WHSAA STATE SPIRIT COMPETITION
Wednesday, March 8, 2017
Casper Events Center

COMPETITION INFORMATION

Time Schedule: 10:00 – 1:00 p.m. – **New this year:** A schedule for marking floor positioning will be established based on the competition schedule. The schedule will be in three minute increments. For those in more than one category, we will make every attempt to schedule your marking time as concurrently as possible. Should you choose to not want to mark your floor positioning during your assigned time, a 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. timeframe will be available on a first come, first served basis. Please let the WHSAA know if you are not planning on using your scheduled time so we can adjust the time schedule. No teams will be allowed on the floor after 1:00 p.m., whether you have marked or not.

Coaches (only) will be allowed to check their music beginning at **9:30 a.m.** This will be done on a first come, first served basis.

No teams will be allowed in the Events Center until 9:30 a.m. and must be properly supervised by an adult at all times.

1:00 p.m. – Coaches Meeting (Summit Room)

1:30 p.m. – Judges Meeting

2:30 p.m. – Competition begins

Admission:

Reserved Seating:	**$10.00 Adults, $8.00 Students –**	**Lower Sections A – G**
	$8.00 Adults, $6.00 Students –	**Upper Sections B – G (First seven rows)**
General Admission:	$5.00 Adults, $4.00 Students	

Online and phone tickets are non-refundable and will be assessed an additional $3 per ticket handling fee.

Tickets will be available **online only** via the Casper Events Center website (www.caspereventscenter.com) or the link on the WHSAA website (www.whsaa.org) beginning Wednesday, **February 15th at 12:00 noon.** There will be a **20 ticket limit** per purchase.

Beginning on Thursday, February 16th, tickets may be purchased online, by calling the Casper Events Center ticket office (307-577-3030 or 1-800-442-2256), or at the Casper Events Center ticket office.

Reserved seating is in Sections A – G, lower level and in the first 7 rows of Sections B – G upper level. Please refer to the enclosed seating map when purchasing reserved tickets. (i.e. Sections C and D are best viewing for the mat side, Sections F & G are best viewing for the floor side).

Tickets may be purchased on the day of the event at the Casper Events Center ticket office at 11:30 a.m. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m.

Program: The WHSAA will be putting together a program for the competition. **Please see the attached instruction for uploading your team photo (high resolution jpeg format) and picture identification form to the WHSAA server. Include your school's name in the title of your file (i.e. CokevilleDance.jpg).** Please send only one cheer picture and one dance picture per school. If you are entered in more than 1 cheer or dance category, please combine your participants into one photo. **Please submit your photos and picture identification by February 20, 2017.** Any photos received after the deadline will not be included in the program.

Awards: Girls Cheer Stunt: 3A – three trophies, 4A – four trophies
Non-Stunt: 2A – two trophies, 3A – four trophies, 4A – four trophies
Co-ed Stunt: three trophies
Hip Hop Dance: 3A – one trophies, 4A – four trophies
Jazz Dance: 3A – three trophies, 4A – three trophies

Judges: Have been contracted through national cheer organizations (UCA and NCA) and dance judging competitions. Technical Judges will be used for both cheer and dance. There will be a tech judge in the warm-up area to assist with questions.

Videotaping: The video rights of the WHSAA State Spirit Competition rest solely with the WHSAA and the NFHS Network. Videos will be available for purchase on site. The WHSAA requests that you only tape your own squad. No tripods will be allowed in the spectator seating, and any spectator blocking the view of others will be asked to discontinue taping.

Photos: Group pictures will be **PRIOR TO** each performance. Lifetouch Photographers will be responsible for all photos.

T-Shirts: T-shirts and other merchandise will be available the day of the competition from Fine Designs. **ALL orders and sales are final.** You may design a custom shirt at the event or online through the WHSAA website (www.whsaa.org).

Lost Items: The WHSAA and the Events Center are not responsible for lost and/or stolen items. Please make sure all personal articles are secure.

Competition Schedule: All squads have been assigned a competition time. Please refer to the enclosed competition time schedule, the warm-up time schedule and the floor marking time schedule.

The warm-up schedule has a "cheer" tab and a "dance" tab at the bottom of the page.

Entry Forms: An individual eligibility form is required for each squad. This form can be found on the WHSAA web site (**www.whsaa.org**) under "General Links" and then "Forms". The form is E27 – State Spirit Competition Eligibility Form.
Deadline: February 27, 2017.

Requirements: Sponsoring school must be enrolled in spirit as an activity as per the WHSAA Activity Enrollment Form.

Rules: The information and rules in the WHSAA Handbook under Spirit 8.0.5 and the National Federation Spirit Rules Book will apply to all competition.

Sportsmanship: Please take time to talk to your squad and parents/fans about your expectations of their behavior and conduct. Good sportsmanship is viewed by the WHSAA as a concrete measure of a group's understanding and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity. Spirit squads, more than any other activity, can directly influence the behavior of others. It is important the spirit coach, captain and total squad be aware of the sportsmanship guidelines in the National Federation Spirit Rules Book.

This event does not have a hospitality room for coaches or bus drivers.

Attachments:
Competition time schedule
Warm-up time schedule (Note: "Floor Side" tab and "Mat Side" tab at bottom of page.)
Floor Marking time schedule
Map of competition and warm-up sites
Photo and Picture Identification Upload Instructions
Photo Identification Form
Music Submission Form
Judging Forms

Please review the enclosed Information pertaining to the State Spirit Competition.

Each school must submit a <u>copy</u> of their <u>copyright license</u> for each performance in order to participate. Please send this to the WHSAA office <u>prior</u> to the competition.

General Competition Information for all Spirit Teams

All information and rules in the WHSAA Handbook under Spirit 8.0.5 and the National Federation Spirit Rules Book will apply to all competition.

Squad Size
There is a 22 participant squad size limit in all divisions. Each school will be allowed one team per category.

Time Limit
Each squad will have two and one-half minutes to perform. Time of the performance begins at the first sound of music or when the captain or member of the squad begins the first word of a cheer, chant or dance. There will be a 5 point deduction for going over the allotted time.

State Competition Music
Each school **must** e-mail their music to Brent Rose at kellywalshband@gmail.com by **February 24, 2017**. All schools will use the same sound system provided by the competition venue. A school representative will have the option to be at the music table during their performance. All music will be checked during the practice time. It will be the coaches responsibility to make sure the correct track is loaded for the appropriate performance.

Interruption of Performance
In the event that an injury causes the competition of a team to be interrupted, the team would be permitted to leave and regroup and perform prior to the end of the competition. The WHSAA officials do have the authority to stop your routine if an athlete appears injured.

Inappropriate Music
A two point penalty deduction per occurrence will be assessed for music that contains sexual or derogatory lyrics (judge's discretion). Removing improper language with silence or sound effects will constitute as inappropriate and deductions will be applied.

Inappropriate Moves
Inappropriate dance movement is defined as any hip movement resulting in forward hip thrusts or touching ones self in a sexual manner. A two point penalty deduction will be taken for each incident. Please consider the audience when choreographing your routine.

Hair Accessories/Glitter
Hair accessories or glitter that ends up on the competition floor will constitute a two point deduction by the technical judges. Hair devices must be secure and glitter must adhere properly as these are safety concerns.

Judge's Sheets
Technical and performance judge's sheets will be available at the competition site following the announcement of placers.

Participant Seating

All participants must sit in assigned areas on the opposite side of the spectator area so that paying spectators will be able to have an unobstructed view of the competition area. **Since there is reserved seating, no participants will be allowed in front of sections A-G.**

Participants must remain seated until the final performance is completed and the mats have been rolled up. Participants are also asked to remain seated during all performances.

Tiebreaker Procedure

If there is a tie between two or more teams in a division, the 30 point "technique" category will be used in the Dance Divisions, and the 20 point total from the Formation and Transitions and Creativity categories will be used in the Cheer Divisions to break the tie. The team with the highest score in those categories will receive the higher place.

General Cheer Information

Cheer Categories

Non Stunt Division – The participants in this division may not do partner stunts, pyramids, or lifts of any kind. Standing tumbling is allowed but limited to – Cartwheels, Front Roll, Side roll and Front walkover from a stopped position with no previous forward momentum. Poms are allowed with front/side rolls and one handed cartwheels only.

Girls Stunt – Teams with no males; may stunt, tumble, build pyramids.

Co-ed Stunt – Teams with any males will be considered a CO-ED team. The males competing on the co-ed team must have a minimum of 15 days of practice with the squad prior to the competition. Practices may only be counted after the November practice start date.

Performance Cheers

The cheer/sideline must be an appropriate and effective cheer/sideline to use at a game. The cheer/sideline must be a crowd-participation cheer/sideline. If the team is going to use a mascot name they may only use their school's mascot. EXAMPLE: May not use "Beat those Cowboys." May use "Go Cowboys." Performance cheers will not be allowed. Performance cheers are cheers that have slander directed at other schools, baiting and/or gloating. Cheers need to be positive and promote crowd involvement. Cheerleaders are strongly encouraged to use signs, poms, megaphones, etc. There will be a 5 point deduction for each inappropriate performance cheer.

Signs

See NFHS rules book. If signs are discarded they may leave the competition surface with no penalty to team. Make sure signs are not thrown, as a "flying" sign can become a safety hazard, and will result in a 5 point deduction. Signs may be placed on the mat prior to the positioning of the squad on the mat. There will be no building of stunts during an entry onto the mat.

Props

No props will be allowed at anytime during the cheer competition except for signs, poms, megaphones and flags. Props are defined as boxes, balls, hoops, banners, batons, ribbons, canes, capes, hat, etc. If you remove any articles from your costume/body and incorporate it in the routine, it becomes a prop. There is a 5 point deduction for the use of props.

Competition Spotters

Spotters will be positioned on the mat during competition. They are strictly there for safety. Stunts that require a constant spotter must be provided within the team. If you have a stunt that you feel a WHSAA/Competition spotter may interfere with during competition, please have your captain inform the spotters prior to the team's entry onto the mat.

Performing Surface

The competition area for all divisions of cheer will be 42 X 42 on the mat side and 47 X 50 on the floor side.

General Dance Information

Dance Categories

- **JAZZ –** A jazz routine incorporates stylized dance movements and combinations, formation changes, group work, leaps and turns. Emphasis is placed on proper technical execution, extension, control, body placement and team uniformity. Creative choreography will capture audience and judges' attention. Having your own "style" will distinguish your team apart from the rest. This division includes straight jazz, drill, and lyrical styles. **Hip Hop style is not allowed**.

- **HIP HOP –** Routines should include street style movements with an emphasis on execution, style, creativity, body isolations and control. This style also consists of pop and lock techniques, as well as Military/Stomping. The uniformity of all movement throughout the performance should complement the beats and rhythm of the music. Teams may also put an additional focus on incorporations such as jumps, jump variations, combo jumps, stalls and floor work. No overuse of hip thrusts or inappropriate moves. **No emphasis will be placed on jazz technique**.

All NFHS rules will be expected to be followed for both categories.

Performing Surface

The competition area for both categories will be the half court basketball markings 47 X 50.

Judging - If there are five judges, the high and low score will be dropped and the three remaining scores will be averaged. If there are four judges, the low score will be dropped and the three remaining scores will be averaged. If there are three judges, the three scores will be averaged.

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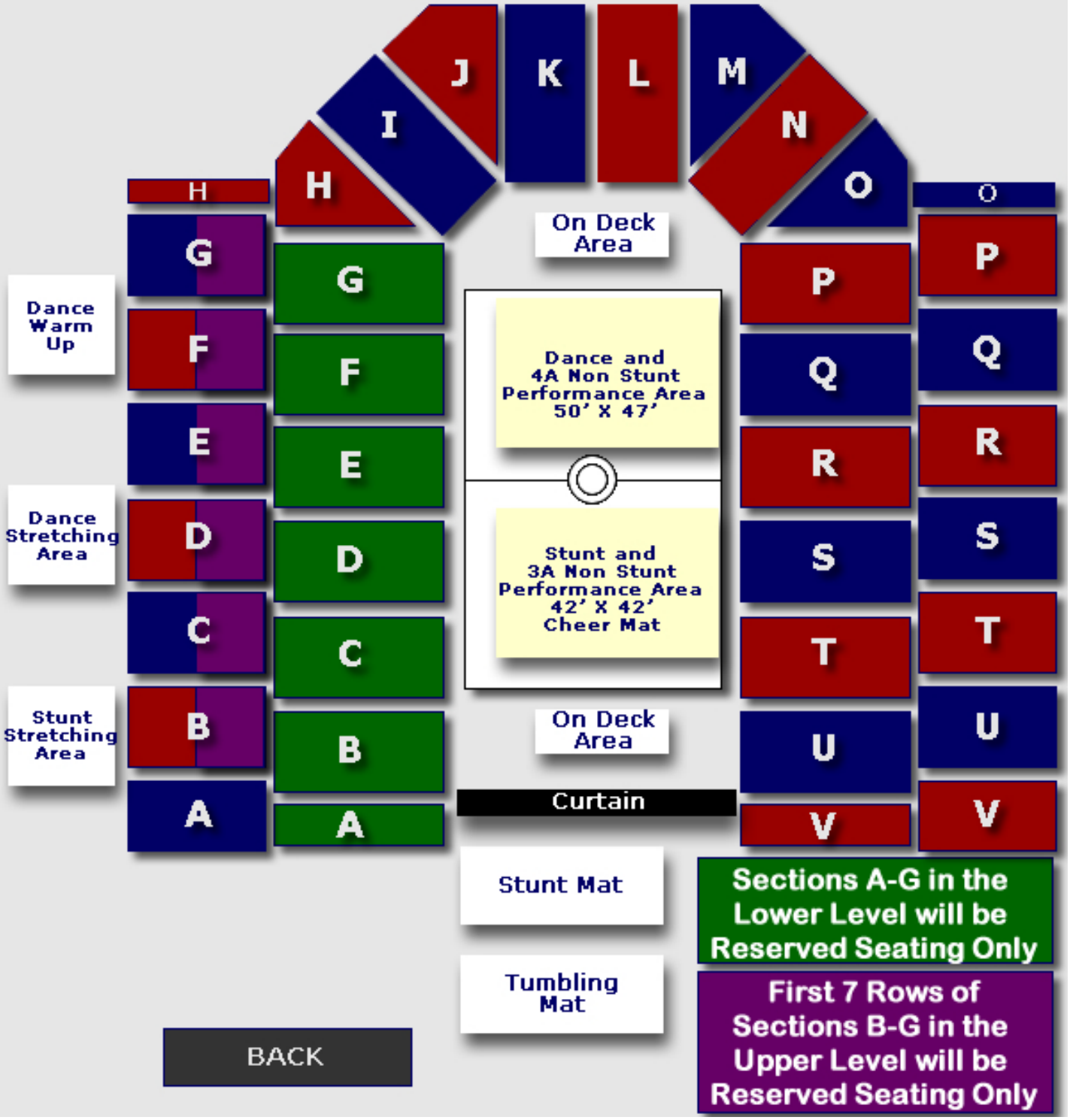
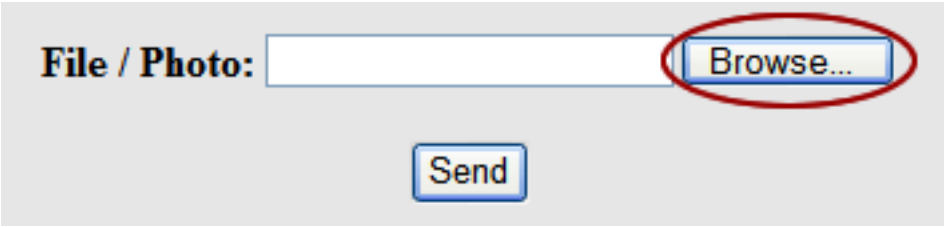


Photo and/or File Uploading Instructions

To upload roster files and/or team photos for the Regional Events or State Culminating events, go to www.whsaa.org/imageupload/login.asp
Type in the password – whsaa0708 (that's zero seven zero eight), Click Login



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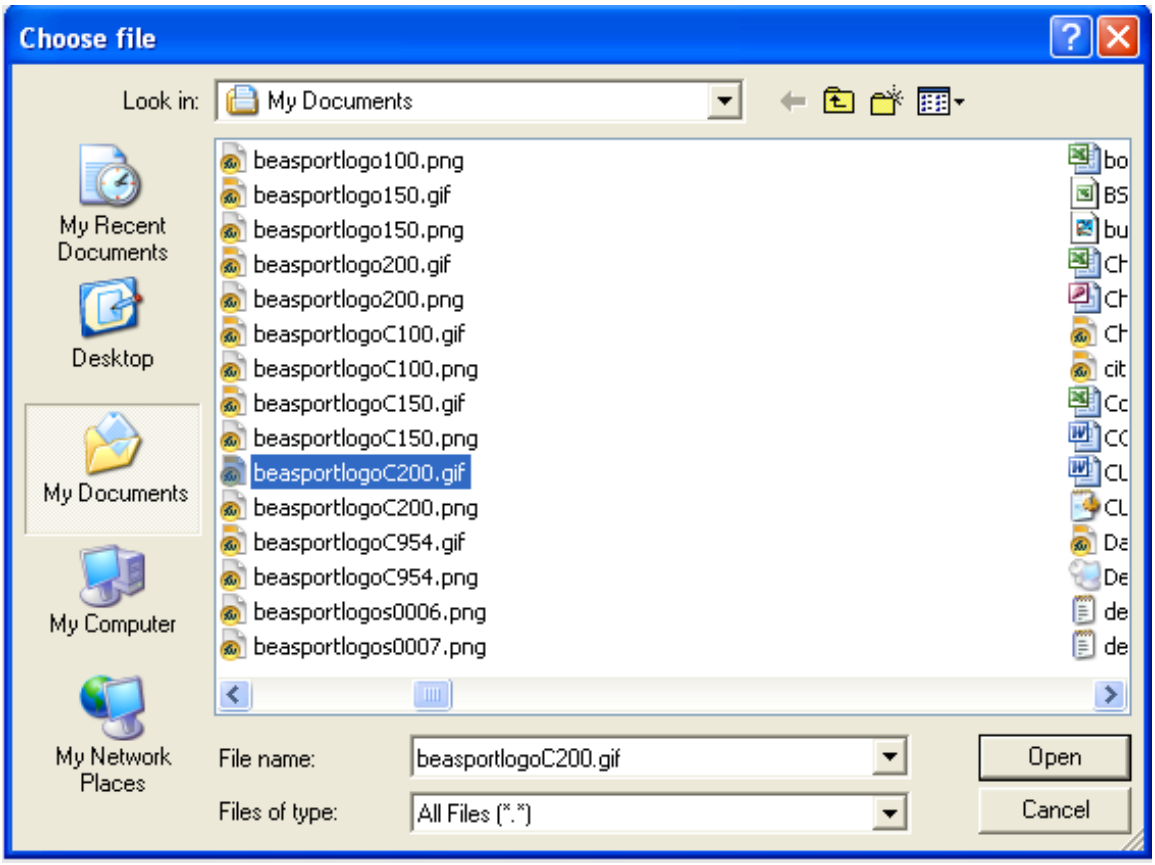

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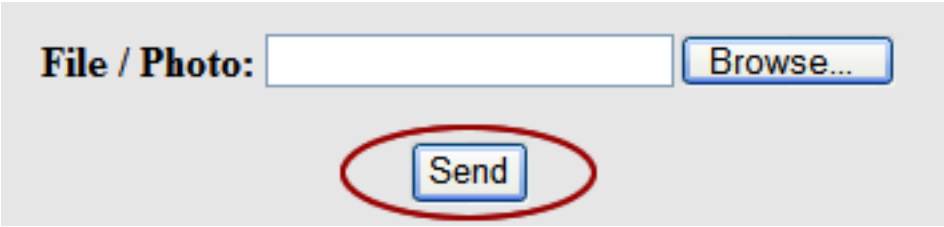

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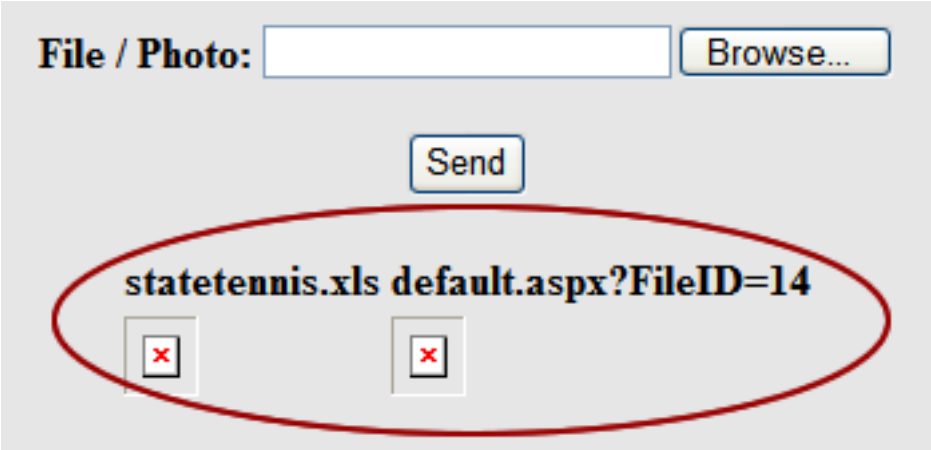

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