



January 11, 2011

Dear DCCA Members,

The **Delaware Cheerleading Coaches Association** (DCCA) is proud to announce our 15th **Annual Delaware State Cheerleading Championships**. We cordially invite you to attend the competition held on Sunday, February 27, 2011, at the University of Delaware's Bob Carpenter Center in Newark, Delaware. Keep in mind that to compete in the State Championship Competition, you must be a current member of the Delaware Cheerleading Coaches Association and must have competed at a minimum of two Qualifier Competitions having paid DCCA dues **prior** to these Qualifiers. Please see the enclosed document for fees, event schedule, Registration and release forms, etc. Should you need further assistance, please contact any DCCA Board member at [www.decheercoaches.com](http://www.decheercoaches.com). The competition will be divided into the divisions listed on the "Divisions, Rules and Regulations" form. Trophies will be awarded based on the number of teams in each division. Please read and follow the enclosed instructions carefully. Each participant is required to bring a release form signed by a parent or guardian. You can use **either** the group liability form or the individual form. Forms can be duplicated but the coaches signature must be original for each event. All release forms must be turned in before the team may compete. A list of Qualifier Competitions is below:

Coastal Magic	January 9, 2011
St. Marks High School	January 22-23, 2011
Top Flight All Stars	January 30, 2011
Christiana High School	February 6, 2011
Dover High School	February 12, 2011
Tri-State CheerNastics	February 19 & 20, 2011

The registration fee is \$125 per team. Registration includes entrance for two coaches per team whose DCCA dues have been paid. Additional coaches will be admitted at \$15 per coach. All fees for registration are nonrefundable. Please make checks payable to "DCCA". Fill out and mail the registration form to:

DCCA State Championship Registration  
P.O. Box 642  
Milford, DE 19963

The deadline for all registration and payments is **February 15, 2011**. A \$50 late fee will be charged for teams who register after this date.

The Bob Carpenter Center will be selling concessions throughout the day as well as vendors.

#### **Admission prices (No Exchanges or Refunds)**

**\*\*Notice, ANY tickets that your organization purchases and does not sell - will not be refunded \*\***

Advanced Ticket Sales	At Door Ticket Sales
\$12.00 per person	\$ 15.00 per person
\$ 8 .00 per student	\$ 8.00 per student
\$ 5.00 per senior over age 65	\$ 5.00 per senior over age 65
Children under 5 years – Free	Children under 5 years - Free



### **Deadlines to Remember**

Program Ads - February 18, 2011  
Team Registrations - February 15, 2011  
Advanced Ticket Sales - February 15, 2010

### **Participants**

Coaches must maintain proof of grade or age documentation for their cheerleaders. The age or grade of a cheerleader for the season will be their age or grade as of August 31, 2010. If a coach wishes to challenge another cheerleader's age or grade, the challenging coach must submit the challenge in writing accompanied by a payment of \$150.00 for each challenge to the Host Qualifier (or DCCA if the challenge occurs at the State Competition.) Challenges will be accepted before, during or after the competition. The coach who has been challenged is required to submit verification of grade or age within 3 days of receiving notice of the challenge. If, after reviewing proof of grade or age, the challenge is upheld, the \$150.00 payment will be returned to the challenging coach. If, based on proof of grade or age, the challenge is not upheld, the \$150.00 payment will be retained by the Host Qualifier (or DCCA.) Any falsification of grade or age may result in disqualification from the Qualifier or loss of Title from the States. Please see the attached form for registration.

To compete at the DCCA State Championship a Delaware team must have participated at two DCCA approved Qualifiers. In order for a team to receive credit for attending a DCCA Qualifier, the participating team must have paid their DCCA dues prior to performing at a DCCA Qualifier. Any team of a Host or Co-Host of a DCCA approved Qualifier may participate at their own Qualifier but they must participate at two additional DCCA approved Qualifiers in order to compete at the DCCA State Championship.

A team roster must be filled out and submitted along with a check by **February 15, 2011**. School teams including CYM, High, Middle/Junior High and Elementary Schools must provide the **grades (1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)** of all athletes participating on the roster and have an administrator sign the team roster for accuracy.

All-Stars, Dance, and Recreational teams must provide **ages** of all athletes participating on the roster and maintain copies of Birth Certificates, Passports.

Recreational, Elementary, Middle/Junior High, and High School teams cannot compete in the All-Star category.

Liability Forms may be submitted as either an individual form for each participant or as a single group form for each team. Either style can be submitted provided each form has an original signature of the coach.

### **Spectators**

Spectators will be allowed to videotape a routine provided they use hand held cameras, remain in the stands and do not block the view of other spectators or interfere with the tournament.



## **Sportsmanship**

Delaware Cheerleading Coaches Association believes that good sportsmanship is essential at every DCCA event. Any participant, coach or spectator displaying un-sportsmanlike conduct during any DCCA event may subject the team to a severe Sportsmanship penalty. This Sportsmanship clause is in effect from the time of arrival until the time of departure for each event. This includes, but is not limited to, arrogant, aggressive, suggestive or lewd facial expressions, hand gestures or body movements towards any member of another team or organization. T-Shirts must not have inappropriate words, slogans, or pictures relating to any member of another team or organization. No team, team member or coach should negatively talk about another team or organization. Any DCCA Coach can report un-sportsmanlike conduct by other participants or coaches to any DCCA Board of Director at the State Competition. The DCCA Board of Directors will review every report and will render a decision that may include a penalty not to exceed 25 points. The penalty points will be deducted from the team's composite Competition score. If the Un-sportsmanlike event occurs after the awards ceremony, the DCCA Board of Directors will review the report and render a final decision. If, in the opinion of the DCCA Board of Directors, an un-sportsmanlike conduct occurred after the awards ceremony, it will publish the revised scores including the penalty on the DCCA website.

## **Judges**

All DCCA State Qualifying events must have a minimum of three technical judges viewing routines from the front and one safety judge. Commentary judging is welcomed.

- Qualifications: All judges must be currently unaffiliated with any participating squad in the division they are judging.
- School/Recreational division judges must have experience with a major cheer company.
- All-Star Judges must have previous experience judging at a USASF Tier one, two or three competition company.
- Bios should be submitted to the host qualifier and the State Competition and be available in writing for publication.

The Safety judges must be USASF certified through level 5 to be hired at any DCCA event for the All-Star division and must also meet the above requirements for judges.

The technical judges can only judge 2 DCCA Qualifiers in a competition season. Those same judges are ineligible to judge the DCCA State Championships. The DCCA State Championship judges must not have judged any qualifiers in the same competition season in which they are judging states. DCCA State Championship judges may not judge the State Championships in two consecutive years.

The safety judges can judge an “unlimited” number of DCCA Competitions.

All decisions by the judges are final

## **Scoring & Awards**

The Delaware State Championship will utilize the DCCA Scoring Rubric System that has been approved for the 2010-11 Competition seasons and used at all Qualifiers. You can find copies of the score sheets and the rubric on our website at [www.decheercoaches.com](http://www.decheercoaches.com).

Scores will be calculated as follows:

- Each judge's score sheet will be totaled.
- The total of all judges' score sheets (excluding the safety judge) will be calculated.
- Any safety or timing penalties will be subtracted from the combined total of all judges' score sheets to determine the final score. Any team competing in a division with only one (1) team, will compete against a set score for a First Place trophy. This score is 70% of their session's highest score.
- If the team does not beat the score, they will be awarded a Second Place trophy. The sessions are broken down as:
  - Recreational, Elementary, Middle School, Junior High
  - CYM
  - All High School Divisions
  - All Star divisions will be grouped by level (1....6) Into separate sessions
  - Dance teams
  - College Teams
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- Any team charged with a Major Safety Violation will be advised by the safety judge of the infraction.



## *15<sup>th</sup> Annual State Cheerleading Championship*

### *Program Ads*

Would you like to wish your cheerleaders good luck at States!!  
You can purchase an individual ad or advertise your business here.

#### Advertisement Form

Business/Cheerleader Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheerleading Team (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to purchase an advertisement (circle choice):

Program Book	
Full Page	\$125.00
Half Page	\$85.00
Quarter Page	\$45.00
Business Card	\$30.00
Patron Line (up to 10 words)	\$10.00
Inside of Front Cover	\$160.00 (1 <sup>st</sup> come 1 <sup>st</sup> serve basis)
Inside of Back Cover	\$160.00 (1 <sup>st</sup> come 1 <sup>st</sup> serve basis)
Outside of Back Cover	\$185.00 (1 <sup>st</sup> come 1 <sup>st</sup> serve basis)

\*\* Any professionally taken photos that are submitted for the program must have a signed release form from the photographer stating we are permitted to print it. We will not print a photo without their consent!!

All submissions must be **emailed** to Missy Keane at [mrskeane@verizon.net](mailto:mrskeane@verizon.net) no later than **February 18, 2011**. To meet production deadlines, we will not accept any ad submissions past this date.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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### *Advance Ticket Sales Form*

All tickets will be mailed directly to the coach

**ONLY (1) FORM PER TEAM/PROGRAM IS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR TICKETS**

*This form must be submitted by a coach (not a parent)*

Team/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Coaches Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Coach Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of Tickets	Number of Tickets	Total Amount Due
\$12.00 - Adult		
\$ 8.00 – Child Under Age 5		
\$ 5.00 – Seniors Over Age 65		
<b>Grand Total</b>		

All forms and money must be made payable to DCCA and mailed no later than **February 15, 2011** to:

DCCA  
Attn: Advanced Ticket Sales  
PO Box 642  
Milford, DE 19963

*Notice: Any organization that purchases tickets and is unable to sell those tickets, will not receive a refund for the tickets they purchased and were unable to sell.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2



<u><b>Recreational</b></u>	<u><b>CYM</b></u>	<u><b>School</b></u>	<u><b>All-Stars</b></u>	<u><b>Dance Team</b></u>	<u><b>Collegiate</b></u>
8 years & under	CYM JV	Elementary	See next page for Divisions	All-Star and Dance Company:	All-Girl
10 years & under	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grades	1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grades		Jazz, Pom & Hip Hop	20 or less members and one (1) mascot
12 years & under	CYM Comb.	Small Middle/ Junior High		Tiny: 5 yrs & Younger	Co-ed
14 years & under	4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15 members or less</li> <li>5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades</li> </ul>		Mini: 8 yrs & Younger	2 or more males
16 years & under	CYM Varsity	Large Middle/ Junior High <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16-25 members</li> </ul>		Youth: 11 yrs & Younger	
18 years & under	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades</li> </ul>		Junior: 14 yrs & Younger	
		Freshman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9<sup>th</sup> grade only</li> </ul>		Senior: 18yrs & Younger	
		Up to 25 members			
		Small Junior Varsity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15 members or less</li> <li>9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grades</li> </ul>		Open: 14 yrs & Older	
		Large Junior Varsity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16-25 members</li> <li>9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grades</li> </ul>		School Dance: Jazz, Pom & Hip Hop	
		Small Varsity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15 members or less</li> <li>9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades</li> </ul>		Middle/Junior High	
		Large Varsity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16-25 members</li> <li>9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades</li> </ul>		High School	
		Small Coed Varsity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 -3 males</li> <li>9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades</li> </ul>			
		Up to 25 members			
		Large Coed Varsity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 or more males</li> <li>9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades</li> </ul>			
		Up to 25 members			



## USASF/IASF All-Star Cheer Divisions for 2010-2011

USASF/IASF All-Star Cheer Divisions for 2010-2011				
Cheer Divisions	Age	Female/Male	Number on Squad	Levels
<b>Tiny Cheer</b>				
Tiny	• 5 yrs & Younger	• Female/Male	• 5 - 36 Members	1
<b>Mini Cheer</b>				
Mini	• 8 yrs & Younger	• Female/Male	• 5 - 36 Members	1, 2, 3
<b>Youth Cheer</b>				
Youth	• 11 yrs & Younger	• Female/Male	• 5 - 36 Members	1,2,3,4,5
<b>Junior Cheer</b>				
Junior	• 14 yrs & Younger	• Female/Male	• 5 - 36 Members	1, 2
Junior	• 14 yrs & Younger	• No Males	• 5 - 36 Members	3, 4, 5
Junior Co-Ed	• 14 yrs & Younger	• 1 or more Males	• 5 - 36 Members	3, 4, 5
<b>Senior Cheer</b>				
Senior Open* (See Special Tumbling Restrictions Below)	• 18 yrs & Younger	• Limit 0 - 4 Males	• 5 - 36 Members	5
Senior	• 18 yrs & Younger	• Female/Male	• 5 - 36 Members	1, 2
Senior	• 18 yrs & Younger	• No Males	• 5 - 36 Members	3, 4
Senior Co-Ed	• 18 yrs & Younger	• 1 or more Males	• 5 - 36 Members	3, 4
Senior	• 18 yrs & Younger	• Female/Male	• 5 - 36 Members	4.2
Senior	• 12 yrs – 18 yrs	• No Males	• 5 - 36 Members	5
Senior Limited Co-Ed	• 12 yrs – 18 yrs	• 1 - 4 Males	• 5 - 36 Members	5
Senior Semi-Limited Co-Ed	• 12 yrs – 18 yrs	• 5 - 12 Males	• 5 - 36 Members	5
Senior Unlimited Co-Ed	• 12 yrs – 18 yrs	• 5 or more Males	• 5 - 36 Members	5
<b>International Open Cheer</b>				
International Open	• 14 yrs & Older	• No Males	• 5 - 24 Members	5
International Open Co-Ed	• 14 yrs & Older	• 1 - 12 Males	• 5 - 24 Members	5
<b>Special Needs Cheer</b>				
Special Needs	• Any Age	• Female/Male	• Unlimited	N/A
<b>Open Cheer</b>				
Open	• 17 yrs & Older	• No Males	• 5 - 24 Members	6
Open Co-Ed	• 17 yrs & Older	• 1 or more Males	• 5 - 24 Members	6



## ***Recreational, CYM, Elementary, Middle, Junior High School & High School Cheer/Dance Rules & Regulations***

**The 2010-2011 Spirit Rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) will be followed.**

- CYM will follow NFHS guidelines as modified by AACCA and by the CYM of the Diocese of Wilmington.
- Elementary, Middle and Junior High Schools will follow NFHS guidelines as modified by AACCA.
- High Schools will follow NFHS guidelines.
- Failure to follow those rules will result in safety violations and possible disqualification.

### **Timing & Penalties:**

- Routines must be no more than two and one half minutes. Music is permitted no longer than one minute and thirty seconds. The timing shall begin at the first word, motion, or note of music.
- Two (2) points maximum, per routine, will be deducted from the total combined score if your squad goes two (2) or more seconds over the time limit for music or total routine. (See safety score sheets)

## ***All\*Star Cheer/Dance Competitive Rules & Regulations***

### **All-Star Cheer/Dance Divisions:**

- Every All\*Star Cheer/Dance team will follow the **USASF** guidelines regarding divisions and level. Details may be found at [www.usasf.net](http://www.usasf.net).
- USASF rules, levels and divisions may change each year so please visit the website for divisions, levels and instructions on how to combine divisions.
- Failure to follow those rules will result in safety violations and possible disqualification.

### **Timing & Penalties:**

- Routines must be no more than two and one half minutes. All\*Star squads **only** may use music for all or part of the two and one half minutes. The timing shall begin at the first word, motion, or note of music.
- Two (2) points maximum, per routine, will be deducted from the total combined score if your squad goes two (2) or more seconds over the time limit for music or total routine. (See safety score sheets)

## ***Collegiate Rules & Regulations***

### **Collegiate Divisions:**

All Collegiate levels must follow UCA Collegiate rules, and will use the DCCA School Score Sheets.  
See website UCA website for the collegiate rules- [www.varsity.com](http://www.varsity.com).

### **Timing & Penalties:**

- Routines must be no more than two and one half minutes. Routines must include one (1) cheer or sideline chant. Music is permitted no longer than one minute and thirty seconds. The timing shall begin at the first word, motion, or note of music.
- Two (2) points maximum, per routine, will be deducted from the total combined score if your squad goes two (2) or more seconds over the time limit for music or total routine. (See safety score sheets)

***\*\*DCCA host sponsors reserve the right to add/combine divisions in order to create a fair yet competitive competition.***



## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual DCCA State Championship Registration Form

Team Name/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Colors: \_\_\_\_\_ Mascot: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Team Information

**PLEASE LIST EACH CHEERLEADER'S INFORMATION IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.**

**(Please note the total number of Males: \_\_\_\_\_ total number of Females: \_\_\_\_\_)**

Name: _____	Grade/Age _____	Name: _____	Grade/Age _____
1. _____		16. _____	
2. _____		17. _____	
3. _____		18. _____	
4. _____		19. _____	
5. _____		20. _____	
6. _____		21. _____	
7. _____		22. _____	
8. _____		23. _____	
9. _____		24. _____	
10. _____		25. _____	
11. _____		26. _____	
12. _____		27. _____	
13. _____		28. _____	
14. _____		29. _____	
15. _____		30. _____	

My signature on this page indicates that I fully understand the nature of the competition being offered, may involve certain risks to my squad members. In light of this I do hereby fully release and discharge DCCA and the DCCA Host/Sponsor's coaching staff and volunteers from any liability for damages occurring as a result of any accident or injury which may occur while participating in this event.

Signature of Coach/Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Group Liability Form

**This Form may be used in lieu of individual Liability Forms. Copies will be accepted provided the coach's signature is original on each form**

Team: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Level: \_\_\_\_\_

My daughter/son has permission to participate in the State Qualifier hosted by **Christiana High School Cheerleading**. I acknowledge, understand and agree that in taking part in this competition and related activities that there is a possibility of physical illness or injury and that the participant is assuming the risk of such illness or injury by participating. I give my permission to this competition, it's coaches and any volunteers to take the necessary measures for my child to receive medical attention in case of injury. As a condition for my daughter's/son's participation, I have agreed to release the venue, coaches and all other parties concerned from any personal injury, theft and/or damages to my child or property and I understand that the venue, coaches and all other parties concerned will not be held responsible by me for the above.

**I certify that I have medical insurance on my child that will provide coverage while she/he participates in our events**

Participant Name	Age	Birth Date	Emergency Contact Person	Contact Phone #	Parent Signature	Date
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Please duplicate this form as necessary if you have more members

Coaches Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



### ***Parent/Guardian Consent and Liability***

My daughter/son has my permission to participate in the DCCA competition known as the **15<sup>th</sup> Annual DCCA State Championship Cheerleading Competition**

I acknowledge and understand and agree that in taking part in this competition and related activities that there is a possibility of physical illness or injury and that the participant is assuming the risk of such illness or injury by participating.

I give my permission to this competition, its coaches and any volunteers to take the necessary measures for my child to receive medical attention in case of any injury.

As a condition for my daughter's/son's participation, I have agreed to release the school, coaches and all other parties concerned from any personal injury, theft and/or damages to my child or property, and I understand that the venue, coaches and all other parties concerned will not be held responsible by me for the above.

**THIS FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT BEING SIGNED BY THE PARTICIPANT, THE PARENT/GUARDIAN AND COACH.**

Team/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_