



## 2022 Competitors Performance Procedures – Prelims Spirit 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.**

**Mascots may warm-up in Hall A 20-30 minutes prior to their performance time but will not be provided with official warm-up time.**

**Group Stunts may warm-up in Hall A but will not be provided with official warm-up time. A full warm-up floor will be available for teams to share for warm-up in the official warm-up area 20-30 minutes prior to each team's performance. For Group Stunt, please do not enter the official warm-up area before 30 minutes prior to your scheduled Group Stunt performance time.**

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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.
- Cheer, song/pom, pep flag and Crowdleader™ Teams will be given assigned time on floor A, B, C, or D, E, F, depending up on their performance venue.
- 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, hand-shakes, 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**

- For Show Cheer teams only, your Deduction Sheet will be available at Arena box office, approximately 5-10 minutes after your performance. After the team exits the floor, the coach should proceed to the box office within 5-10 minutes to collect these sheets. Once the deduction sheet reaches the Box Office it will be time stamped and only available for pick up for the next 15 minutes. After that time it will not be available to review. When the coach picks up the sheets, they will be time stamped again. The coach has 15 minutes to look over the sheets, and if necessary, request a review. Once a review request has been made, the coach will be notified of the findings within 2 hours after the request. Point deduction reviews will be made on the entire routine and not on one specific area of concern. This could result in a higher deduction score than was previously identified. \*Please see review process below.
- Cheer Panel Judge 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. If a coach believes they have been scored out of range in building, tumbling, or jumps difficulty, they can request a review. These are the only scores that can be reviewed. The coach has 15 minutes to request the review from the time score sheets are

released to them. The coach will receive an answer back within 2 hours after the request. \*Please see review process below.

**Cheer Review Process:**

If a coach believes a team's difficulty score is incorrect, or a performance point deduction or legality is not warranted, the coach can request a review. This is done by scanning the Score Review QR Code located on the sign at the box office or next to the Score Sheet Pick Up table. The QR code will bring up a review request form that will automatically be sent to score review personnel. The coach will choose an option on the form that addresses how the coach prefers to be contacted. In the unlikely event that the coach has not gotten a reply within two hours after submitting the form, the coach should alert the staff at either the box office window or the score sheet pick up table. Once the review has been made and the coach has been notified, all decisions are final.

Items that may be reviewed consist of:

- Scores that are out of range for the skills/requirements that were performed.
- A "0" (zero) given in an area where a skill/element was performed.

Items that may not be reviewed consist of:

- Scores that are in the correct range, but may be lower than previously given at a USA one-day event.
- Scores for subjective categories including, but not limited to, Dance, Props, & Technique.
- Other team's scores (including ranges, deductions, and penalties).
- 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 Friday/ Saturday/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.

- If an athlete tests positive for COVID between prelims and finals, only vaccinated athletes from your team will be eligible to return to compete at finals.

**All cheer, song/pom and pep/short flag 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.**