

# 2020 YOUTH 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, the largest Youth Cheer and Dance Championship in the nation! This event will be produced by JAMZ Cheer & Dance, Inc. and will take place on **Jan. 24-26, 2020** at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas, NV. Youth teams will be competing over 3 FULL days of competition.

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

- On or before 1/7- \$105.00 per participant
- After 1/7 - \$125.00 per participant

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

## REGISTRATION NOTES:

- Teams may register as soon as they qualify
- Entry and full payment must be RECEIVED by specified deadlines.
- **Final Payment due by: 1/14/20**
- Performance order is determined by the date of registration and full payment is received.
- 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.

## 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. **YOUTH SECOND PERFORMANCE DEADLINE: 1/7/20**

**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.

## COMBINING TEAMS:

If some team members who competed at the qualifying championship cannot attend Nationals, and you wish to combine your team with another team if:

1. Teams are from the SAME youth organization (ex: Starbucks Junior Pee Wee & Starbucks Pee Wees)
2. Participants must come from a team that has already qualified for JAMZ Nationals
3. No additional team members may be added.
4. You compete in the appropriate division based on the age of the oldest team member of the combined teams.

## 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 changes before selecting "Apply."



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## CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

- Requests submitted by January 7, 2020 will receive a full participant refund.
- Requests submitted January 8, 2020 - January 13, 2020 will receive a 50% participant refund.
- All Payments are non-refundable after January 14 2020.

## 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. Please note that if this changes age divisions, this may impact your performance date.

## 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.

## 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 checking 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

**Thursday only - Division 11 and 13 have first priority to check in. If you do not have any Division 11 or 13 teams, you may have a longer wait if you choose to check in Thursday.**



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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 can be replaced for \$35.00.

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

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020

3:00PM-7:00PM

**Division 11 & Division 13** Coach Check In.

It is mandatory that Division 11 & 13 sign in this day. **Division 11 & 13 teams will have priority check in over other teams checking in early.**

REQUIRED COACH MEETING: Division 11 & Division 13 - 4:00PM at Coaches VIP

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020

Open during Event Hours

Division 11 & 13 compete (Times TBD)

**Division 8, Division 10 & ALL Pom Divisions** Coach Check In.

While all divisions all welcome, it is mandatory that Division 8, 10 & ALL Pom Divisions check in this day.

REQUIRED COACH MEETING: Division 8, Division 10 & ALL POM Divisions - 4:00PM at Coaches VIP

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020

Open during Event Hours

Division 8, 10 (Arena) & All Pom Divisions (Showroom) compete (Times TBD)

**Division 12, Division 15, NA- Division 18 & Open** Coach Check In.

REQUIRED COACH MEETING: Division 12, Division 15, NA-Division 18 & Open - 4:00PM at Coaches VIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

Division 12, 15, NA-18 & Open compete (Times TBD)



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## POM IN THE SHOWROOM!

New this year- all Pom divisions regardless of age will be competing on Saturday in the Orleans Showroom. We are excited to see these teams compete in a theatrical style venue with the highly sought after Marley Floor. All Awards will be held in the arena!

If this is your 2nd performance register and pay for your 1st performance than email [registration@jamz.com](mailto:registration@jamz.com) to apply credit!

## LEVEL RULES VIOLATIONS EXPLANATION- ALL COACHES MUST READ:

ALL YOUTH COACHES should be aware that level rules and general safety violations are judged live by the rules judge on site during a live competition. It is IMPOSSIBLE for a rules judge to detect 100% of all violations during a competition day just as it is impossible for officials/referees to detect all violations in other sports. Just because a team has attended a prior JAMZ event, competition, Nationals, or camp and that team's skills or routine received no deductions does not mean that the routine is LEGAL or violation free for that Division or Level. JAMZ WILL NOT withdraw any rules violations because a rules judge at a prior competition, regional, championship, camp or event failed to detect or discover the violation at the previous event- there are no exceptions made to this policy.

It is the responsibility of ALL Coaches to ensure their routines are free of Level and Safety Rules Violations. Teams are STRONGLY encouraged to send into [rules@ycada.org](mailto:rules@ycada.org) videos of their skill segments to ask for a rules determination. Failure to do so puts your team at risk of possibly having a safety violation. All teams should submit all rules videos and questions by Friday, January 17, 2020 in order to receive a reply by JAMZ Youth Nationals Day 1.

## NEW! YOUTH NATIONALS ROUTINE REVIEW!

The Rules & Scoring team will review the video you submit in its entirety for legal violations. If your routine review analysis comes back with zero legality violations that guarantees the routine is violation-free. EXCEPTION: This does NOT include time violations, inappropriate choreography or music violations.

Cost: \$25.00 per Routine Review Submission

Deadline: January 15, 2020 - Submit by 11:59pm PST

[CLICK HERE](#) to submit your routine today!

If the team performs the routine/skill the same way at JAMZ Nationals as they did in the video submitted for Routine Review, then the routine review analysis supersedes all other rulings and NO deduction will be given at JAMZ Nationals.

## NATIONALS QUESTIONS

If you have additional questions visit the Youth 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 via your organization page on YCADA.org

## AWARDS, AWARDS, AWARDS!

- Team Awards will be presented to at least 50% of the teams in each division. (not to exceed 7th place)
- Medals for top 3 teams in each division
- National Champion Jackets (*Exceptions listed below*)

## 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!

