



## **2022 Competitors Performance Procedures Junior Nationals**

**Coaches, Advisors, Directors:**

**In an effort to maintain a secure environment for our performers and to keep the competition flowing as smoothly and on-time as possible, we ask that you adhere to the following procedures in regard to any team's Prelims performance:**

**Five Steps to Performance:**

- 1 – Receive coach/advisor wristband**
- 2 – Register your team(s)**
- 3 – Report to official warm-up**
- 4 – Perform**
- 5 – Receive deduction sheets (cheer), legality and scoresheets**

### **Step 1**

- **Any person wishing to enter the warm-up back-stage area must have a current USA Cheer membership and be included on the team roster. Proceed to the Arena box office to receive your credential once you show your membership and valid identification.**

### **Step 2**

- **Team registration is the next stop for the weekend. This is located inside the Arena (northeast concourse). You must have your valid coach/advisor wristband to get into team registration.**

### **Step 3**

- **Official Warm-Up Time! Each team has been given an assigned “check-in” time for entrance to the formal warm-up area. You should report to the “check-in” door no earlier or later than your “check-in” time. Team portraits will not be taken at this event – this information was previously incorrectly stated. We are sorry for any inconvenience.**

**Wristbands/shoe tags will be checked for entry into these areas. Only coaches and/or performers are permitted.**

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- Please note that only current performers and coaches/advisors/directors with an appropriate wristband/shoe tags will be permitted in the formal warm-up area. No family/friends permitted.
- Your “assigned practice” time will conclude approximately 20-30 minutes prior to your scheduled performance time.

#### Step 4

- From the “official” practice area you will be directed to the “Getting Ready” area on the northwest side of the Arena or the east side of Hall A. Please follow direction of the USA and Anaheim Convention Center staff.

Teams performing in the Arena will enter upstage left and exit upstage right.

Teams performing in Hall A will enter upstage right and exit upstage left.

- All team breaks, rituals and traditions need to take place prior to the team being called to the performance floor. Teams should take the floor immediately with spirit and enthusiasm, but without excessive gestures. Example: chest bumps, hugs, handshakes, etc. All teams should refrain from any type of excessive celebration following the team’s performance. Any team in violation may receive a “sportsmanship” penalty. There should not be any organized exits or other activities after the official ending of the routine.
- We encourage you to leave all personal belongings locked securely in your vehicles or at your hotel. If you do have bags with you, please keep them with you throughout the “practice” area and you will be directed where you may place them immediately prior to your performance. The USA will not be responsible for bags and/or their contents during portion of the event.
- After your team’s performance, you will be directed to exit the Arena and Hall toward the east exit doors.

#### Step 5

- **Score Sheets and Rankings:**  
After a division is finished and awards and/or finalists are announced, panel judge score sheets should be picked up immediately from the score sheet pick up table in the awards venue.
- Advisors, coaches and directors are asked to keep their music with them and hand-carry it to the sound table just prior to their team’s performance. This table is located to the right of the judges’ platforms as you face them.  
Advisors/coaches/directors with music may stay with their team until 2-3 teams prior to their team’s performance. At that time, please make your way to the music check-in table. Please remember that CD capability will not be provided.
- As a reminder, spectators are limited to entering the performance venue only to watch the team they are there to see and must exit the performance venue immediately following their team’s performance.
- Under no circumstances will parents, family and friends be permitted in the formal or open practice areas.
- There will be “open” mats and areas set-up in North Hall Level 100 -- Ballroom A on Sunday. The hours for use of these mats are posted on the USA website. These

are to be used on a first-come, first-serve basis and the line to use them will queue outside of North Hall. We ask you to limit your warm-up time to 10 minutes maximum here if other teams are waiting. Please note that this facility will be shared at times between our high school, college and junior high/youth competitors.

- There will be no practicing/loitering permitted in the North Hall lobby areas, the Hall A lobby areas or the Arena Lobby/Concourse areas. This is for the safety and security of all attendees as the lobby areas must be accessible in the event of an emergency.

**All cheer, and song/pom teams must report to the “Warm-Up/Practice Area” check-in door in for their respective performance venue at their assigned time to begin the performance process.**