaches must bring a backup CD to the floor with them and it must be cued.** Anyone having to go back into the stands to obtain the second or backup tape will receive a penalty for delay of meet. If a coach has to send to the stands or return to the stands to obtain another copy of the music a **Delay of Meet** penalty will be issued.
- **The GHSA will not be responsible for music recorded on iPods or iPhones.** You will take full responsibility for any issues which may occur with this type media. If using these for your own protection make sure you are in airplane mode and that the volume is turned up. Deductions for **Delay of Meet** may occur and teams may not be able to repeat routines where the fault of the music issues are a team issue.
- When using the Iphone or Ipods, we will not take responsibility for starting the music, for the music stopping or for the music volume. There have been a number of issues this year with these digital devices and with volume. This is the responsibility of the team music person. Please work with your music person.
- Teams will not be placed back into rotation if this is an issue. Music issues must be corrected while the team is still on the floor and a second CD available. Delay of Meet penalties will be called.

**Medical &
Dressing
Rooms**

- Athletic Trainers will be available for medical assistance.

TEAMS WISHING TO TAPE must bring their own tape for participants to use.

- Teams bringing personal trainers may use them in the stands prior to the beginning of the rotation. Once a team begins rotation the Athletic Trainers and medical personnel assigned by the Civic Center will be responsible for assisting teams. Personal School Team trainers may not come to the floor unless they are one of the two approved coaches or the music person who have credentials to enter the competition floor. The Civic Center Medical Staff, CSU and/or Hughston Clinic Trainers will be over all medical emergencies.
- It is recommended that all teams arrive dressed in uniforms. Two dressing rooms will be available if needed. See map of concourse. Teams must be dressed and ready when rotation begins. Do not use these rooms to meet with your team.

There should be no dressing or undressing in the stands.

(Including male and female team members)

- Please refrain from using the public restrooms that are for the fans as dressing rooms.
- All coaches be aware of your team and where they are at all times. Do not allow team members to leave the arena.

**Community
Coaches &
GHS A Pass
Gate**

- All **community coaches** must be on the **approved list of Community Coaches** provided by the GHS A office. We advise all community coaches to have their letter or identification from the GHS A office with them. They will be counted as one of the two coaches who may enter through the pass gate. A community coach may legally work with one team.
- **GHS A coaches may be asked to show their credentials, ID or pass.** A list of coaches will be available for registration personnel to check credentials.

PLEASE have your GHS A PASS and PHOTO ID with you.

- All coaches must sign in and the music person must be identified and sign in at registration. They will each sign in at one time as the team enters.
- **Floor Passes cannot** be exchanged and must be returned upon exiting the competition floor.
- All competing teams entering to watch the competition in a session where they are not competing, must be identifiable with school warm-ups or uniform. They will be checked in and the coach must sign in at the back of the arena in the registration area. You will be asked to be seated as a team in the upper levels of the arena. **Do Not** sit in the lower areas where competing team spectators are seated. The same restriction on numbers will apply; 20 team members, 2 coaches, and 1 music person.
- A GHS A Pass Gate will be located on the left front side (SIDE ONE) of the Civic Center. GHS A passes allow for the entrance of the coach and one guest. All persons entering with a pass must sign and may be asked to show identification.
- Teams not competing at state must pay to enter. Coaches may enter through the pass gate with the appropriate ID.

**Spectator
Admission**

- Admission Fee is \$12 per session. There are three sessions on Friday and two sessions on Saturday and **the arena will be cleared after each session.** All spectators will leave immediately after the announcements of finalist moving on to state or awards ceremonies.

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL FANS KNOW WHICH SESSION YOU ARE COMPETING IN. IF THEY ENTER THE ARENA DURING THE FIRST SESSION AND YOU ARE COMPETING THE SECOND SESSION THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE ARENA AND PAY TO ENTER AGAIN.**
- Parking Fee is \$5 per car and \$10 for a bus, van or RV.

School Bus or Team Bus Parking with competitors is in LOT E, F, and G on the left side of the Civic Center when looking from Veteran's Parkway. All buses will enter from the Victory Drive entrance. (See Bus Parking Instructions.) Bus drivers will be directed as they enter and should enter only the correct entrance. There is no fee for buses transporting teams. We would like for the buses to use Lumpkin Blvd, the entrance by Port Columbus Naval Museum. It is easier for buses to turn in Lumpkin vs the front with all the traffic! (Please print map and directions for the bus drive. You may also go on line to the GHSA website to obtain the map.)

RV's will park in the designated parking area in Lot E – lower section. There will be parking attendants on duty to assist bur driver's.

- The gate will open at 8:00 AM each morning.
- **Tickets will be sold in advance on Ticket Master. Please encourage your parents to purchase through Ticket Master. We cannot hold the start time of the competition because fans are in line to purchase tickets. We will begin at 9:00 AM, at 2:00 PM and at 7:00 PM on Friday.**
- **DO NOT SAVE SEATS! DO NOT LEAVE PERSONAL MATERIAL ON SEATS. The Civic Center cannot be responsible for those items and items can be removed if needed.**
- **Cheerleaders should not save seats for parents. They must remain in the designated area behind the blue drapes.**

Other Information

- Bus parking is in Lot E, F, and G. Please follow directions to enter this parking area. The parking attendants will assist you with directions.
- Buses may drop off team members after driving straight down Lumpkin Blvd in the back of the Civic Center. Follow the directions of the parking attendants.
- Buses will enter off of Victory Drive (If driving down Veteran's Parkway you will be turning left in front of the Civic Center and driving to the entrance off of Victory Drive, turning until Lumpkin Blvd. - You will pass the Softball fields – after rounding the curve on Victory Drive watch for the Naval Museum on your right.)
- Bus Drivers may enter through the Pass Gate Entrance on the main floor of the Civic Center and will sign in by school.
- **Flash photography is not allowed and no use of flash when filming!** Please explain to your fans and parents that we have no flash photography for safety reasons. It is a distraction for team members who are stunting and tumbling and can be dangerous. Cameras can be taken up and individuals can be asked to leave the arena for failing to comply. The competition will be stopped if flash camera(s) create an issue.
- **Flashes located on cell phones cannot be used to take photographs or to film.**

Graphic Enterprises will be taking the team photos to create team posters.

Team Photographs will be taken this year in the back of the arena, concourse level (located right behind team registration). All teams will rotate through the room prior to entering team warm-ups. Please have your team dressed and ready for the photo to be taken.

Prior to being called for warm-ups all teams will have their photo made at the very back of the arena on the side where they registered. Teams should watch closely and rotate through the photography area on the designated side of the arena and in the order of competition. A group competition photo with the cheer logos will be made at that time.

The first ten teams arriving should be in uniform and ready to have their photo made.

Unforgettable Memories has created an APP to view and purchase your photographs. Take advantage of the early bird special and save \$152. Freeshipping on all orders during the championship. Early bird pricing is available until 11:00 PM, the night before competition begins. www.unforgettablemoment.com/ghsa-state-cheerleading/

TEAM IP will be providing team T-shirts this year. Go to teamip.com/preorder to place your team orders by November 5. Minimum order of twelve (12) piece for discount pricing on mix-n-match sizes and styles. Teamip.com/preorder

LIVE VIDEO/DVD's Family, friends, and fans can watch all your routines for every session on Friday and Saturday – Live exclusively on NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA.

Subscribing to the Network for an all-access pass is the low price of \$9.95 per 30 days. DVD's will be available at NFHSNetwork.com/dvds.

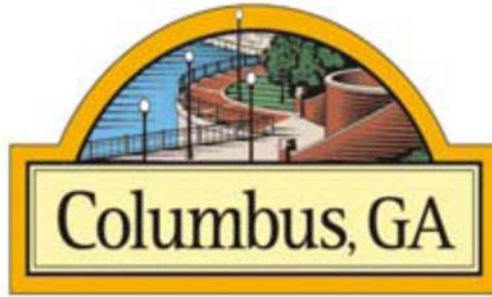
**GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
STATE CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIPS**



SECURITY GUIDELINES

For security purposes, the following guidelines will apply at the Columbus Civic Center during the GHSA State Cheerleading Championships:

1. All bags are subject to search.
2. No food, drinks, or back packs will be allowed.
3. ONLY 2 coaches, 1 music person, and 20 team members will be allowed to enter the arena through the registration area. All others must enter through the front gates of the Civic Center.
4. Gift baskets/buckets, etc., are not to be given to the team members inside the Civic Center. This is a violation of the contract with the facility. These items must be given before entering the arena and cannot be brought inside the arena.
5. Dressing Rooms are available. DO NOT allow your team to dress in the public restrooms or the arena. The dressing rooms are on the floor level of Side Two. For the safety of your teams please respect this rule. Please explain to them that pictures can be taken and sent out over the internet. We have also had complaints about the public restrooms being used and cheerleaders taking up the whole floor area and the stalls. BE CAREFUL!
6. All personnel on the floor must have a floor pass on display.
7. Only two coaches per team and one person for music will be allowed in the performance area. Two floor passes for the coaches and one for the music person will be issued to each competing team as they enter at registration and will be taken up as they exit the performance area. YOU MUST WEAR THE PASSES TO ENTER THE COMPETITION FLOOR. Passes cannot be shared or exchanged. Once on the competition floor passes cannot be exchanged. The music person cannot remain in the warm-up area and will be sent directly to the music area.
8. All coaches must be prepared to present picture identification and GHSA coaching passes upon request.
9. All Community Coaches on the floor must be registered with the GHSA office and be listed on the official GHSA certified list. Community coaches not on this list must have proof that they have been certified in cheerleading with the GHSA office and approved to coach.
10. Please make sure all parents and fans are aware of this regulation. Cameras and video cameras may be taken up by security if the parent uses flash or lights during filming or picture taking.
11. No flash photography is allowed to ensure the safety of the athletes. The competition will be stopped if flash photography occurs.
12. Any fan or spectator found using flash photography or filming with a flash can be removed from the arena or have the equipment taken by security.



CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

What progress has preserved.

GHSA 2018 State Cheerleading Housing Report **This Form Must Be Turned In At Registration**

(This information will assist the Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau plan for future events.)

Team Name: _____

City: _____

Hotel: _____

Number of Rooms: _____ Thur ____ Fri ____ Sat ____



