

# ***SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION***

## ***2024 TOURNAMENT PLANS AND POLICIES***

### ***STATE CHEER AND DANCE TOURNAMENT***

1. **DATES:** Friday & Saturday, October 25-26, 2024
2. **SITE:** Summit Arena at the Monument, Rapid City
3. **PLAYER/MEDIA ENTRANCE:** Players may enter only through back loading dock door of the Summit Arena. Please use this entrance for each day of competition. Must have a player pass to enter during the tournament.
4. **SCHEDULE (Note: All times are Mountain Time)**

#### **Friday, October 25, 2024: Class A Competitive Cheer and Competitive Dance**

<b>2:00 - 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Practice Sessions will reflect the competitive schedule. See item below.</b>
<b>3:00- 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Judges Meeting- Catering Room</b>
<b>5:05 p.m.</b>	<b>National Anthem, Introduce Judges</b>
<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Competition begins</b>
<b>8:00 p.m. - time is approximate</b>	<b>Class A Awards Presentation (time is approximate) Cheer awards first, followed by dance awards.</b>

#### **Saturday, October 26, 2024: Class AA Competitive Cheer and Competitive Dance**

<b>7:30-10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Practice Sessions will reflect the competitive schedule. See item below.</b>
<b>11:05 a.m.</b>	<b>National Anthem, Introduce Judges</b>
<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Competition begins</b>
<b>3:30 p.m.- time is approximate</b>	<b>Class AA Awards Presentation (time is approximate) Cheer awards first, followed by dance awards.</b>

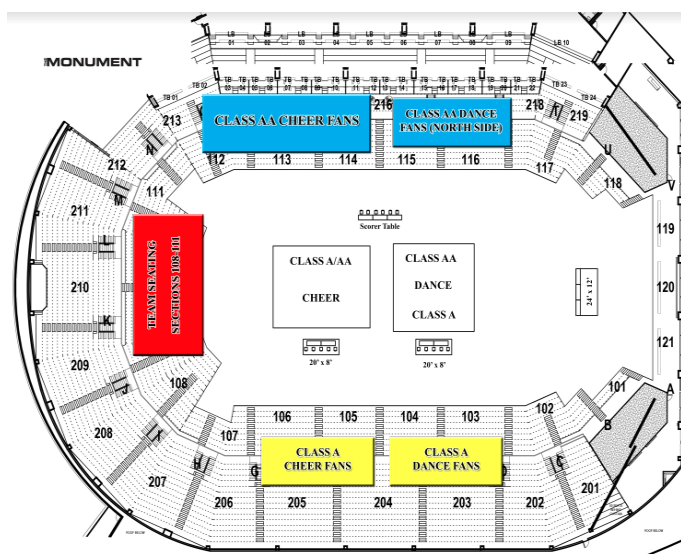
5. **PRACTICE IN THE MONUMENT:** Practice times for participating schools will be scheduled for the day of competition on the Summit Arena floor. Practice times will be determined by your performance order. If your team is the first to compete, that is when your team will practice. The SDHSAA will set up the schedule once entries are determined and send out the practice and competitive schedules. **Cheer teams will have 5 minutes on the competitive floor. Dance teams will have 8 minutes.** If a team decides not to practice at designated time, the competitive floor will remain unused. **If you would like to switch practice times with a team, please confirm with the team and then email [kristina.sage@sdhsaa.com](mailto:kristina.sage@sdhsaa.com) with the confirmed change.**

Practice times will be scheduled as follows:

Class A – Friday – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. MT

Class AA – Saturday – 7:30 – 10:00 a.m. MT

6. **REQUIRED HEAD COACHES MEETING:** Each head coach for cheer and dance must attend the Coaches Meeting which will be held via ZOOM. **The meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m MT/ 7:00**



**p.m. CT on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup> - VIA ZOOM.** Coaches prefer to have the meeting prior to the competition so that the competitive day is not so rushed. The Zoom link will be sent to head coaches prior to the meeting via email.

- 7. ORDER OF COMPETITION:** The order of competition will be determined by the SDHSAA and will be followed throughout the competition. Cheer: Stunting/Tumbling; Dance: Hip Hop, Jazz, and Pom.

Special Note to Coaches: This is a state event. You will be asked to join your team for awards (including pictures). Please consider dressing in an appropriate manner since you are representing your school and community. School designated coaching attire or dressy casual wear is recommended. Jeans are not appropriate. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

- 8. TEAM SEATING:** Teams will sit in the west end bleachers- Sections 108-112 when not warming up or performing on the main floor area.
- 9. SAFETY CHECKS:** Coaches are responsible for making sure their teams are legally equipped in compliance with all SDHSAA and NFHS rules governing the sport. Once the team enters the on-deck area, they must be performance ready. Any safety violations will result in a deduction for each occurrence from the team score.
- 10. COACHES SEATING:** A "VIP coaching section" will be provided during your team's performance. There will be coaching seats available for the team's designated coaches. Only individuals listed as coaches on the performing team's roster (**maximum of 2**) are allowed in the VIP seating. Coaches will need to be seated in the VIP section or standing by the music sound system during competition (if they choose to put in music). Designated coaches must be wearing name badges to be in the VIP seating. Competitive teams not performing will need to be seated in the designated team seating areas. There will be a 10-point team deduction for not being in the designated areas during the team's performance.
- 11. MUSIC:** Performance music (iPod, mp3, etc.) must be furnished by the participating schools, be production-quality, and be well labeled. SDHSAA will provide someone to play music during the competition; teams are welcome to have a coach assist with the competition music. Music will be tested prior to competition and during warm up times.
- 12. TEAM WARM UP:** Team warmups will take place on the East side of the venue behind the black curtain. **Teams WILL NOT have designated warm up time prior to competition in the practice arena.** Both Cheer and Dance will have an **OPEN WARM UP** for all participating teams. Music will need to be at a low volume. This area will be available for all to use for warm up, with **no designated times being issued**. Teams may use the warm up area on their own time frame, keeping in mind the order of competition. **Teams will be limited to 5 minutes on the performing surface for both cheer and dance as you share that time with other teams.** Be sure you are in the practice arena in ample time, so you have adequate time to warm up PRIOR to your performance. Teams need to be sure you are in the "on deck" area plenty of time before your performance time.
- 13. DANCE BOUNDARIES:** Dance boundaries will be marked with **Neon colored tape**.
- 14. DRESSING ROOM/LOCKER ASSIGNMENTS:** Please do not bring valuables with you. Dressing areas will be in one of the locker rooms. There are seven female locker rooms and one male locker room that teams will be sharing throughout the event. They will be assigned.
- 15. TEAM EXPENSES** – Each school shall pay the entire expense of the contestants at the State Championship per their local school policy. There will be no reimbursement of team expenses based on SDHSAA Board policy.
- 16. HOUSING** - Each school is responsible for taking care of housing during the State Meet, if necessary.

**17. TOURNAMENT TEAM & SPECTATOR CONDUCT RULES** –The SDHSAA spectator conduct rules apply to the State Cheer and Dance Competition. This means no banners, signs or noisemakers.

**18. NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY**- Please inform your spectators and fans there is to be NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY at the event.

**19. AWARDS** – Award presentations will follow the completion of the competition.

- For cheer and dance: First place medals for each class to the winner of that division/category. No plaques will be awarded to category winners. (Cheer: Stunting/Tumbling, Co-ed; Dance: Pom, Hip Hop and Jazz)
- To determine the number of overall team awards: It is based on the number of teams competing in the competition.
  - a. Minimum of 4 schools competing – award first place trophy and medals.
  - b. 5-8 schools competing – award 1<sup>st</sup>- 2nd place trophy and medals.
  - c. 9-12 schools competing – award 1<sup>st</sup> - 3rd place plaque and medals.
  - d. 13 or more schools competing – award 1<sup>st</sup>- 4th place plaque and medals.

- **For Cheer** - Trophies and plaques will be awarded to the overall place finishers in each class, depending on the number of teams in the competition. For the purpose of determining place finishers in each class, the schools with the highest scores in any division will receive the respective trophy or plaque and medals.

*Tie breaking procedure:* Should a tie occur for the overall championship placement of teams; the following criteria will be used sequentially to break the tie:

- a. Least amount of total safety deductions from the technical score sheet.
  - b. Least number of deductions from the Major Falls –Stunting category on the safety score sheet.
  - c. Highest score in the “Cheer” section of the performance score sheet.
  - d. Highest combined score in the “Cheer” section and Jumps in “Cheer Fundamentals”. If a tie remains, continue to combine scores one at a time (execution and difficulty) through standing tumbling, running tumbling, partner stunts, tosses and pyramids until the tie is broken.
- **For Dance** –Trophies and plaques will be awarded to the overall place finishers in each class depending on the number of teams competing. For determining the place finishers in each class, the three scores will be averaged to determine the place finishers. The teams with the highest average scores will be placed accordingly. A school must compete in two categories to be eligible for placement.

*Tie Breaker procedure:* Should a tie occur for the overall championship placement of teams; the following criteria will be used sequentially to break the tie.

- a. The highest score in a routine, regardless of category, will be used to break the tie.
  - b. The least amount of safety deductions from the safety score sheet.
  - c. If the tie remains, the two teams tied will be co-champions.
- Awards for the Class “A” competition will follow the completion of their competition at approximately 8:00 p.m. on Friday evening.
  - The Awards will be approximately at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.
  - Teams are reminded to be in proper uniform for the awards ceremony and reminded to practice good sportsmanship.

**20. COMPLIMENTARY PASSES** – Four complimentary passes will be sent directly to the school administration for distribution to the state event. VIP badges for coaches, and passes for participants, coaches, trainer (if applicable) and bus driver will be found in the team packet at check-in.

**21. TICKET PRICES**/per day (facility fees included):

Adult - \$17.00

Student - \$12.00

**22. SUBSTITUTION** – The original entry list for the State Championship will be the Team Roster as listed on the SDHSAA website. The team may list as many competitors as it wishes. No more than 12 competitors may be in uniform for the small group divisions for cheer and no more than 12 in the small group divisions for dance. No more than 26 competitors may be in uniform for any large group division in cheer and dance. If a school needs to draw upon a substitute during the tournament whose name was not on the original roster, they may do so if the substitute is eligible under the Constitution and By-laws of the SDHSAA. Substitutions do not need to be approved at the meet. Teams may not exceed the squad size.

**23. SEATING:** All seating will be general admission.