

STATE CHEER/DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION

1. SCHEDULE

Friday, October 25, 2019: Class A Competitive Cheer and Competitive Dance

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| 1:30-3:00 p.m. | Practice Sessions will reflect the competitive schedule. See item 4 below. |
| 3:00- 4:00 p.m. | Judges Meeting- Officials Room |
| 2:45 p.m. | Class A Dance Coach/Advisory Meeting in Thomas F. Kelly Theatre(Near Door A – Main Entrance) |
| 3:30 p.m. | Class A Cheer Coach/Advisory Meeting in Thomas F. Kelly Theatre All head coaches must attend |
| 5:00 p.m. | National Anthem, Introduce Judges |
| 5:10 p.m. | Competition begins |
| 8:15 p.m. approx. | Class A Awards Presentation (time is approximate) Cheer awards first, followed by dance awards. |

Saturday, October 26, 2019: Class AA Competitive Cheer and Competitive Dance

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| 7:30-9:45 a.m. | Practice Sessions will reflect the competitive schedule. See item 4 below |
| 9:00 a.m. | Class AA Cheer Coach/Advisory Meeting in Thomas F. Kelly Theatre (Near Door A – Main Entrance) |
| 9:45 a.m. | Class AA Dance Coach/Advisory Meeting in Thomas F. Kelly Theatre All head coaches must attend |
| 11:00 a.m. | National Anthem, Introduce Judges |
| 11:10 p.m. | Competition begins |
| 4:15 p.m. approx. | Class AA Awards Presentation (time is approximate) Cheer awards first, followed by dance awards. |

2. **ORDER OF COMPETITION:** The order of competition will be determined by the SDHSAA and will be followed throughout the competition. Cheer: Stunting Tumbling; Dance: Kick, 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.

3. **TEAM ENTRANCE and BUS PARKING:** Teams are to park vehicles in the Staff Parking Lot on the west side of Aberdeen Central High School – please stay as far south in this lot as possible. Team entrance will be Door B which is located at the end of the sidewalk on the south side of the Golden Eagles Arena. Please do not park on the east side of the school – that area is for spectators parking.

4. **PRACTICE SESSIONS:** Practice times for participating schools will be scheduled for the arena the day of competition. 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. Please be considerate of the volume of your music while practicing. If you would like to switch practice times with a team, please confirm with the team and then email jo.auch@sdhsaa.com of the confirmed change.

Practice times will be schedules as follows:

Class A – Friday – 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Class AA – Saturday – 7:30 – 9:45 a.m.

5. **TEAM SEATING:** Teams will be seated in the east bleacher section of the Golden Eagles Arena or on the bleachers in the Auxiliary Gym which is located across from the locker rooms on the north end of the Athletic Hallway. All equipment must be stored in the Auxiliary Gym. The seating within the Arena is reserved for spectators with the exception of the eastside bleacher seating for athletes.

6. **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 once in the on-deck area. Any safety violations will result in a deduction for each occurrence from the team score.
7. **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 coach 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 fan seating areas. There will be a 10 point team deduction for not being in the designated areas during the team’s performance.
8. **MUSIC:** Performance music (ipod, mp3, etc.) must be furnished by the participating schools, be production-quality, and be well labeled. Each school should designate a person/coach for playing your music for your routine during competition. Schools must have backup music available. Teams should test their music during the practice times for each class. NO CD’S.
9. **TEAM WARM UP:** Team warm ups will take place in the auxiliary gym in an “order of competition” format. Each team will get 4 minutes on the mat/performing area approximately 15-20 minutes prior to competition. They will then move to the “in the hole”, “on deck”, and “now performing” phase of competition.
10. **DANCE BOUNDARIES:** Dance boundaries will be marked with **WHITE TAPE**.
11. **DRESSING ROOM/LOCKER ASSIGNMENTS:** Please do not bring valuables with you. Dressing areas will be in one of the locker rooms. They will be assigned.
12. **TEAM EXPENSES** – Each school shall pay the entire expense of the contestants at the State Championship per their local school policy. Schools will receive partial reimbursement by the SDHSAA.
13. **TEAM REIMBURSEMENT** - Team expenses for cheer and dance will follow the same formula as track & field, wrestling, and gymnastics. That is mileage reimbursement will be made on a graduated basis starting at a minimum base of 6 cents per round trip mile up to a maximum of 42 cents. The mileage scale will be based on the number of contestants who actually compete plus one head coach. The mileage formula is outlined in the general section of the handbook. An additional allowance of \$5.00 for a one day meet will also be paid for each contestant who actually competes. This payment will also be given to the coach. Coaches will be asked to sign the expense statement at the coach meeting on Friday (Class A) or Saturday (Class AA). If you do not sign the voucher for reimbursement, your school will not be reimbursed.
14. **HOUSING** - Each school is responsible for taking care of housing during the State Meet if necessary.
15. **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.
16. **NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY-** Please inform your spectators and fans there is to be NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY at the event.
17. **AWARDS** – Award presentations will follow the completion of 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; Kick, Hip Hop, Jazz and Pom.
 - 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 1st- 2nd place trophy and medals.
- c. 9-12 schools competing – award 1st - 3rd place plaque and medals.
- d. 13 or more schools competing – award 1st- 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 amount 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 still 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 the purpose of 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 three 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 2nd highest score, regardless of category, will be used if a tie remains.
- c. The 3rd highest score, regardless of category, will be used if a tie remains.

- Awards for the Class “A” competition will follow the completion of their competition at approximately 8:30 p.m. on Friday evening.
- Awards will be presented to Class “AA” Cheer and Dance Teams following the “AA” competition at approximately 4:00 p.m. on Saturday evening.
- Teams are reminded to be in proper uniform for the awards ceremony and reminded to practice good sportsmanship.

18. COMPETITION DVD – Competition DVD’s of the event may be purchased through South Dakota Public Broadcasting. DVD’s will include all performances and awards ceremonies.

19. 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, bus driver, and trainer (if applicable) will be found in the team packet at check-in.

20. TICKET PRICES: Adult - \$12.00 Student - \$7.00 (Single session prices)

21. 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 as long as 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.