

The Ring Championships 2023-2024

General Rules and Guidelines



General Rules

- The Ring Championships attendees must follow all Open Championship Series “OCS” rules and regulations. Violations can result in a point deduction and/or disqualification.
- Coaches’ credentials must be worn, and visible always. Without these valid credentials, you will not be allowed to enter the warm-up areas and coach’s rooms.
- The Ring Championships has the right to remove any persons from competition for any reason, including unsafe or unsportsmanlike conduct.
- No stunting and/or tumbling will be allowed anywhere other than the performance floor or warm-up area.
- To keep athletes and families safe, if any suspicious activity and/or illicit behavior is suspected, please report it to a Ring Championships staff member **IMMEDIATELY**.
- It is the coach’s responsibility to make sure that all spectators for that team keep all objects (cameras, signs, children, etc.) at eye level while in VIP seating. If the judge’s view of the performing surface is compromised, your team may be subject to an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty at the discretion of the safety officials.
- Coaches for TINY teams only will be allowed to sit on the stage during their teams’ performance with the following restrictions:
 - Must sit flat on the floor at the designated spot at the front of the performing surface
 - Maximum of three (3) coaches/assistants per team
- The Ring Championships reserves the right to close, combine, or open divisions at any time leading up to each event.
- A division change fee of \$100 will be charged for any division changes made after the “On Time” registration deadline.
- Division changes will be allowed up until 1(one) week before the event. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- All roster changes must be completed one week before the competition.
- Payment, Team Roster & Waivers must be received by Thursday **TWO WEEKS** before the event for the team to be included in the random drawing for the Performance Order.
- If a team is not paid in full by this deadline, the team will not be added, and any funds received will be forfeited. The performance schedule will be released to coaches the Monday before the event.
- Changes to the performance order may be approved and will be at the discretion of The Ring Championships staff within a short window of time after the release of the schedule. However, **NO REQUEST TO CHANGE PERFORMANCE ORDER WILL BE ACCEPTED 2 DAYS before THE EVENT.**
- All participants must have a waiver signed by their legal guardian to attend any The Ring Championships events. Waivers are sent via email through your program’s registration account.

Crossover Policy

- The Ring Championships allow cheer and dance participants to perform for more than one team and/or additional performances within the same organization. Each participant must pay the full registration fee for the first performance and the next performance will be discounted.
- If a member of one organization crosses over to a new organization (EX: School and All-Star team), then the participant must pay the FULL registration fee for BOTH organizations. Registration must indicate all crossover information and payment.
- The Ring Championships will do its best to allow 20 minutes between performances; however, cannot guarantee separations between warm-up times, awards ceremonies, or for coaching conflicts.

Payment Policy

- Register and Pay in Full by the date listed on the website & Registration site. If you simply register and do not send payment in full by listed rate dates (EARLY BIRD, ON-TIME, LATE) the registration fee will automatically advance to the next rate.
 - EX: You register for Early Bird @\$25 per athlete due 12/1/2021, If payment is NOT received in full by the due date, the rate will automatically advance to an ON-TIME fee of \$40 per athlete.
- If registering on the Final Day of LATE REGISTRATION, **ALL FUNDS ARE DUE UPON REGISTRATION NO EXCEPTIONS**
- If Registration is not paid by the final date, the program will not be put on the schedule.
- Business and Personal Checks will be accepted by the ON-TIME registration due date, **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- RETURN CHECK FEE IS \$50.00
- We accept all MASTERCARD, VISA, AMERICAN EXPRESS, BANK DEBIT CARDS
- NO CASH PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED
- NO PAYMENTS RECEIVED ON EVENT DAY
- ****ALL CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO A 4% PROCESSING FEE****

Cancellation Policy

Team Cancellation: If your team needs to cancel their performance before an event, please email us **IMMEDIATELY** at Registration@Theringchampionships.com, cancellations are accepted by email **ONLY**. Your cancellation will not be effective until the date we receive your email with the subject **"CANCELLATION NOTICE."** The following team cancellation policies shall apply:

- If we receive your Cancellation Notice 90 or more days before the first day of the event, you may either transfer the payment to another event during the same competition season or request a full refund by the Transfer/Refund policy set forth below.
- If we receive your Cancellation Notice 89-31 days before the first day of the event, you must transfer the payment to another event occurring during the same competition season by the Transfer/Refund policy set forth below.
- If we receive your Cancellation Notice 30 days or less before the first day of the event, there is **NO REFUND**.
- If your team needs to reduce participant numbers for ANY reason, there is **NO REFUND** of the difference.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS FOR A NO-SHOW, DROPOUT, OR SCRATCH AT COMPETITION REGARDLESS OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES.**
- Any payment made by you will be retained by The Ring Championships as damages to pay for the costs and expenses that The Ring Championships incur in such cancellation. No refund will be made if your team withdraws within 30 days of the competition regardless of the issue. Trophies and awards have already been ordered.

Transfer/Refunds

- In the event of a cancellation under which you are permitted to receive a refund, transfer your payment, or both; you will have 30 days to request your **"TRANSFER/REFUND REQUEST"** via email to registration@theringchampionships.com.
- If we do not receive your Transfer/Refund Request within 30 days, no transfer or refund will be permitted or given. Except for situations where The Ring Championships staff deems necessary, absolutely **NO REFUNDS OR TRANSFERS** shall be permitted under any other circumstances, including, but not limited to, a no-show, dropout, or scratch.
- Both parties agree that any payment forfeited to or retained by The Ring Championships shall constitute liquidated damages to reimburse The Ring Championships for the costs and expenses that The Ring Championships incurs in such cancellation.

Inclement Weather

The Ring Championships rarely cancel an event. However, if The Ring Championships cancels an event and it is not rescheduled, your team will receive a FULL Refund. In case of inclement weather, you can check our website at www.TheRingChampionships.com for weather updates. If the facility is open, the event will go on. Please make any necessary travel arrangements so that you will not have any problems making it to the event on time. No special favors or performance times will be granted to those who arrive late for any reason (weather or otherwise). Furthermore, no refunds will be given to The Ring Championships' expenses. Please keep an eye on the local and national weather forecasts so that you are prepared for any inclement weather.

Music

- Music is accepted on a CD, iPod, or iPhone. If using an iPhone or iPod/iPad – your music MUST be downloaded. Do not rely on Wi-Fi as it will NOT work.
- Please place the device in AIRPLANE MODE. If it is not placed in Airplane mode and you receive a text, social media alert, or email alert you could jeopardize your music and will NOT be permitted to start over.
- A representative from your team (coach/advisor) must know exactly when to start the music and the music must be queued when it is brought to the music table.
- The representative with your music should report to the music table one performance before yours (do not walk over when your team is on the mat).
- If the music stops due to an error in the CD (CD-Recordable Formatted disc, scratches, etc.) you will NOT be able to redo your routine.
- Our equipment will not accept music that is not of this format. Some CDs that play on portable systems, in cars, and on computers will not play on professional sound systems. Please check your music if necessary.
- **iPhone 7 and iPhone 7 PLUS or NEWER – If you are using either of these phones to play music you MUST provide your lightning cable to aux cord adapter to play music from your phone.**

Copyright

- All programs attending The Ring Championships events are required to follow the USA Cheer music guidelines while attending the event. Please review the Music Copyrights Educational Initiative provided by USA Cheer to be sure you follow the music guidelines. If deemed necessary, Cheer Derby has the right to request a copy of the written confirmation and/or proper licensing for the music used during a routine. www.usacheer.org/music.
- The Ring Championship's policy has always been that all teams should comply with US copyright laws.
- All-Star teams should ensure that all their music complies with US Copyright and Licensing laws and comply with USASF-sanctioning standards on copyright and music licensing.
- The Ring Championships will not require any teams to use any specific music provider or producer, but it is up to the individual teams to ensure their compliance. Therefore, any questions regarding

compliance should be referred to your music provider, music producer, or proper relevant legal counsel.

- The Ring Championships is not a music rights holder and therefore teams should ensure their compliance with all US Copyright laws to prevent inquiries from license and copyright holders.
- When in doubt about copyright law or what may be considered copyright infringement, it is recommended that members seek legal advice about their specific situation.