



2019 Cheerleading Competition Guidelines

1. **NO REFUNDS FOR NO-SHOWS AT COMPETITION!** Requests for refunds must be made in writing prior to October 11, 2019.
2. **ALL** teams and individual competitors must have a signed waiver form in order to compete. No exceptions! You must be a member of the squad/team the entire season to be eligible to compete with the squad/team. The coach must bring signed forms to registration.
3. **SPECTATOR FEE:** All spectators (ages 6 & over) must have a ticket to enter the fairgrounds. Competitors' fees include fair admission for squad members and 2 coaches/advisors. Advanced tickets may be purchased through the NPF ticket office.
4. **Coaches** should register upon arrival and receive scheduled warm-up and performance times. Teams will be allowed 4 minutes warm-up prior to competing. An 18'x24' warm-up area is provided. Please have your squad "on deck" and ready at the warm up area 10 minutes prior to your scheduled time.
5. **COMPETITION FLOOR:** The competition will be held in the arena at the South Gate of the NPF fairgrounds. The competition floor is a 42'x42' matted area with approximately 18' overhead clearance at the outer edges of the pavilion and extending to 53' high in the center. If any member of your squad/team steps off the mat at any time during the performance, 10 points will be deducted from the total score. Remember, this is an arena, so the floor is not always perfectly flat due to it being dirt. We do our best to ensure a flat, safe performance surface for all girls. This year, mats will be vertical to the judges' table.
6. **MUSIC:** Music is allowed for the entire routine or only a portion of the routine. There will be a 10 point deduction for exceeding the time limit of 2 ½ minutes for squad performances and 1 ½ minutes for individual routines. Timing begins with the first word, movement, or music. You may bring CD, cassette, or iPod with auxiliary cord. Please bring an extra copy. Some burnt CDs do not work, so come prepared. **Each squad will need a sponsor/advisor to stop/start their music.** It is the responsibility of the coach to make the decision to stop the music due to technical difficulties or injury. If this occurs, the routine will be judged up to the point the coach stopped the routine. The team will be rescheduled to perform within 10 minutes. If the coach chooses NOT to stop the routine, the team will not have the option to perform again. Music must be appropriate for all ages since this is a family event. There shall be no vulgar words or movement.
7. **ROUTINES:** Routines should include any combination of jumps, tumbling, cheer, dance, and pyramids. Music is allowed for the entire routine or only a portion of the routine. **Squad routines should not exceed 2 ½ minutes.** Individual routines should not exceed 1 ½ minutes. Cheerleaders may use signs, flags, megaphones, and pom poms.
8. **AWARDS:** Trophies will be awarded for all divisions. Number of trophies presented depends on number of squads entered. And categories may be combined due to number of entries.
9. **ALL JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL:** A panel of qualified judges will determine winners. Competition rules will be according to the National Federation of State High School Associations. You may call 1-800-776-3462 or 816-646-5400 or go online to obtain the rules.

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Tentative Event Schedule

Subject to change. Receive warm-up & performance times at registration.
Emails will be sent out to the Coach after October 20, 2017.

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| 8:00- | SOUTH GATE OPENS
Registration Individual Competitions, Jr. High School/High School |
| 9:00- | Registration Youth/Elementary Divisions |
| 9:00- | WELCOME
COMPETITION BEGINS |
| 9:10- | Jr. High/JV Division Competition begins |
| 9:30- | Varsity Cheer 1A-2A
Varsity Cheer 3A-4A
Varsity Cheer 5A-6A |
| 10:00- | Christian/Non-building |
| 11:00- | All Star Division (Sr. 10 th -12 th)
All Star Division (Jr. 7 th -9 th)
All Star Division (Youth 3 rd -6 th)
All Star Division (Mini PreK-2 nd) |
| 11:30- | Individual Stamina Jumps, Tumbling Competition |
| 12:30- | Awards |

NPF Grand Champions will be selected from TOP Jr. High and High School Divisions. "Best of Show" will be selected from TOP Elementary Divisions.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies will be awarded to divisions of 5 or more teams!

Divisions of 2 or 3 will only have a first place trophy!

Cash Prize and Individual Awards for the NPF Grand Champions!

Event will be held in the Wells Fargo Arena, located at the south entrance. Participants should enter through the SOUTH GATE.

Special Awards

- *Cash prizes to TOP squad
- *Cash prize to top individual combination routine
- *"Fan"tastic fans award for most crowd involvement (signs, cheering, chanting, & Making some noise!!)

Cash Prize amounts determined by participate numbers



2019 PARENT WAIVER FORM

Make a copy for each participant. Each form must be signed and uploaded as a PDF and **sent by Tuesday, October 15, 2019.**

Participant: _____

School/Gym: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home or Emergency Phone Number: _____

I/we give permission to administer first aid to my/our child named above, should he/she become sick or injured during the NPF Cheerleading Competition and to do so without having to wait until I/we are contacted.

Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____ Group Number: _____

Name of Insured: _____

Family Physician: _____ Physician Phone Number: _____

Parent Signature

Date

I/we, _____, hereby certify that the above named child has my/our permission to participate in the NPF Cheerleading Competition, and I/we agree to hold harmless and to indemnify the National Peanut Festival Association, Ashford High School, and all of their respective officers, directors, administrators, staff, members, employees, and volunteers from any and all liability, claims of liability, suits, actions, judgments, damages, costs, and expenses arising from, or as the result of, any injury sustained by the participant or others as a result of my child's participation at any time during the competition, even if such injury is caused in whole, or in part, by the negligence of any party released and indemnified hereunder. I/we agree that this release, waiver and indemnification agreement will be enforceable against me, my heirs, personal representatives, and assigns, to the fullest extent of the law. I/we hereby consent and authorize the National Peanut Festival Association, Ashford High School, its successors, legal representatives, and assignees, to reproduce from said performance or performances, my picture and/or voice for any and all advertising purposes of every kind or nature, and hereby release all claims on said performance or performances or any reproductions thereof. I/WE AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

ALL PORTIONS MUST BE FILLED IN COMPLETELY



16TH ANNUAL CHEERLEADING COMPETITION

November 2, 2019

School/Gym Name: _____

School/Gym Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

School/Gym Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Coach's Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Please mark Division & Category for Registration

VARSITY TEAMS: (Check One) Small (5-12) _____ Medium (13-16) _____ Large (17-20) _____ Super (21-30) _____

Check if applicable: Non Building _____ Coed _____

Category you will compete in: (Check one) Combination Routine (Dance & Cheer) _____ Home Pom (Dance Only) _____

NON VARSITY TEAMS (Check One) Jr High/JV (7th-9th) _____ Jr High/JV (7th-9th) Non building _____

Elementary (K-4th) _____ Elementary (5th-6th) _____

Category you will compete in: (Check one) Combination Routine (Dance & Cheer) _____ Home Pom (Dance Only) _____

******ALL STAR TEAMS****** Division categories will now be based off of the USASF age grid.

Please list the age grid you are competing in: _____

Category you will compete in: (Check one) Combination Routine (Dance & Cheer) _____ Home Pom (Dance Only) _____

Number of squad participants: _____ **Amount Enclosed \$** _____ **(\$12/participant)**

Registration Deadline: October 15, 2019

No late registration will be accepted.

Please make checks payable to

ASHFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Mail registration forms and entry fees to:

Ashford High School

Attention: Hannah Kirkland/Brittany Wheelus

607 Church Street

Ashford, AL 36312

Pre K - 6th grade squads are competing for **BEST OF SHOW** Award with the highest overall score.

7th - 12th grade squads are competing for **NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL GRAND CHAMPIONS** with cash award!!!

*Categories may be combined based on number of entries.



16th ANNUAL CHEERLEADING COMPETITION

November 2, 2019

Individual Competition

****Cash Prize for Combination Routine Winner!****

Participant Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

School: _____

Coaches name: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____

***Division:** (no tiny or mini divisions)

Elementary (6th grade and below) _____ Junior (7th-9th grade) _____ Senior (10th-12th grade) _____

***Categories:** (Check the categories you wish to compete in. Please submit \$10 per category.)

_____ Stamina Jumps (3 toe touches)

_____ Tumbling Pass (no spotters)

_____ Combination Routine (any combination of cheer/dance,music cannot exceed 1½ minutes)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

***Individual Competition Only- Register Online Only**

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