



GHSA GAME DAY STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

COACHES PACKET

2022



Thank you for your team's participation in the 2022 GHSA Game Day State Championships! This is the main information packet you will receive before your arrival for the Championship. Please read all the information carefully and be sure to pass along APPROPRIATE SECTIONS to all admins, parents, spectators, bus drivers, and any other group members who will be attending the event. This will help ensure that everyone is informed on all aspects of the event. Also, please continue to reference the BAND app, emails from GHSA or Varsity Spirit, and all the information on the GHSA website as most of the questions you may have can be answered by utilizing the information provided.

Comprehensive GHSA Game Day State Championship competition information including Rules, Score Sheets, Hotel Information, Spectator Ticket Information, and more can be found on the [GHSA website](#).

BAND GROUP: GHSA 2022

- Please [CLICK HERE](#) to join the official GHSA Game Day State Championships group
- ALL COACHES MUST JOIN THE BAND GROUP as event information will be communicated solely through this group once the event begins.

In this informational packet you will find information regarding:

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| • Event Check-in | • Ticket Sales |
| • General Policies & Forms | • Bus Parking & Shuttle |
| • Event & Venue Information | • Scores & Awards |
| • Performance & Practice Areas | • Maps & Extras |
| • Concessions & Dining | |



GHSA 2022

Used for notifications and updates before
and during the 2022 Event
[Scan this QR code and join!](#)

If you have any questions prior to the competition, you may contact your State Director or email one of the contacts below.

For all payment questions or changes to your registration, including the addition or reduction in numbers, please submit those changes via email to Registrations Director Nadoly Reimer using the contact information listed below.

We look forward to seeing you and your team next month in Macon!

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GHSA Game Day State Championships

MARCH 4-5, 2022

CHAMPIONSHIP LOCATION

Hawkins Arena | Mercer University
1501 Mercer University Dr.
Macon, Georgia 31207

EVENT CHECK-IN:

A representative from each team must check-in at the on-site Event Check-in prior to the start of your session. **Each division has been assigned a specific time frame for Event check-in.** Please refer to the table below for your division's assigned time. Teams must check in during their assigned session time.

The Event Check-in table will be located right inside the TEAM ENTRANCE Rollup Door. The rollup door is located on the side of the University Center building (same side that faces the parking lots). **ALL FORMS** (Links below) must be turned in at event check-in. Teams not turning these forms in will NOT be allowed to compete. Coaches will also receive their credentials (up to three coaches/school personnel). All alternates must arrive in uniform.

*As a reminder, teams are allowed **UP TO TWO** alternates and **THREE** Coaches included in your registration fee. Any additional alternates or coaches over the maximum must be added to your registration. Please do not purchase a spectator ticket for additional alternates and coaches.*

FRIDAY DANCE	
1A – 7A Dance	4:30 – 5:30 PM
SATURDAY CHEER	
MORNING SESSION	
1A/2A and 5A/6A	7:00 AM - 8:30 AM
AFTERNOON SESSION	
3A/4A and 7A	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

REQUIRED FORMS:

- **Adult & Participant Release & Waiver Form**
 - [Link to Release & Waiver Form](#)
 - ALL participants and coaches must turn in a signed and completed waiver form.
- **Proof of Music Licensing**
 - [Music Licensing Information](#)
 - You will need to show proof of purchase or licensing at check-in. See Pages 4-5 for more information.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL / ADMIN (PASS GATE)

School personnel and admin can be included in your three allotted coach/school personnel wristbands included on your registration and in the team fee. Any additional school representatives may utilize the GHSA pass gate.

Participating school Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors and Activities Directors may pick up their wristbands at the Pass Gate table located next to team check-in.

Please have a current picture ID and GHSA coaching pass to be admitted. College coaches will be admitted at this gate with their proper ID. Bus drivers should arrive at the Pass Gate and will be allowed entry with the proper credentials.

SPECTATOR TICKETS

DIGITAL TICKET PRICES	
Baby in Arms:	FREE
ALL Other Spectators:	\$12
NO PARKING FEE	

DIGITAL TICKET SALES will be available through **GoFan**. Tickets are currently available and can be found using the following link: <https://gofan.co/app/school/GHSA> The link to purchase tickets will also be posted in the BAND group.

Spectators should review ALL SPECTATOR INFORMATION prior to purchase of tickets and arrival at the venue.

DOORS OPEN TO SPECTATORS

FRIDAY DANCE
5:30 PM
SATURDAY CHEER
7:30 AM

SPECTATOR PPARKING

For handicap drop off, please refer to the spectator parking map included in this packet. You will need to drive up to the University Center building, drop off, continue around the circle drive and find parking elsewhere.

At the stop sign, turn left to continue on Stadium Drive (the Hilton Garden Inn will be on your left). Proceed to the first street on the right, University Center Drive. Turn right onto University Center Drive. Continue on University Center Drive until it ends at the parking lots of the University Center. Go straight and turn right into the driveway loop next to the parking lots. Once dropped off, return to University Center Drive and continue to the baseball parking lot or any other available lot on campus

Spectators may NOT park in the three lots right next to the University Center. However, spectators may park in any open lot in and around campus. Refer to campus map below for available parking maps.

BUS PARKING

Buses enter and drop off athletes on University Center Drive. There are three parking next to the University Center building. Please drop off athletes at the middle parking lot so that the athletes & coaches may walk straight to the rollup door for Event Check-in. Once dropped off, buses should turn left at Adams Street (Baseball field will be on your left) and park the bus in the baseball parking lot. For additional bus parking, please refer to the Bus parking map below.

Team check-in entrance is located on the side of University Center Building (nearest the middle parking lot). You will see a rollup door. This is where Team Registration Check-in is located.

(See Parking Map and bus drop off map below)

CONCESSIONS / FOOD OPTIONS

Concessions will be available on site. Both cash and card are accepted.

No outside food can be brought into the facilities. Teams may bring in their own water bottles. Both touchless water fountains and water stations will also be available.

SCHEDULE, PRACTICE & MUSIC

PERFORMANCE ORDER:

Please refer to the [GHSA Spirit website](#) for the most up-to-date schedule link. Changes to the performance order will be updated on the GHSA website and uploaded to the BAND group prior to the event. All changes and updates day of the event will only be communicated on the BAND. DANCE TEAMS ONLY, please note that there will NOT be a qualifying round of performances. DANCE teams will perform once in the State Championship Round.

Please print the order of performance prior to arrival if you wish to have a paper copy.

PERFORMANCE AREAS

All cheer teams will compete on a 42' deep x 54' wide carpeted floor (9 strips). Only soft-soled tennis shoes will be allowed on the performance surface. All warmups will take place in the **Intramural Basketball Courts (IM Courts)** located on the **Lower Level of University Center**.

Dance teams will practice and compete on basketball courts. Dance teams will also warm up in the **IM Courts**.

PRACTICE AREA

Check-in time for practice is located on the right hand of your performance order. Your practice check-in time will be approximately **20 minutes prior to your warmup** time in IM Courts. During practice, teams will have 7 minutes on the stretch mats and 7 minutes on the full floor. There are no skills allowed on the stretch mat. Practice is located in the **Intramural Basketball Courts (IM Courts)** located on the **Lower Level of University Center**. From the practice area, you will move to the "On Deck" area to prepare for your routine. **If you miss your practice time, you are NOT guaranteed another opportunity to practice in the designated area.**

Only team members and Coaches may enter the practice area. **Family members and spectators will not be admitted to the practice area.** A high-quality sound system will be provided for teams with music on mp3. Coaches need to bring their own dongle connector.

DRESSING ROOMS AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Locker rooms will NOT be available, but restrooms will be. It is expected that teams arrive game day ready and in uniform. GHSA and Varsity accepts no responsibility for lost or stolen items. We recommend that each team designate someone to keep an eye on its possessions.

DIGITAL MUSIC:

All teams will need to supply their digital music on an iPod / MP3 / iPhone / iPad or other device. **Coaches must provide their own dongle/connecting chords.** Please make sure the music is already downloaded to your music player and DO NOT attempt to stream or playing from the "cloud" or a streaming site that requires internet for the music to play. Test playing your music with AIRPLANE MODE on. Please do not bring CD's.

You will be able to plug your device directly into the sound system to play your routine music. **A coach or team representative MUST remain at the music table to push play and manage the music.** Be sure to follow these steps below prior to your performance:

- ☐ Set up a playlist for each routine
- ☐ Turn OFF any equalizer, sound check, notifications, and/or volume limit
- ☐ Turn your volume up to 100%
- ☐ If using a phone, make sure it is in airplane mode to avoid incoming calls, texts, or notifications during performance

MUSIC PROOF OF LICENSING

- Teams must be able to provide proof of licensing, in the form of a printed copy, during registration at the event they are attending. This may include:
 - Proof of purchase from a preferred provider
 - If using a single song, receipt from purchase of single song
 - All Varsity Spirit music is properly licensed. Simply show the music in your Clementune app.
 - If using an editor, the editor does not have to be a preferred provider; however, they must be able to provide you with proof of purchase from a preferred provider and proof of licensing for all sound effects and voiceovers included in the mix
 - If using a non-commercial music provider, documentation that assigns all applicable rights to the team
 - *Written permission from school if music is original to and owned by school*
 - *Compulsory licensed with written permission if using band's recording of music NOT owned by school*
- If a team does not have the required paperwork, they will be given the option to count the routine verbally.
- If a team does not have the required paperwork and chooses not to count the routine verbally or perform to the approved track of music or a track with counts, the team will be disqualified from the competition and not be allowed to perform.

SCORESHEETS, AWARDS, & PHOTO

SCORE SHEETS:

Score sheets from the **QUALIFYING ROUND** will be available 15-20 minutes AFTER your performance and may be picked up at the designated area. Score sheets from the **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP** round (**CHEER ONLY**) will be distributed to the finalist teams following completion of the awards ceremony. Please make sure to pick up your score sheets prior to your departure. Comprehensive results will be posted on the GHSA website.

To view the event overview and score sheets, please click on the below links:

- [CHEER OVERVIEW](#)
- [CHEER SCORE SHEETS](#)
- [DANCE SCORE SHEETS](#)

AWARDS:

Awards will be presented following the completion of the State Championships Round in each division. Awards will be given as follows:

- The top two teams will be awarded with a 2nd place runner-up trophy and 1st place championship trophy.
- Individual medals will be provided by GHSA to each team member and one school coach of the top two teams.
- All awards will be given at the awards ceremonies at the completion of each session.

NO TELEPHOTO/ZOOM LENSES ALLOWED:

Because we take the safety and security of our participants seriously, our policy is to protect your privacy and that of all participants. Still cameras with telephoto or zoom lenses will not be allowed during performances by unauthorized personnel/officials.

ACTION PHOTOS

[Unforgettable Moments](#) will shoot photography at GameDay Cheerleading Championships to order post event. Select photos will also be available on [GHSA Photo Gallery](#).

LIVE STREAM: Will be provided by the NFHS Network. See [GHSA website](#) for details.

SPIRIT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ON-SITE MERCHANDISE:

Merchandise will be available for purchase on-site in the upper concourse of Hawkins Arena.

Cash and credit card are accepted (No checks).

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow & tag your Instagram, Twitter, Facebook & TikTok posts to **@OfficialGHSA**

ROLL UP DOOR

TEAM CHECK-IN

JUDGES TABLE

PERFORMANCE FLOOR

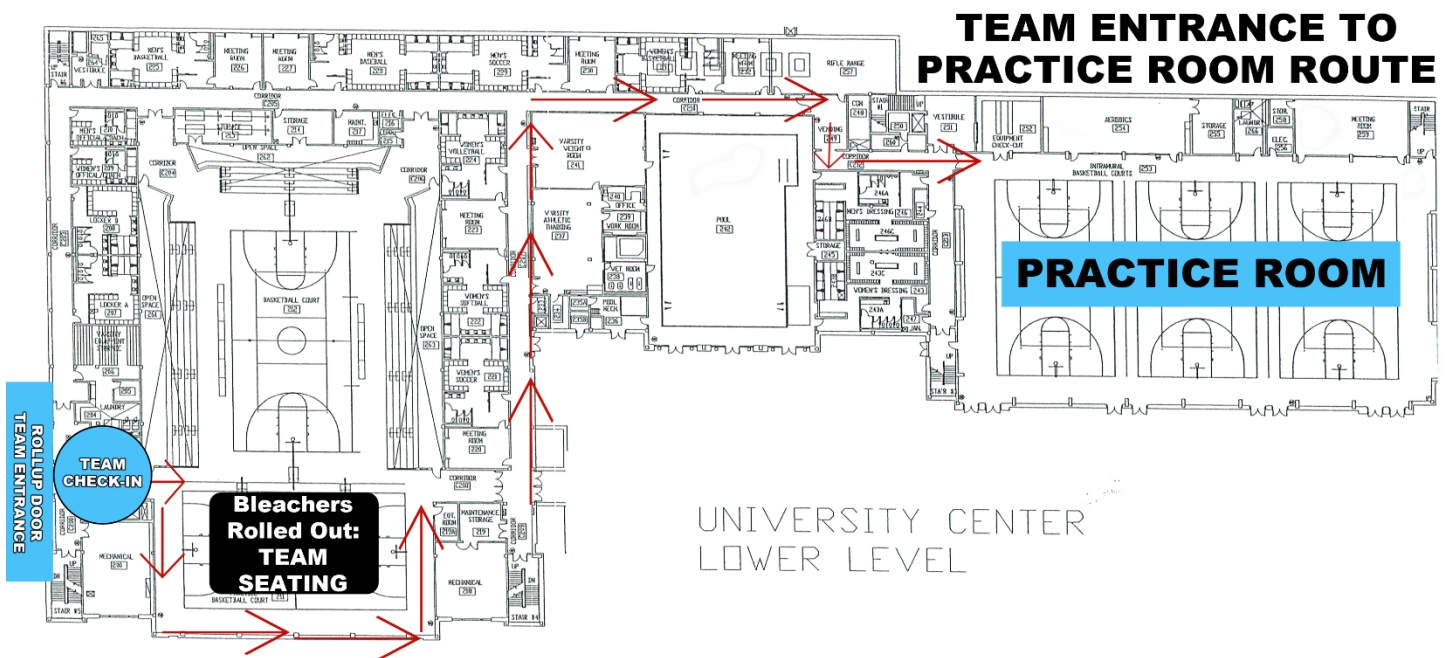
ON DECK

OFF DECK

Bleachers Rolled Out: TEAM SEATING

PRACTICE ROOM

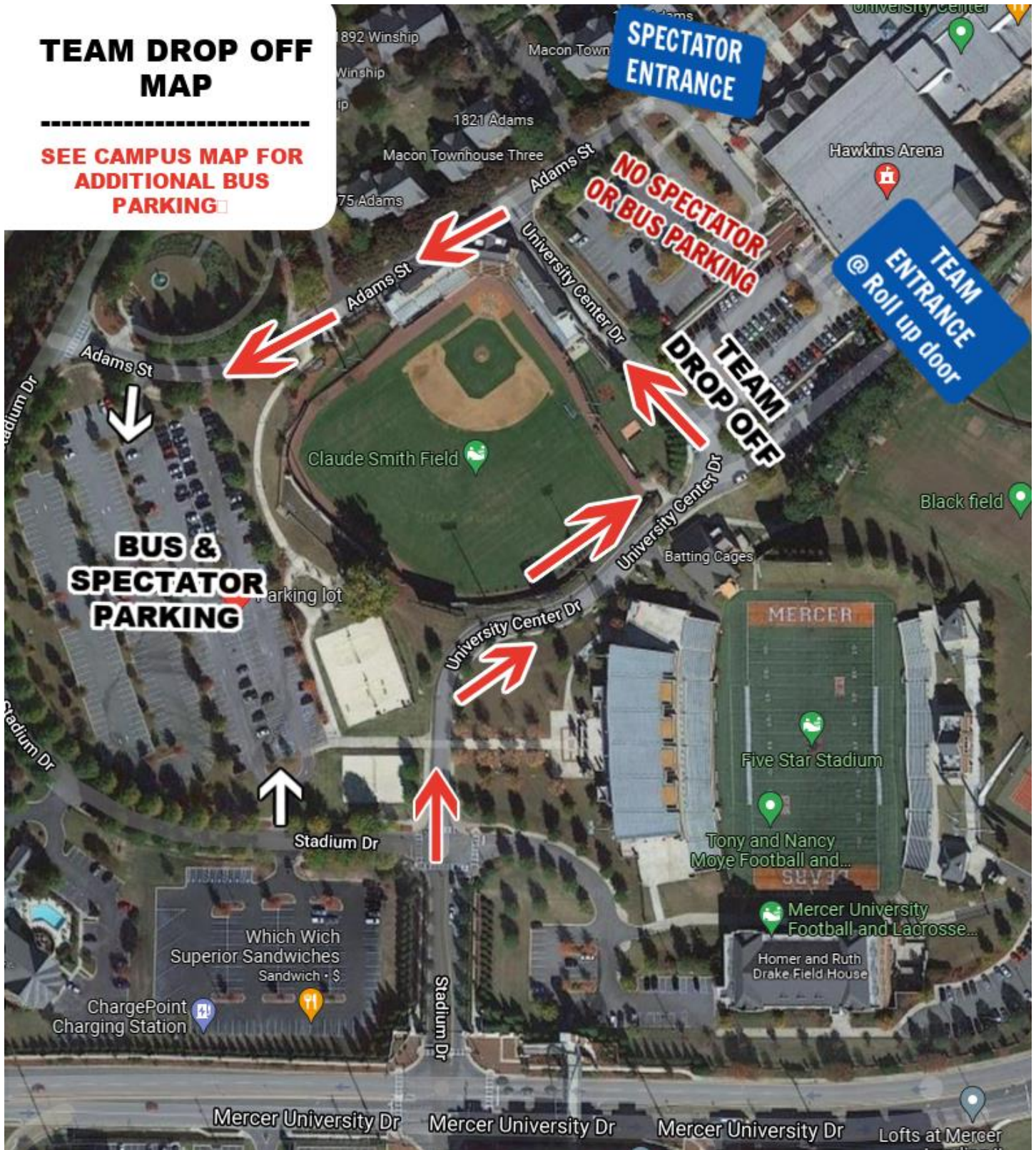
UNIVERSITY CENTER LOWER LEVEL



BUS PARKING & TEAM DROP OFF

TEAM DROP OFF MAP

SEE CAMPUS MAP FOR
ADDITIONAL BUS
PARKING





SPECTATOR & BUS PARKING

