

OMYFA  
Cheer-Off- Competitive Cheer  
Hosting City Regulations 2009 (app.2/09)

It is the purpose of the OMYFA to provide assistance by increased involvement and promotional activities to hosting cities for competitions and day-of events. These guidelines are to be used to promote uniformity, predictability and competitive equity in the regulations of the Competitive Cheer-Off event.

This information has been prepared and approved by the OMYFA governing body in order to provide host cities and participants a comprehensive guide regarding limitations and procedures for the Cheer-Off event.

Guidelines and fees for Participate and Host cities prior to the Day-Of event.

- 1.) Hosting venues must meet fire code regulations for appropriate numbers estimated regarding participants and spectators.
- 2.) There will be a registration fee of \$80.00 per squad or \$200.00 per city required by each city which will be made payable to the host city presented with all other paperwork (check list attached)
- 3.) Host cities will provide parking, entrance accessibility and seating for physically challenged and elderly individuals as needed.
- 4.) Each person coaching or assisting cheerleaders during competition will have a name tag provided and must show proper I.D. in order to secure their name tag.
- 5.) Admission costs for the general public will be set by the MHSAA current pricing guidelines
- 6.) All cities will submit all of their teams participating; required items necessary for competition to host city no sooner than and no later than date specified by host city within a 2 week limit prior to competition. When requested additional (4)copies of materials will be provided by participant cities in folders provided by host city.
- 7.) Any changes made to any paperwork/items for competition must be initialed (by the G.M.) and presented to the host city by 5:00 p.m. The day directly pervious to competition. Prior to the day of the competition the host team will conduct a blind draw for each round to determine the order in which the teams will perform. Teams should be notified of the order of competition prior to the day-of event and it should appear in the competition program.
- 8.) Each city will submit in writing at the league meeting immediately prior to Cheer-Off their 2 vote nomination for the "Team Sportsmanship Award" This award is given to the city whose overall cheerleading program receives the most votes by the other OMYFA cities.
- 10.) All judges including the safety judge shall receive compensation consistent with the state regulations regarding MHSAA sanctioned events. This compensation being the minimum allowable compensation and the maximum compensation shall not exceed 35% of the minimum allowable compensation for the event.

- 11.) Judges will be secured by the Director of Cheerleading and approved at the recommendation of the cheerleading board by the league board of the OMYFA .  
Minimum of 4 judges and not to exceed 5 judges in total.
- 12.) 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards will be awarded to each participant on a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishing team for both the cheer and the dance rounds
- 13.) There will be an additional 4 coaches' awards given to each 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishing team in both rounds.
- 14.) All participants; with an additional 4 coaches per squad, will receive participation pins provided by host city.

### **Facilities and Personnel:**

- 1.) All routines will be performed on a matted surface. The performance area shall be padded with a mat of uniform thickness which shall cover a recommended minimum area of 42'x42'. The matted area can be exercise mats, a wrestling mat, a floor exercise mat or a gymnastics base mat. The surface should be of one piece. If this is not possible, each padded section shall be fastened together securely to create a smooth uniform surface.
- 2.) Prior to and during competition, teams shall be provided an area free of obstacles and with enough ceiling clearance in order to warm-up stunting. Each city will be provided with an area appropriate in size to accommodate their teams and free from general public viewing for changing, resting and meeting prior to and during the event.
- 3.) Coaches will be provided with a raised area behind the judges, and in front of the spectators indicating center of the mat for their teams as they perform.
- 4.) Center of mat will be indicated for participants.
- 5.) Each team participating will be allowed "mat time" on the performance mat for 2 min. per team prior to the start of competition. The times will be randomly drawn prior to the competition and given to the teams prior to the day of the competition.
- 6.) Hosting Teams will conduct a pre-meet coaches meeting at a designated time and place prior to the start of the meet to provide coaches with information about war-up procedures and any relative information to the day's competition. It is appropriate for a judge to be present at this meeting to answer any technical questions
- 7.) There will be trained medical personnel available before, during and after both rounds of the competition.
- 8.) Copies of all paperwork are available to and presented to the Director of Cheerleading at the end of the competition day and prior to leaving the premises.
- 9.) Hosting city will provide video and D.J. services. Participating cities may video tape their city only. Announcers will follow the Procedure for team to enter and exit Competition floor as laid out in competition rules 1-4 approved 1/08

- 10.) Host city will provide the services of a photographer at each participants own expense. It is preferred if possible for the Photographer to allow next day orders with day of discounts offered to coaches.
- 11.) Host cities have the discretion to offer flower sales the day of the competition. However if the host city does offer sales all participating cities will then be expected to purchase their flower sales through their vendor.
- 12.) Host city will provide food concessions for spectators. Participants may use their own suppliers for lunch. Spectators are not allowed to bring in any outside concessions into the competition building.
- 13.) T-Shirts and sweatshirts will be available for pre-order. Host cities will be responsible for the design and also the delivery of apparel prior to the start of the competition. Additional sales the day-of is at the host cities discretion.

#### Judges Table and Working Areas:

1. Cheer/dance judges shall officiate from tables placed in front of the competition mat along with a chair for each judge. Spectators seating and walking area will be behind the judges' area.
2. Safety judges shall be provided with a table and chair separated from the cheer/dance judges.
3. Score sheets shall be provided by the host of the event. An appropriate score sheet/penalty sheet and routine description shall be provided for each judge, for each team in every round.
4. Score Table; A score table shall be provided with enough chairs available for the scoring personnel contracted to review and tally score sheets submitted by each cheer judge and safety judge.
5. The Score table shall be placed so that it is conveniently available for coaches at all times, yet is out of the way of spectators and competitor traffic and in the same room/gym where the competition is being held.
6. Scorer responsibilities; Score table personnel usually consists of 3 people. One person receives the score sheets from the runner and peruses the score sheets for score boxes that have been missed, score sheets with no identification and calculates the math scores. The second person retallies the score and the third person enters a total score of all judges on to a master scoresheet. The scoresheets are then placed in a folder or envelope for each team coach or General Manager. At no time shall score sheets leave the competition area during the competition
7. Timer Responsibilities, an official timer will be required to time each routine performed, the timer can be seated at the end of the Cheer judges table. It is recommended there are 3 timers (one of these can be the Safety judge) and the mean time will be the determinant for the official time.
8. The timer will begin timing each routine with the first word, motion, or chord of music of the routine is performed by any competitor and the judging begins. The timer will end timing the routine when the last team member steps off the competition mat, at which time judging is also completed. ( A visible timing device is encouraged).

9. A large Poster Board will be placed for public viewing in a convenient location so the general public may view the scores and places, at the end of the competition and **after** the awards ceremony.
10. Copies of score sheets, penalty sheets and other turned in paperwork will be returned to each cities G.M. for each competing team at the end of the competition.