

# 2020 SCHOOL NATIONALS INVITE

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## YOU QUALIFIED FOR NATIONALS!!

Congratulations on your amazing performance! Your team has qualified to compete at the **2020 JAMZ Cheer and Dance National Championship**. This event will be produced by JAMZ Cheer & Dance, Inc. and will take place on **February 21-23, 2020** at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas, NV. JAMZ offers more divisions, more awards and more fun! Give your team the JAMZ Nationals Experience!

Keep reading for all the information you will need to plan your trip to this year's JAMZ School Nationals. Please complete all online registration along with full payment by one of the following deadlines:

### **SCHOOL CHEER | February 21-22, 2020 - Orleans Arena, Las Vegas**

On or before 2/4- \$110.00 per participant

After 2/4 - \$115.00 per participant

**Final Date to Pay: 2/11/20**

### **SCHOOL DANCE | February 23, 2020 - Orleans Arena, Las Vegas**

On or before 2/4- \$100.00 per participant

After 2/4 - \$105.00 per participant

**Final Date to Pay: 2/11/20**

Please contact us [registration@jamz.com](mailto:registration@jamz.com) with questions. We look forward to seeing you in Vegas!

## REGISTRATION NOTES:

- Teams may register as soon as they qualify
- Entry and full payment must be RECEIVED by specified deadlines.
- Event may reach capacity prior to the registration deadlines. – Do not book hotels until your team has qualified and you are registered for the event.

## CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

- Requests submitted by February 4, 2020 will receive a full participant refund.
- Requests submitted February 5, 2020 - February 10, 2020 will receive a 50% participant refund.
- All Payments are non-refundable after February 11, 2020.

## 2ND PERFORMANCE:

Yes, teams are allowed to compete in a second category! However, teams are NOT allowed to compete in the SAME CATEGORY twice. The second category MUST contain at least 70% of the SAME participants as the first category and no added participants. **The second performance is a flat fee of \$200.00 per team.** Second performances may not be added after the on-time registration deadline. No exceptions. **SCHOOL SECOND PERFORMANCE DEADLINE: 2/14/20**

**Important Note:** JAMZ Cannot guarantee more than 20 minutes between team's 1st and 2nd performance times. Warm up and performance times may overlap. No changes will be made after the Final schedule is posted for this reason.



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## NEED TO MAKE A CHANGE?

Select the “Edit” button in Step 3 of your online registration account. You will be able to edit any part of your registration in this section. If payment is required for the type of change you are making, it must be submitted at the time the change is processed. Make all your changes before you select “Apply.”

## NATIONALS TEAM REQUIREMENT

In order to protect the prestige of winning a national title, all divisions MUST contain at least two teams in order to be included in the JAMZ Nationals Championship. Teams that we find to be alone in a division will be asked to move to a different division/skill level. Teams will be notified of necessary division/level changes up to two weeks prior to JAMZ Nationals.

## NATIONALS LOCATION

The 2020 JAMZ Cheer and Dance National Championships will be held in the Orleans Arena. From family entertainment to professional sports, the Orleans Arena has it all! The Orleans Arena has hosted amazing events, including family favorites Disney on Ice, Harlem Globetrotters and Ringling Bros.; top concerts with Brooks & Dunn, Jane’s Addiction and Lynyrd Skynyrd; and a variety of sporting events including Las Vegas Wranglers, Don King-produced boxing and King of the Cage. The Orleans Arena has the most food and beverage points of sale, abundance of rest rooms, oversized seating and free parking. It’s easy to see why the Orleans Arena is where the good times roll.

## JAMZ MANDATORY VIDEO SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT

**REQUIRED:** In order to run a legality free Schools National Championship JAMZ is requiring all teams to video tape their entire routine and submit the routine for a Legality Certification. Teams will be notified of any legalities before they attend nationals. The video submission is Mandatory of all teams and if no legalities are found the teams routine will be certified as legality free and as long as they perform same skills in video as on competition floor no penalty will be assessed even if the video review missed an illegal skill. JAMZ will release details of the video submission legality review process approximately 2 months before JAMZ Nationals. Email Rules@jamz.com **Deadline date: Friday, February 7, 2020**

## COACH CHECK IN:

Check in is located in the Orleans Arena. Use the lower level South East Lobby Entrance. JAMZ staff will then escort you to the VIP Coach’s Lounge, on Level 3. Coaches are required to check in no less than one day prior to their competing day. Only coaches listed on the registration portal will be allowed to check in teams. ID’s may be required at the time of check-in to verify coach eligibility.

It is our recommendation that you select a coach that is arriving early to check-in your teams. ALL participant and coach credentials will be distributed at the time of check in. Check-in coaches will also verify all team information for the event weekend. During this time, coaches will also receive backpacks for each competitor. Depending on the size of your team, you may receive multiple boxes of bags, therefore we recommend having assistance from coaches to carry boxes. Check in times listed below. Due to the amount of coaches and time allotted for Coach Check-In Children/Athletes will not be allowed.

Waiting time for check in may take up to an hour and a half, depending on the volume of coaches/teams check in at the time you arrive. In the event that there is a wait, a JAMZ representative will take down your team information on a waiting list. Check in is designated for each team to go through all the weekend’s details, therefore it is a lengthy process. We appreciate your patience



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## OFFICIAL NATIONAL CREDENTIALS

Participant Credentials: National credentials will be included in the team packet given to the head coach during coaches' check in. Every participating team member will receive championship credentials which will be required for entry into the Orleans Arena. Participants must wear their championship credentials throughout the day for access to backstage areas. Lost credentials will not be replaced.

Complimentary Coach Credentials: One Complimentary coach ticket per team will be given at coaches' check in. These tickets are intended for the head coaches. The tickets will be valid for entry all three days of the event! Coach tickets will be distributed at coach check-in. Coach credentials will additionally allow access to all backstage/team areas, as well as the VIP Coach Lounge, located on the 3rd level of the Orleans Arena.

Additional Coach Credentials: Additional coaching staff (assistants) must pre-purchase their coach 3-day pass for \$35. No more than 1 coach ticket/pass per 5 competitors will be allowed. The tickets will be valid for entry all three days of the event! Coach tickets will be distributed at coach check-in. Coach credentials will additionally allow access to all backstage/team areas, as well as the VIP Coach Lounge, located on the 3rd level of the Orleans Arena.

\*The 1:5 ratio is strictly followed for backstage capacity issues per the Fire Marshall

## PERFORMANCE PERCENTAGE ALLOCATION

School CHEER teams will compete twice (with the exception of Sideline and group/partner stunt) Scores will be calculated the following way to determine a team's placement within a division.

- 1st Performance will be worth 35%
- 2nd Performance will be worth 65%

## GROUP & PARTNER STUNT COMPETITION!

JAMZ will be offering a Group & Partner Stunt Competition on **Saturday, February 22, 2020.**

### DIVISIONS OFFERED:

#### DIVISIONS

#### GRADE

#### PARTICIPANTS

Coed Partner Stunt

12th grade and under

(2 members, male and/or female)

Junior Varsity Group Stunt

11th grade and under

(4-5 members, all female)

Varsity Group Stunt

12th grade and under

(4-5 members, all female)

**RULES:** All teams must follow JAMZ School Level 3 Rules and all AACCA School Cheer Safety Rules and Regulations.

Time Limitations: Each routine may not be more than 1 minute.

**REGISTRATION:** The registration fee is \$150 per group/partner stunt entry. **Final Date to Pay: 2/11/20**

\*Coaches will not receive a School National Champion Jacket or Coach Band for the Group Stunt/Partner Stunt Divisions.



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020

3:00PM-7:00PM - Coach Check in open!

REQUIRED COACH MEETING: (School Cheer Teams) | 6:00PM Orleans Arena 3rd Level

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020

TIME: TBD

SCHOOL CHEER - 1ST PERFORMANCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020

TIME: TBD

SCHOOL CHEER – 2ND PERFORMANCE

SIDELINE PERFORMANCE

GROUP STUNT/PARTNER STUNT PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL CHEER AWARDS

REQUIRED COACH MEETING: (School Dance Teams) | Time TBD Orleans Arena 3rd Level

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

TIME: TBD

**SCHOOL DANCE PERFORMANCE**

SCHOOL DANCE AWARDS

## NATIONALS QUESTIONS

If you have additional questions visit the School National Page or email our championship staff at [championships@jamz.com](mailto:championships@jamz.com). All rules questions must be emailed directly to the Head Rules Judge at [rules@jamz.com](mailto:rules@jamz.com)

## AWARDS, AWARDS, AWARDS!

- Team Awards will be presented to at least 50% of the teams in each division.
- Medals for top 3 teams in each division
- National Champion Banners for each division winner
- National Champion Jackets (*Exceptions listed below*)
- Level Champions Banners
- GRAND Champion Banner – with FREE Registration to 2021 Nationals
- \$12,000 in Summer Camp prizes
- Overall Stunt, Jumps, Tumbling and Choreography awards!

## NATIONAL CHAMPION JACKETS

Individuals on first place teams will receive an all new National Championship Jacket with the following exceptions. Teams entering two (2) categories and placing first in both categories, will receive jackets for their FIRST win only. Individuals will not receive TWO National Championship Jackets. They will, however, receive another set of First Place Medals!



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## TIE BREAKER POLICY

SCHOOL CHEER TIEBREAKER POLICY: After final tabulation is complete and two or more teams are tied for FIRST place, the following tiebreaker procedure will be used to determine the first-place team.

**TIEBREAKER #1:** The tied teams' Final Day 1 score and Final Day 2 score (both unweighted and inclusive of any deductions) will be combined to determine which total score is the highest. The team with the highest, unweighted combined score will be declared the winner. If Tiebreaker #1 is completed and teams are still tied JAMZ will move on to Tiebreaker #2.

**TIEBREAKER #2:** JAMZ will determine which team had the least amount of deductions (execution and rules violations) on Day 1 and Day 2. The team with the least amount of total deductions will be declared the winner. If Tiebreaker #2 is completed and teams are still tied, JAMZ will move on to Tiebreaker #3.

**TIEBREAKER #3:** The Head Judge, as well as two Panel Judge (selected at random) will review the tied teams' performance videos to determine the first-place team (by majority vote).

SCHOOL DANCE TIEBREAKER POLICY: After final tabulation is complete and two or more teams are tied for FIRST place, the following tiebreaker procedure will be used to determine the first-place team.

**TIEBREAKER #1:** JAMZ will look at each of the five panel judges' RAW scores and determine how each individual panel judge ranked the tied teams. The team which received the majority of the highest scores placement out of the tied teams will be declared the winner. If Tiebreaker #1 is completed and teams are still tied, JAMZ will move on to tiebreaker #2.

**TIEBREAKER #2:** The five panel judges will review the tied teams' performance videos and determine which team they believe should win first place. Each of the five panel judges will have one vote and the team with the most votes will be declared the winner.

