

# AA COUNTY FALL COMPETITION

## COACHES INFORMATION

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**TEAM PACKET:** Your team packet you will pick up at competition should include the following:

- Copy of the performance schedule
- (Limited) Map of school (see below)
- Wristband for coaches listed on roster and pre-paid (if necessary)

Please note the following:

- **Coaches should have ON HAND documented evidence of birth dates (e.g., birth certificate) for all cheerleaders performing.**
- **There are scheduled times for jump and tumble;** the cut off time is BEFORE the last performance. Please advise your athletes appropriately so that they have time to participate.
- **Reminder: All teams MUST provide their own spotters**
- **NO HIGH HEELS ARE TO BE WORN ON THE SPRING FLOOR, WARMUP MATS, TUMBLE MATS OR BORDERS.** This includes coaches, spotters and VIPs. This includes during the award ceremony when team members are permitted to sit on the mat.

**WARMUP:** A 54x42 floor will be provided for warmup. See schedule for designated warmup times

**PERFORMANCE FLOOR:** performances will be on a 54 x 42 spring floor. After warmups, you should proceed down cheerleader hallway to “on deck” area. Teams will enter main gym on the front side of the mat. Facing the mat (judges view), enter from the front right corner. Exit towards the front left corner. TEAM PHOTOS are AFTER your performance (back in warmup room).

**TEAM – MUSIC/TIME LIMIT:** Team performances are limited to 2:30 minutes. There is no minimum time requirement. All of the performance can be to music. Music should be on regular CDs. There are no guarantees for music recorded on CDRWs and Cassettes. Each team should send a representative to the DJ table (back left corner of performance mat) to operate your team’s music.

**INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION:** All Individual competition will take place on the main floor. You must have pre-registered in order to compete.

**JUMP and TUMBLE:** Jump and Tumble competition will take place in the warmup room. A Coach must escort the cheerleader and any ‘spectators’ to the Jump and Tumble area to register and/or perform.

Please note the times available for Jump and Tumble, by session:

- Session 1: 11:00am - 1:00pm
- Session 2: 1:30pm – 4:15pm

Jump and Tumble Divisions: 6 years old & under, 7-8 years old, 9-10 years old, 11-12 years old, 13-14 years old, 15-16 years old and 17-18 years old

**JUMP STAR:** Participants compete by performing three consecutive jumps of choice. Three different types of jumps are strongly suggested. Participant may take a prep in between each jump. No music or any other cheerleading skill should be performed.

**TUMBLE STAR:** Participants compete by performing two (2) tumbling runs/sequences. They can be the same run or include a variety of elements.

**SCORESHEETS:** Score sheets will be provided to organization Directors at the end of the competition. **Reminder:** If a team is competing against a score the team must receive a score within 10 points of the 1<sup>st</sup> place team in another division for a similar age category to be awarded a first place trophy

**AWARDS:** Prior to awards teams will enter the main gym & have cheerleaders sit on the mat, leaving a walkway towards the trophy table. Each team should designate one or two cheerleaders to receive the trophy and medals. The following are estimated times for each session:

- Session 1 – enter at 9:30am, awards estimated to be 1:15pm;
- Session 2 - enter at 12:30pm, awards estimated to be 4:50pm; and

Reminder of what awards will be given.

- **Team Trophies:** Every team competing shall receive a placement trophy.
- **AAYCA Grand Champion:** There will be one grand champion for each age category as follows: 6 & under, 8 & under, 10 & under, 12 & under, 14 & under, 16 & under and 18 & under. The Grand Champion is the team, affiliated with an AAYCA organization, with the highest score, regardless of which category they competed in. A Session Grand Champion will also be awarded for Session 1 and Session 3.
- **Specialty Awards:** will be given among AAYCA teams as determined by the judges on the day of the competition. Each AAYCA organization (or at least one team from each AAYCA organization) shall receive at least one specialty award.
- **Coach & Volunteer of the Year:** One coach from each AAYCA organization will be recognized as “Coach of the Year” and one individual as “Volunteer of the Year”. Selected will be from the nominees, after review of the forms and letters submitted, by joint decision of the AAYCA Executive Board and AA County Recreation & Parks.

**PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOS INFO:** Action shots will be available for sale. In addition, each team will be directed back to the warm-up area after they perform to take Team Photos. Please use the cheerleader hallway to walk back to the designated area.

**SPECTATOR SEATING:** Organizations are assigned spectator seating. There is also a **RESERVED FAN SECTION** for fans of the team performing. This area will be solely for fans of the team performing. Fans will enter and exit this area in between performances in an orderly fashion. “Saving Seats” for fans arriving later is discouraged. Event staff (VIPs) may remove items placed on “Saved Seats”.

**VENDOR INFORMATION:** There will be vendors at the competition, including concessions. Note: Food and Drink will not be allowed in the gyms, per school policy. There is a small ‘concession seating area’ available.

**CHARITY:** Please be sure to turn all monetary donations in when you register.

**SPORTSMANSHIP:** (Please make sure your parents/fans are aware of this.) Unsportsmanlike conduct by a participant or team fans can result in point deductions or disqualification. Please be aware of this and conduct yourself appropriately. Note, unsportsmanlike conduct includes how fans conduct themselves during a performance. While a team or individual is performing, there should be minimal talking and movement. Please refrain from getting off your seat during a performance and wait until the team is exiting, or the next team is waiting to enter the floor. Doors to the gym will be “closed” during performances.

**SPOTTERS FOR COMPETITION:** As a reminder, Safety Spotters are required for every cheer group performance (team and stunt group). You must provide your own spotters. Below are the requirements for spotters provided by your organization, per the AAYCA Guidelines Manual:

Safety Spotters provided by an organization for a cheer group performance must adhere to the following criteria:

1. Each cheer group will be permitted will be permitted to provide a maximum of five (5) Safety Spotters during their routine.
2. Safety Spotters must be attired differently than the team performing (warm-ups preferred). Rules governing jewelry, clothing, and other safety concerns should also be adhered to by the spotters.
3. Safety Spotters **MUST** not assist in any way with the execution of **ANY** element of the routine. Any occurrence will be considered a violation and the team will be deducted points from their overall score.
4. There should be **NO** verbal coaching by Safety Spotters while their team is on the performance surface or during the routine. Any occurrence will be considered a violation and the team will be deducted points from their overall score.