

Georgia High School Association

Region/Area Instructions

Competitive Cheerleading - Region

Region competitions will be held with the Region assignments and sites assigned by the GHSA. Communication between Region Secretaries and Competition Directors is essential. (NOTE: Coed Cheerleading and Class Cheerleading are Sectional Tournaments and will be handled by the GHSA Office.)

The Region Secretaries (or their designees) of the Regions assigned to each site will confer and determine the procedures for their competition. It is crucial that all financial aspects be worked out by the Region Secretaries (or their designees) when planning the competition. See form provided for suggested information to be determined prior to the Region competition.

Order of performance should be determined in advance of the competition since several regions will be involved with the rotation of performance. When possible, the Region Secretary may be asked to assist with determining the order or be asked to provide the rotation order of the teams competing for their Region. The order for Coed and Single A rotation will be determined by the host and the State Director.

The Region Secretary should make sure the Host Director has the awards to be presented to their designated Region winners. (Awards will not be presented at Sectionals.)

The Host School is responsible for:

1. Set-up of the event and following the guidelines for the tournament as outlined by the GHSA.
2. Communicating schedules and event procedures to the schools attending.
3. A Financial Report form must be submitted, along with 5% of gate receipts, to the GHSA Office within 4 weeks of the end of the competition.
4. Submitting Region Winners to the GHSA Office and the designated representatives by the day after Region on the appropriate form. Deadlines must be met. Submission of winners will be submitted electronically by the Region Host immediately following the competition.
5. Rules for televising Sub-Region/Region competitions should be followed. Region rules determine whether or not a Region activity may be broadcast, televised, taped or filmed. Region permission must be arranged prior to the date of the contest.

Advancement to the Championship series will be as follows:

1. All FIRST PLACE teams from each Region in Class AAAAAAA, AAAAAA, AAAAA, AAAA, AAA and AA automatically advance to the State Finals.
2. All other teams will advance to Sectionals. The order will be a random draw after Region is complete.
3. Regions with only one team may choose to participate to get scores. However, that single team region will not receive a distribution of gate receipts from the host school.

4. All Class A teams will participate in Sectional Competition. The top 8 public and the top 8 private schools will advance to State. The Sectional Competition will be held the same day as Regionals. All Single A teams wishing to compete in Single A should register in June. Rosters should be completed electronically by October 1st.
5. COED DIVISION – There will be a single division (all Classifications) of Coed competition with no Region Competition. A team should have declared Coed by June 1st. The Coed Sectional Tournament will be held on the same day as the Region Tournaments. The top sixteen (16) teams would advance to State. (This format is subject to the number of Coed Teams who register to compete and there is a possibility the format could change based upon the number registering. .
There must be at least 16 teams participating in Coed in order to have a Coed Championship

****NOTE: Cheerleading is exempt from the sub-division alignments required in Region events.**

The GHSA Director and Coordinator will set sites and assign judging associations for each Region Competition Site.

1. Seven cheerleading officials will be required for all competitions.
2. Each host site is to secure impartial scorers and timer(s).
3. Format of the Region competition will be determined by the number of regions and teams assigned to the site and will be set by the Host Director.

****NOTE: A listing of Region Competitions can be found in the GHSA Constitution and By-Laws and the GHSA Cheerleading Manual, and on the GHSA website.**

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General Dates & Region Information – 2020-21

Cheerleading

The National Federation Spirit Rule Book used for all GHSA competitions may be purchased from GHSA for \$10.

- June 1 Deadline to request sanction of Regular Season Invitational Tournament
- Aug 1 First Date of Practice
NOTE: Cheerleading teams are allowed to attend camp after the last day of school until August 1st.
No camps or clinics are allowed after August 1st.
- Sept 5 Deadline to register for regular season competitions
- Sept 11 Cancellation forms should be submitted to the GHSA and all schools notified
- Sept 19 Confirmation forms should be submitted electronically to GHSA.
First date allowed for regular season competition
- October 1 Declaration of All-Girl or COED.
- October 1 Deadline of Notification of entry and deadline to submit rosters for Post Season
All teams should register electronically (including Coed and Single A)
- October 31 Last date allowed for regular season competitions
- November 7 Region Winners are determined. Coed and Class A Sectionals are held. Report all winners electronically.

STATE:

- November 13 Sectionals Non-Coed; State Championship Single A Private, A Public and Coed
November 14 State Championship Non-Coed

Number of regular season contests allowed: 6 Varsity, 4 Junior Varsity (Does not include Region & State Competitions)

Required number of season contests: 3 (Reduced to 2 for 2020)

The COMPETITION CHEERLEADING SEASON ends when a school is eliminated from the regional/sectional or state competition. Spirit cheerleading season ends the last day of school.

Out-of-Season practices may be held in preparation for tryouts only. Once the tryouts are complete, no practices may be held until school is out. Out-of-season tryouts are limited to a maximum of ten (10) consecutive days per school from February 1, until the last day of school.

REGION COMPETITION:

A. REGION, SECTIONALS & STATE

1. Each school is allowed to enter one team in the region competition for the non-coed division.
2. There are no region competitions for Class A, Private or Public or for the Coed Division.
3. Entry notification and rosters for all divisions must be submitted **electronically** to the Region Secretary by October 1st.
4. Substitutions may be made at any time by notifying the Region Secretary and the host.
5. Advancement:
 - a. First place teams from each Region in Classes 2A-7A will advance directly to state.
 - b. All other teams will compete in a Sectional Tournament with the Top Eight teams from each classification advancing to State Competition.
 - c. Class A Public Schools and Class A Private Schools will compete in separate sectional tournaments with eight (8) teams from each classification advancing to a state competition.
6. Region and Sectional competitions will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2020. The region secretaries will work closely with the host to determine procedures (rotations, judging panels, awards presentations, etc.).
7. Non-Coed Sectionals will occur on Friday, November 13, 2020 at the Columbus Civic Center. The top eight teams from each division will advance to State on Saturday, November 14, 2020.
8. Coed Competition
 - a. There will be a separate Open Meet competition (all classifications) for Coed teams.
 - b. Schools must declare the Coed Open Meet Division prior to October 1st each year.
 - c. One or more males will constitute a coed team.
 - d. Coed and Non-Coed teams may not compete against one another during the regular season.
 - e. Once a team has declared Coed, they will remain in coed unless an appeal is filed with the GHSA to be moved from the Coed to the Non-Coed division.
 - f. The Coed Sectionals will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at Peachtree Ridge High School. The top sixteen (16) teams will advance to State.
 - g. The Coed State Championship will be held on Friday, November 13, 2020 at the Columbus Civic Center.
 - h. The GHSA has the authority to make adjustments in the Coed format depending on the number of teams that declare Coed.