



2020 NMAA STATE SPIRIT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Presented by Dave & Buster's

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

1. There will not be a coaches' meeting. Packets can be picked up at Dreamstyle Arena when the team arrives.
2. We will have a sound check on Thursday from 3:00 – 4:00 PM. The sound check is for coaches only. Enter through the southeast corner of Dreamstyle Arena. Refer to #24-29 in regards to music. Sound check is not mandatory.
3. Coaches who are listed on the roster submitted with the registration form will receive a wristband for each day. Silver is for Friday and Brown is for Saturday. Wristbands must be shown in order to gain access to the warm-up area and floor.
4. Each participant will receive a bag tag. The bag tag does not give a participant free entrance to the facility. It is merely a souvenir.
5. Participants will enter through the comp door located on the southeast corner of Dreamstyle Arena. Any athlete who is on the registration form will gain free access by showing an ID.
6. Bus drivers will gain free access through the comp door.
7. A full cheer mat and dance performance floor will be available in the warm-up area for teams to run through their full routines. A total of 15 minutes will be allowed for warm-up, five (5) minutes at each station, for Dance and Cheer.
8. **Only licensed coaches and assistant coaches with AACCA certification, who have attended the Coaches Clinic or approved by the Executive Director, and who are listed on your registration form are allowed in the performance area with the proper colored wristbands.**
9. **Managers must have the proper colored wristband (Friday Purple, Saturday Red) in order to be with the team in the warmup area.**
10. **Alternates and mascots must be in uniform in order to be with the team in the warmup area.**
11. Coaches need to make sure that they proceed to the check-in area 10 minutes prior to their scheduled time for Station #1. At that time, XL Sports Photography will take a team picture and then the team will proceed to the warm-up area. It is the coach's responsibility to make sure his/her team is at the proper place at the correct time. A team who misses its check-in time may not be allowed to compete.
12. Prior to performing on each day, a roster must be submitted to the NMAA personnel on the ramp as to which team members are in the routine on that particular day. Cheer- Friday is Purple and Saturday is White. Dance- Friday is Pink and Saturday is Green. This will ensure that each team adheres to the following rule: Each team will perform two separate routines with no more than four (4) team members different from one routine. All members who are performing must be listed on the registration form.
13. No team is permitted to warm-up in the concourse area.
14. There will be two panels of judges, one panel on the west side and one on the east side. The competition will be moving quickly and flowing very smoothly. It is imperative that you prepare your athletes for the format.

15. **For Game Day and Cheer with Music, each panel will be split into 2 groups of 3. For Game Day, 3 judges will score Crowd Leading and 3 judges will score Fight Song and Band Chant, and for Cheer with Music 3 judges will score Performance and 3 judges will score Crowd Leading.**
16. **As stated in the guidelines for both cheer and dance on both days: “Teams will begin their routine immediately after they are announced and have entered the floor (Now Performing...). A team will have 30 seconds to (1) enter the floor, (2) set up any props, and (3) get into position. At this point teams will not be allowed to return to the tunnel.”**
17. Seating for spectators is general admission. All seats are on a first come first served basis. Parents and fans will be able to have a front and center view of their respective teams as they perform. We have a designated VIP area in the center of the performance floor on both the west and east sides.
18. Seating for teams will be on the south side of Dreamstyle Arena in the stands in Sections K-N. Only team members on the roster are permitted in this area.
19. On Friday, score sheets can be picked up at the check-in area approximately one hour after the conclusion of their specific classification. On Saturday, the score sheet will be available immediately after the awards ceremony.
20. **On Friday, results will be posted on our website with team names and scores listed.**
21. **For cheer, twenty (20) minutes after each performance, the head coach will report to the suites on the East side of the arena to “sign off” on their tech sheet prior to the results being revealed. All cheer head coaches need to “sign off” whether you have a deduction or not. For dance coaches, we will make an announcement if you need to proceed to the suites after your performance.**
22. **No technical protests or appeals will be accepted unless deemed necessary by the Executive Director.**
23. After the conclusion of your performance, exit the floor by walking up the north stairs. At the top of the stairs on the concourse, you will be summoned to an area where you can view your routine. This taped routine will not be used for protests or appeals.
24. Music must be delivered to the music tech by an individual of your choice. It does not have to be a participant or coach. The music tech is located on the east side of the arena floor next to the announcer. The individual must remain seated in that area until the performance has concluded.
25. Routine music must be recorded on a tablet or smart phone. CD’s will not be accepted. Tablets are preferred. You must have your music cued and ready to hand over to the music tech on your table or smart phone. If using a smart phone, please ensure it is on airplane mode. Keep in mind that recording equipment differs. In the event of music malfunction during the State Competition, the music representative must inform the person controlling the music to stop the music. The announcer will tell the performing team to regroup and start over in the event of a malfunction of the music. There will not be a point deduction for a music malfunction. A coach may not request that the routine be repeated once the team has left the floor.
26. **We have noticed that many iPhones must use an auxillary adapter instead of the traditional auxillary input in order to play in our system. The adapter has at one time or another “shorted” during the performance. We highly suggest you use a source that does not need the extension. If using a device that needs an auxillary adapter, you must provide the necessary cord that is used to play your music. Tablets seem to work better than smart phones.**
27. Each coach must have available a second tablet or smart phone for back-up purposes.
28. **If the wrong music is played or a technical error occurs, do not complete your routine. Per the guidelines: “In the event of music malfunction, the music representative must inform the person controlling the music to stop the music. The announcer will tell the performing team to regroup**

and start over. Music not loud enough is not considered a technical issue.” If a team does not stop and completes the routine when a technical error has occurred, the routine will be judged accordingly.

29. You must have a tablet or smart phone for the use of music in the warm up room.
30. There will be at least a 3' X 3' coaches' box provided for two (2) coaches. Coaches must remain in the coaches' box for the duration of the routine. Team members not performing must remain off the floor and cannot be in the coaches' box.
31. There will be one awards ceremony at the conclusion of the event. **Each team may send their team captains/seniors** to the floor for awards. First place teams may send the whole team to the floor to accept the trophy and banner.
32. Doors to Dreamstyle Arena will open for spectators at 8:00 AM on Friday and at 8:00 AM on Saturday. Please make sure your parents are aware of this policy. For athletes, the doors will open at 7:30 AM.
33. Two athletic trainers will be on site at all times, one in the warm-up area and one on the Dreamstyle Arena floor.
34. Videotaping and/or filming are permissible as long as it does not interfere with spectators' view. Tripods and electrical cords are not allowed in the stands. No flash photography.
35. No outside food or drink is permitted.
36. Noisemakers are permitted when no team is on the floor. However, tournament officials and security have the right to confiscate any noisemaker that is a hindrance to the championships.
37. Spectator signs that support your team cannot be larger than 12" X 12". This includes signs with the participants' head shot.
38. Balloons and confetti are prohibited at Dreamstyle Arena.
39. UNM is charging \$5 for parking at the Dreamstyle Arena for all vehicles. Players and coaches who are not in a bus or school van must adhere to UNM's parking procedures.
40. Athletic Directors, coaches, and administrators in cars or vans with government license plates will be able to park at Dreamstyle Arena free of charge. Make sure you mention your license plate to the parking attendant.
41. Buses should drop athletes off in the horseshoe on the East side of Dreamstyle Arena and proceed to park on the east side of the baseball field. UNM Police will be monitoring bus parking. Buses will not be able to park in the horseshoe.
42. The Spirit Championships will be streamed live on www.NFHSnetwork.com.
43. UNM at Dreamstyle Arena, is utilizing metal detectors at all entrances. The following is the information from UNM.

TO MAKE ENTRY INTO THE STADIUM AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE DO NOT BRING ANY BAGS.

LEAVE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR CAR:

- CAMERA BAGS OR LENSES OVER 6"
- COOLERS OR CONTAINERS
- FOLDING CHAIRS OR STOOLS
- FOOD OR BEVERAGES (1 UNOPENED BOTTLE OF WATER ALLOWED)
- LASER POINTERS
- PETS (EXCEPTION OF SERVICE ANIMALS)