



Dallas ISD Cheer Challenge

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Dallas Independent School District Student Activities Department will be hosting a cheerleading competition on Saturday, December 6, 2025 for high school cheerleading squads. The competition will be held at Ellis Davis Field House, 9191 S. Polk Street, Dallas, Texas 75232.

A tentative schedule will be emailed to coaches once all entry fees have been collected. Times will depend on number of squads competing.

The cheer competition will mimic Finals at the UIL Spirit State Championships. The cheer event will also consist of an optional stunt competition and an exhibition routine. Schools participating in the Dallas ISD Cheer Challenge will compete based on their UIL conference classification (6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A or Coed). If a participating squad is not a UIL member school and does not have a UIL classification, please determine your alignment based on the chart below:

| Conference Classification | School Enrollment |
|--|-------------------|
| 6A – Maximum of 30 participants (2 or fewer males) | 2190 and above |
| 5A – Maximum of 30 participants (2 or fewer males) | 1150 – 2189 |
| 4A – Maximum of 24 participants (2 or fewer males) | 505 – 1149 |
| 3A – Maximum of 20 participants (2 or fewer males) | 225 – 504 |
| 2A – Maximum of 12 participants (2 or fewer males) | 105 – 224 |
| 1A – Maximum of 12 participants (2 or fewer males) | 104 and below |
| Coed (Combined) – Maximum – Maximum of 30 participants (3 or more males) | N/A |

If there are less than 4 teams in any conference classification, they may be combined with the closest classification with the fewest teams.

Spectators admission will be \$5 per person and tickets will be available through GoFan. Link to ticket sales will be sent out via email to registrants.

| Event | Submission | Price | Due Date | Coach Passes | Additional Backstage Passes |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Cheer Challenge Routine | Early Special | \$25 per participant | November 12 | 2 free per team | \$20 per participant |
| Cheer Challenge Routine | On Time | \$30 per participant | November 19 | 2 free per team | \$25 per participant |
| Exhibition Routine | Early Special | \$25 per participant | November 12 | 2 free per team | \$20 per participant |
| Exhibition Routine | On Time | \$30 per participant | November 19 | 2 free per team | \$25 per participant |

Registration includes a boxed lunch, and participant gift. All entry fees must be mailed with registration. Please make checks payable to Dallas Independent School District. Entries must be postmarked by selected due date. No late entries will be accepted, and no refunds will be granted.

Please send registrations to:
 Student Activities
 Attn: Christina Martinez
 9400 North Central Expressway
 Suite 610
 Dallas, Texas 75231

If you have any questions, contact Christina Martinez at ChristMartinez@dallasisd.org or at (972)749-5796.



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Dallas ISD Cheer Challenge General Rules and Regulations

General Information:

- All Cheer and Spirit performances shall be in accordance with safety standards prescribed by National Federation High School Spirit Rules.
- There will be three routine judges.
- All participants must have a signed photo/video release form and medical/liability release form at the competition.
- All members of the squad must be current members of the official school spirit squads and must attend the school they are representing.
- Competing teams will receive official scoresheets and digital video of routine with verbal critiques.
- Exhibition teams will not receive adjudication nor awards. Exhibition teams will only receive critiques.

Time Limitations:

- Each performance will have an overall maximum performance time limit of three (3) minutes and will be performed in the following order:
 - Band Chant/Dance
 - Situational Response
 - Crowd Leading
 - Fight Song
- Each exhibition performance will have an overall maximum performance time limit of three (3) minutes.

Competition Area:

- The cheer competition area will be 9 standard cheer mats which will be 54 feet wide by 42 feet deep.
- Signs or props may be used.

Judging:

- The judges will score the Cheer Challenge routine using the same score sheet as used for the UIL Spirit State Championships.
- All decisions by the judges will be final.

Procedure for Questioning:

- Any questions concerning the rules or procedures of the competition will be handled exclusively by the school coach of the team and will be directed to the Competition Director. Such should be made prior to the team's competition performance.

Sportsmanship:

- All participants agree to conduct themselves in a manner displaying good sportsmanship at all times during the competition.
- The team's coach will be held responsible for conduct of their team and parents.
- Serious infractions of sportsmanship will result in disqualification, and/or removal from competition.

Awards:

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies will be awarded in each conference and each team member will be awarded medals.

**PLEASE LOOK OVER THE DALLAS ISD CHEER CHALLENGE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR DETAILED INFORMATION.
COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING AND UNDERSTANDING THE DALLAS ISD CHEER CHALLENGE RULES AND REGULATIONS.**



Dallas ISD Cheer Challenge Team Registration Form

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of Coach: _____

Email: _____

School Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Early Special - Cheer Challenge Routine (Due Date - November 12):

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|---------------------------------------|-------|---------------|----------|-----------|
| Number of Participants Competing | _____ | @ \$25 each = | \$ _____ | Entry Fee |
| Number of FREE Coaches Participating | 2 | @ \$00 each = | \$ 0 | Entry Fee |
| Number of Additional Backstage Passes | _____ | @ \$20 each = | \$ _____ | Entry Fee |
| TOTAL: | | | | \$ _____ |

On Time - Cheer Challenge Routine (Due Date - November 19):

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|---------------------------------------|-------|---------------|----------|-----------|
| Number of Participants Competing | _____ | @ \$30 each = | \$ _____ | Entry Fee |
| Number of FREE Coaches Participating | 2 | @ \$00 each = | \$ 0 | Entry Fee |
| Number of Additional Backstage Passes | _____ | @ \$25 each = | \$ _____ | Entry Fee |
| TOTAL: | | | | \$ _____ |

Early Special - Exhibition Routine (Due Date - November 12):

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|---------------------------------------|-------|---------------|----------|-----------|
| Number of Participants Competing | _____ | @ \$25 each = | \$ _____ | Entry Fee |
| Number of FREE Coaches Participating | 2 | @ \$00 each = | \$ 0 | Entry Fee |
| Number of Additional Backstage Passes | _____ | @ \$20 each = | \$ _____ | Entry Fee |
| TOTAL: | | | | \$ _____ |

On Time - Exhibition Routine (Due Date - November 19):

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| Number of Additional Backstage Passes | _____ | @ \$25 each = | \$ _____ | Entry Fee |
| TOTAL: | | | | \$ _____ |

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO DALLAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN 5 DAYS OF DATE ON CHECK**



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Dallas ISD Cheer Challenge Medical Treatment & Liability Release Form

Participant's Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

Emergency Contact Phone Number

School Name

I, _____, as parent or legal guardian of _____, hereby grant permission for my son/daughter to participate in the Dallas ISD Cheer Challenge. I further agree to release and hold harmless Dallas Independent School District from any and all liability.

In order that my son/daughter may receive the necessary medical treatment in the event that he/she may sustain injury or illness during participation in this competition, I hereby authorize the cheer coach or other supervising adult to obtain medical treatment for my son/daughter. I understand that this activity will involve risk to my child. I understand and agree that if medical treatment is necessary, I will be responsible for any and all costs associated with that treatment.

I also understand that the Dallas Independent School District will enforce National Federation of State High School Spirit Rules. It is the coach's responsibility to know and inform their squad on these rules by which my daughter/son must abide during participation in this activity, and that my daughter/son and I will be responsible for her/his failure to abide by those rules and regulations.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Participant

Date



Dallas ISD Cheer Challenge Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form

I HEREBY ASSUME ALL OF THE RISKS OF PARTICIPATING IN ANY/ALL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE DALLAS ISD CHEER CHALLENGE, including by way of example and not limitation, any risks that may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities being released, from dangerous or defective equipment or property owned, maintained, or controlled by them, or because of their possible liability without fault.

I certify that I am physically fit, have sufficiently prepared or trained for participation in this activity, and have not been advised to not participate by a qualified medical professional. I certify that there are no health-related reasons or problems which preclude my participation in this activity.

I acknowledge that this Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form will be used by the event holders, sponsors, and organizers of the activity in which I may participate, and that it will govern my actions and responsibilities at said activity.

In consideration of my application and permitting me to participate in this activity, I hereby take action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, and assigns as follows:

(A) I WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE from any and all liability, including but not limited to, liability arising from the negligence or fault of the entities or persons released, for my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft, or actions of any kind which may hereafter occur to me including my traveling to and from this activity, THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES OR PERSONS: Dallas Independent School District (Dallas ISD) and/or their directors, officers, employees, volunteers, representatives, and agents, and the activity holders, sponsors, and volunteers;

(B) INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE THE ENTITIES OR PERSONS MENTIONED IN THIS PARAGRAPH FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES OR CLAIMS MADE AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASE OR OTHERWISE.

I acknowledge that Dallas ISD and their directors, officers, volunteers, representatives, and agents are NOT responsible for the errors, omissions, acts, or failures to act of any party or entity conducting a specific activity on their behalf.

I acknowledge that this activity may involve a test of a person's physical and mental limits and carries with it the potential for death, serious injury, and property loss. The risks include, but are not limited to, those caused by terrain, facilities, temperature, weather, condition of participants, equipment, vehicular traffic, lack of hydration, and actions of other people including, but not limited to, participants, volunteers, monitors, and/or producers of the activity. These risks are not only inherent to participants, but are also present for volunteers.

I hereby consent to receive medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident, and/or illness during this activity.

I understand while participating in this activity, I may be photographed. I agree to allow my photo, video, or film likeness to be used for any legitimate purpose by the activity holders, producers, sponsors, organizers, and assigns.

The Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Participant's Signature (Print) Date Participant's Name Age

Parent/Guardian Signature Date
(If under 18 years old, parent or guardian must also sign)





Dallas ISD Cheer Challenge Photography and Video Release Form

Student Name: _____

School Name: _____

I do hereby give my consent to the Dallas Independent School District and its designees to photograph, audio record, and/or video record my child. I understand that any such photographs, audio recordings, and/or video recordings become the property of the Dallas Independent School District. I understand that the District may use and/or reproduce the photographs, likeness or the voice of my child for any internal or external educational, instructional, or promotional activities determined by the District in broadcast and electronic media formats now existing or in the future created. I further understand that external educational, instructional, or promotional activities may include the release of the photographs, audio recordings, and/or video recordings to newspapers, radio and television stations.

I hereby irrevocably authorize the Dallas Independent School District to edit, alter, exhibit, publish, or distribute these photos for any lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. I also agree to allow my child's work and/or photograph to be published on the Dallas Independent School District internet, intranet and/or Dallas ISD publications.

I further understand that by signing this release, I waive any and all present or future compensation rights to the use of the above stated material(s).

I hereby hold harmless, release, and forever discharge the Dallas Independent School District from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization. I have read the Photography and Video Release Form and fully understand the terms and conditions outlined. I certify that I have full legal capacity to sign this Photography and Video Release Form on behalf of myself and my child.

YES, I do give permission to use my child's photo or likeness as described above.

NO, I do not give permission to use my child's photo or likeness as described above.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

