



COACHES & SPECTATOR INFORMATION PACKET
2023 GHSA Game Day State Championships
February 24, 2023

Thank you for your team's participation in the 2023 GHSA Game Day State Championships! This is the main information packet you will receive before your arrival for the Championship. **Please read the information carefully and be sure to pass it along 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 and all the information on the GHSA website as most of the questions you may have can be answered by utilizing the information provided.**

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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:

- 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.



GHSA 2023

Information about the 2022 GHSA Game Day Championship

Scan this QR code and join!

If you have any questions prior to the competition, you may contact your State Director, Asia Chatman.

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 Seneca Reyna using the contact information listed below. **If you must cancel, please email both Seneca Reyna and Penny Pitts Mitchell.**

We look forward to seeing you and your team in Columbus!

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CHAMPIONSHIP LOCATION

Frank G. Lumpkin Jr. Center – Columbus State University
4225 University Ave, Columbus, GA 31907

TICKETS & ADMISSION

DOORS OPEN TO SPECTATORS 7:30 AM

DIGITAL TICKET PRICES	
Baby in Arms:	FREE
ALL Other Spectators:	\$15
NO PARKING FEE	

DIGITAL TICKET SALES

These are available through **GoFan**. Tickets are currently available and can be found using the following link: [GHSA Game Day Cheer & Dance Championship Tickets](#)

The link to purchase tickets was also posted in the BAND group.

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

DANCE	
1-7A	Start: 8:30 AM
CHEER	
5A/6A & 7A	Start: 9:40 AM
1A/2A & 3A/4A	Start: 3:15 PM

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.

PARKING & TEAM DROP OFF

BUS PARKING

There will be signs leading buses to enter and drop off athletes and then park in **Lot 3 and/or Lot 7**. Please drop off your team prior to parking. There will be golf carts to shuttle bus drivers to and from the Lumpkin Center. **(See map below)**

TEAM DROP OFF

There will be signage to direct busses where to drop teams off outside the Lumpkin Center. From there, busses should turn LEFT on Cougar ct. and proceed to either Lot 3 or Lot 7 to park. **(See map below)**

SPECTATOR PPARKING

Spectators may park in the [CSU Parking Garage](#) to the right of the Lumpkin Center. Parking is **FREE**. **(See parking map below)**. Spectators may NOT park in the lot 3 or 7. These lots are designated for school buses ONLY.

You may also use the [Interactive Campus Map](#) or the [Campus Map](#) to locate parking lots available on campus.

GENERAL INFORMATION

TEAM SEATING

Seating for spectators will be on the West side of the arena (Directly behind the judges stand). All teams and participant seating will be on the east side - opposite the judges stand. Once Teams Check-in (process outlined on p.4), teams may sit in the team seating area until your designated Practice Check-In time and after you compete. **See layout below.**

CONCESSIONS / FOOD OPTIONS

Concessions will be available on site. Both cash and card are accepted. Country's BBQ will be catering the concessions stand Friday. 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.

ACTION PHOTOS

[Unforgettable Moments](#) will shoot photography at Game Day 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 Lumpkins Center lobby area. **ONLY Credit Card will be accepted (No checks & No cash).**

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

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.

TEAM CHECK-IN

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. This will be in the lobby of the Lumpkin Center. 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. Registration will be located inside the lobby of the Lumpkin Center through the main entrance doors.

ALL FORMS (Linked 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.

1-7A DANCE	
7:30 AM	
CHEER	
5A/6A & 7A	8:30AM - 10:30AM
1A/2A & 3A/4A	1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

1. REGISTRATION PAYMENT

- **Payment Deadline was January 25th**
- **If you have not sent, you must do so immediately and bring a copy of your check or PO to the event to show at registration.**
- Send payment to **VARSITY SPIRIT** using the address on the top of your invoice (example pictured above), which you can access in your MyVarsity portal.
- To check the status of your payment on MyVarsity, follow the instructions [in this BAND post](#).
- If your payment has NOT been received, please contact Seneca Reyna at seneca.reyna@varsity.com



Remit Payment To:

Varsity Spirit

640 Shiloh Road, Bldg 2, Suite 200

Plano, TX 75074

(800) 622-2946

<https://www.ghsa.net/>

2. ADULT & PARTICIPANT RELEASE & WAIVER FORM:

- All participants and coaches must turn in a [signed and completed waiver form](#)
- Each coach/school personnel that you included on your registration (UP TO 3) must also turn in a completed waiver form.

3. PROOF OF MUSIC LICENSING

- Please refer to the [GHSA Game Day Rules & Regulations](#) for additional Music Guidelines (**Page 2-3**)
- Teams must be able to provide proof of licensing, in the form of a printed copy, during registration at the event. This may include:
 - **Clementune** – Provide team's invoice from camp.
 - **Authorized Provider (iTunes, Amazon, etc.)** – Provide screenshot of the song you are using from your purchased playlist.
 - **Music Provider** – Provide a printed copy of proof of licensing.

- **Recording of your school's original fight song** – A letter granting permission for the cheer or dance team to use the fight song on school letterhead is enough. It should be signed by your program's administrative supervisor.
- **Recorded Band Music playing a SINGLE Musical Composition** -
 - If your school band has recorded a song for your team to utilize during competition, you will need to show a Compulsory License or Mechanical License that allows you to use the recording.
 - If your Band Director cannot provide this for you, please follow the instructions on the [Quick and Easy Licensing Agreement](#).
- If a team does not have the required paperwork, they will be given the option to count the routine verbally or perform to an approved track of music or a track with counts.
- 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.

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

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.

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. Dance teams will practice and compete on basketball courts.

PRACTICE AREAS

Practice will take place at the lower-level basketball courts in the **Students Recreation Center**. The Rec Center is **NOT** in the same building as the performance arena (Lumpkin Center). The Rec Center is located directly across the street. A high-quality sound system will be provided for teams with music on mp3. **COACHES NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN DONGLE CONNECTOR.**

PRACTICE CHECK-IN will be at the **Students Recreation Center**.

Coaches and Athletes are the only individuals permitted in the Practice Area. Coaches will have a designated wristband and athletes will be in uniform as described in the **Dressing Room section** below. Event staff will be monitoring individuals throughout the event to ensure that only those who are credentialed are in the practice area. **Family members and spectators are NOT permitted in the practice area or on the Arena floor.**

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. ***Labeling your speakers, props, and belongings with your school's name is highly encouraged.***

BREAKDOWN OF PRACTICE TIMES ON THE PERFORMANCE ORDER

Practice Check-In: Will be approximately **30 minutes** prior to your performance time.

This is **not** your mat time. When you check in, you will be given instructions/reminders from staff and directed to your assigned mat so that your team is prepared to begin immediately following the next rotation.

If you miss your practice time, you are **NOT** guaranteed another opportunity to practice in the designated area.

Warm Up Time: "Stretching / Warm Up"

- This is your first practice rotation. You will have 7 minutes without music.

Mat Time (or Court Time):

- This is your second practice rotation. You will have 7 minutes to **utilize the FULL floor (or court for Dance) with the sound system** to prepare for your performance.

END MAT → Backstage / On Deck:

- After your second rotation you will proceed to backstage. **Event staff will escort teams from practice to the on-deck area across the street and inside the Lumpkin Center.**
 - Dance teams will have about 8 minutes between practice and performance time
 - Cheer teams will have 11-15 minutes between practice and performance time. The additional time allocated for cheer is due to the additional time it takes to transport props from one building to the next.
- Upon arrival to on-deck, coaches and alternates will be directed to proceed to **music table on deck.**

PERFORMANCE MUSIC

All teams will either need to supply their music on an iPod / MP3 music player. **All coaches must bring their own DONGLE adaptor** to connect it to the aux chord attached to the sound systems provided in the practice room. CDs are NOT allowed.

DIGITAL MUSIC– 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:

MP3 SET UP

1. Take your device OUT OF THE CASE
2. Plug YOUR Dongle into your device
3. Have your MUSIC PULLED UP
4. Make sure your device is in AIRPLANE MODE
5. Turn your VOLUME UP to 100%
6. Plug in your phone and dongle into the AUX provided
7. CHECK VOLUME AGAIN AFTER PLUGGING IN
8. Good luck 😊

Practice		STATION 1	STATION 2	
Check In	Mat	Warmup	Mat Time	END MAT
7 minute Rotations				
8:01 AM	A	8:08 AM	8:15 AM	8:22 AM
8:08 AM	B	8:15 AM	8:22 AM	8:29 AM

Practice		STATION 1	STATION 2	
Check In	Mat	Warmup	Mat Time	END MAT
7 minute Rotations				
9:06 AM	A	9:15 AM	9:22 AM	9:29 AM
9:08 AM	B	9:15 AM	9:22 AM	9:29 AM

SCORESHEETS, AWARDS, & RESULTS

SCORE SHEETS

Once your team has completed your qualifying performance, please pick up your deduction sheet from the designated area near the judges stand about 15-20 minutes AFTER your performance.

Score sheets from the **QUALIFYING ROUND (CHEER ONLY)** will be available after the division finalists are announced and may be picked up at the designated. Score sheets from the **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP** round 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 following the event. Teams will not receive rankings or scores for other teams on-site during the event

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

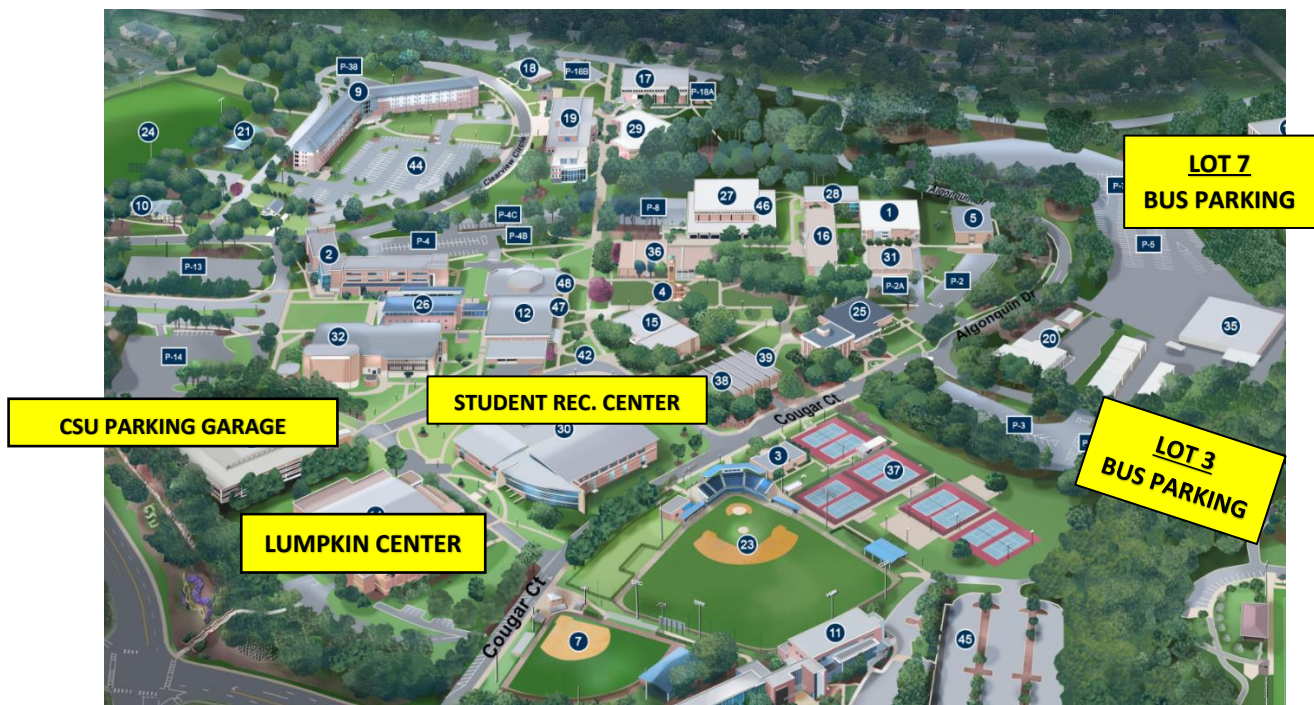
- [CHEER OVERVIEW](#)
- [CHEER SCORE SHEETS](#)
- [DANCE SCORE SHEETS](#)
- [UDA RULES](#)
- [UDA RULES VIOLATION SCORESHEET](#)

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.

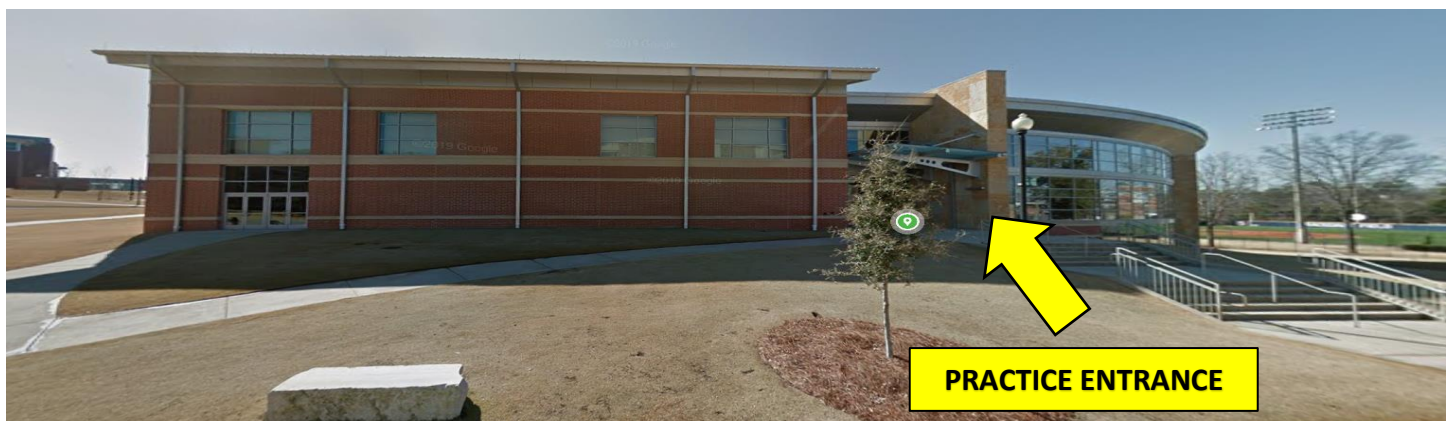
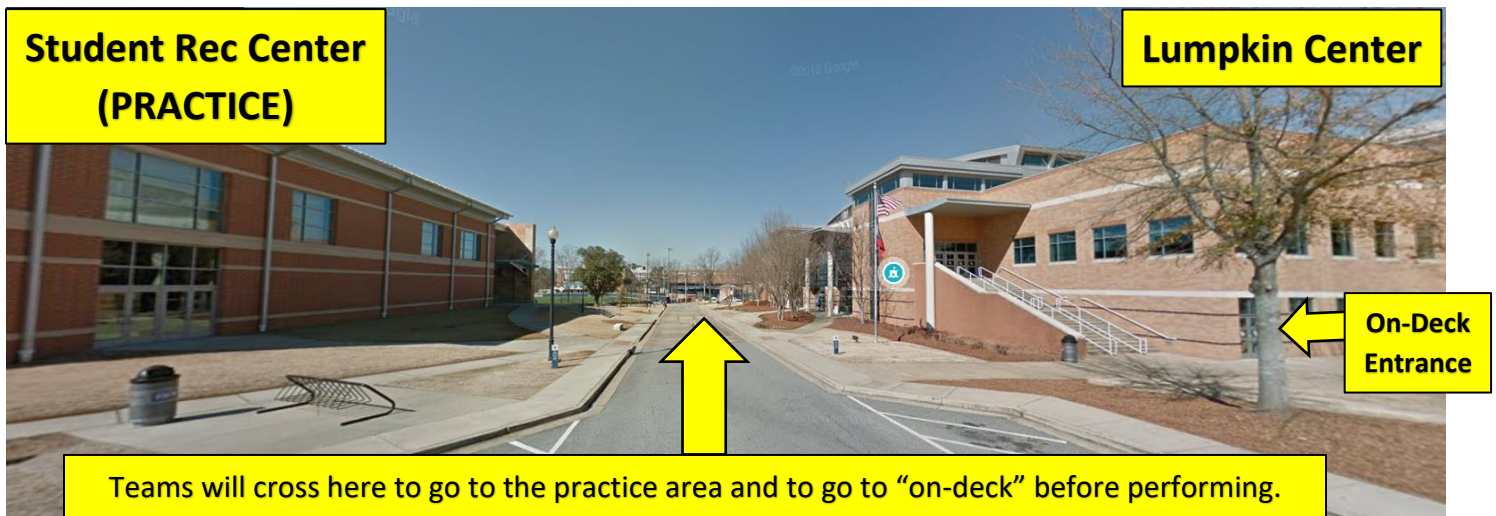
OVERVIEW MAPS



LUMPKIN CENTER ENTRANCE



REC CENTER ENTRANCE | PRACTICE ROOM



PERFORMANCE FLOOR

