

Southside Showdown 2023 Coaches Letter

Hello coaches!

We are so excited to have you join us this year for The Southside Showdown Cheer Competition on **Saturday, December 9, 2023!** Please read through this letter carefully and let us know if you have ANY questions. I encourage you to also share this information with your athletes, families, and spectators attending the competition.

SPECTATOR INFORMATION

Waukesha South High School is located at **401 E Roberta Ave, Waukesha, WI 53186.**

- **\$5 admission fee** (kids 4 and under are free)
- Absolutely no carry-in food or beverages!
- All staff are happy to help, and will be wearing big **fluorescent pink** name tags for you to spot them!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please enter through the front door of our school - see [MAP](#). Please ask your bus driver to drop off your team and park in our staff lot behind the building.

If you are able, we ask that your team travels and enters the school as a group. If this is not possible, we ask that you have a team representative wait at the door to gather your team prior to entry.

Remember to bring any missing registration items with you! ([Team waiver](#) and payment)

Waivers can be brought with you, or uploaded to your team's Google Drive folder.

HOLDING INFORMATION

Teams will be held in a pre-assigned hallway space at the school where you can leave your belongings. Teams will NOT be given classrooms, so please keep the amount of personal and valuable items that are brought to a minimum.

Please remind your athletes to be respectful of school property and decorations. Do not bring anything valuable, as Waukesha South High School and staff are not responsible for any lost or stolen property.

Holding areas are meant only to be accessed by athletes and coaching staff. **No parents/spectators will be allowed in these areas. Please remind your families of these rules and ask that they honor these guidelines.** We will have staff monitoring team-only entrances and exits.

BUS DRIVER LOUNGE

Reward your bus drivers and invite them into the competition free of charge to hang out in our lounge and enjoy some snacks, beverages, and a quiet place to hang out while they wait.

Each team will be given one bus driver voucher at registration check-in. Drivers can park their bus, show their voucher at the entrance for free admission, and will be directed to the lounge. Snacks, beverages, and wifi will be available for them in the lounge, but they are welcome to sit in the stands or purchase additional food items from concessions and vendors.

ATHLETIC TRAINER/FIRST-AID

We will have an athletic trainer available on-site the entire duration of the competition who is contracted out of the Children's Hospital of WI. Teams must provide their own tape for general injury prevention.

MUSIC

We are proud to have MBN Entertainment, our professional cheer DJ, at our event to ensure your music comes out great. Please read through this information carefully:

- Music may be brought to the competition on a CD, MP3 or Cell Phone. We recommend bringing a backup CD.
 - **If using a CD** - You **MUST** have a representative from your team signal the DJ when to play/stop music.
 - **If using an mp3/mobile device** - You **MUST** have a representative at the DJ booth to play/stop the music from your mobile device.
- Please have your music sections cut into separate tracks (if using multiple tracks)
- If you'd like to test your music, when you arrive please find our DJ in the gym and ask to test. This can only be done as time allows before, after, or in between other performances, and should be tested in advance of your performance.

Note: Our DJ is not accepting tracks emailed in advance this year.

APPAREL

- There will only be a limited number of apparel items for sale at the competition
- **All pre-ordered apparel will ship to Waukesha South and be handed to your coach at check-in on December 9th.**

GLAM ROOM

Our Glam Room is available for all athletes and coaches to use prior to their performance for doing hair and makeup. Our Glam Room has mirrors and will be stocked with extra bobby pins, hair ties, and hair spray for you to utilize if you need it! Please Note: **This is NOT A DRESSING ROOM**, so please have your athletes get changed in the bathroom if needed.

Our Glam Room is located between the auditorium and warm-ups on the third level of the school. We will have our staff show you where this is upon arrival and have signs directing you to the space.

The Glam Room will be monitored by staff for the duration of our event. Athletes and coaches using the room should be respectful of others and of Waukesha South property.

WARM-UP INFORMATION

Your warm-up rotation will consist of:

- Mat 1 (5 mins) - 3 standard cheer mat panels
- Mat 2 (5 mins) - 3 standard cheer mat panels
- Mat 3 (5 mins) - Full floor, 9 standard cheer mat panels, and access to music

An mp3/aux plug-in will be available for you to use during your full panel mat time (including an iPhone adapter). There is NO CD PLAYER available in warm-ups, so please bring your warm up music on your phone or mobile device.

General Warm-Up Reminders:

- Please report to warm-ups on time! You will not be given extra time if you arrive late.
- Only tumbling and stunting on matted surfaces is allowed.
- The back warm-up area is only for registered athletes and coaches.
- We are NOT providing spotters during warm-ups or performance time.

GAMEDAY DIVISION REMINDERS

Our DJ will be indicating offense or defense at random. You cannot request a specific call.

No tumbling or stunting in the Band Chant/Dance (see [WACPC rules](#) for more information).

Props must be brought onto the mat when your team is called out (cannot set the mat up before you perform), and must clear the mat of props when finished.

2023 DIVISIONS

These are the current divisions for Southside Showdown 2023. Divisions may be added/broken down depending on team registrations.

Youth PreK-2nd Grade	JV Traditional
ELEM 3rd-5th Grade	JV Non-Tumble
ELEM REC K-4th Grade	JV Gameday
ELEM REC 1st-4th Grade	Varsity Super Small (7-9 athletes)
ELEM REC 2nd Grade	Varsity Small (10-11 athletes)
ELEM REC 1st-5th Grade	Varsity Medium (12-15 athletes)
ELEM / ELEM REC Gameday	Varsity Large (16+ athletes)
MS 6th-8th Grade	Varsity Coed (1+ male athletes)
MS 7th-8th Grade	Varsity Non-Tumble
MS Gameday	Varsity Cheer Dance
MS REC 5th-8th Grade SMALL (5-24 athletes)	Varsity Gameday Small (5-15 athletes)
MS REC 5th-8th Grade LARGE (25+ athletes)	Varsity Gameday Large (16+ athletes)
MS REC 6th-8th Grade	
MS / MS REC 4th-8th Grade	
MS / MS REC Non-Tumble	
MS REC Gameday	

SCORING

All of our judges are WACPC certified and will be utilizing [WACPC scoresheets](#).

- UCA and NFHS score sheets are not used at this event.

All teams are asked to **PLEASE fill out a [Skill Inventory](#)** (and/or [Cheer Dance Skill Inventory](#) if competing in the Cheer Dance division) to assist judges in evaluating your routine. This helps your team by providing the judges with a list of your intended skills to help ensure that nothing gets missed.

We do not offer a challenge/review process, meaning that all judging scores received the day of the event are final.

Please submit your Skill Inventory by uploading it to your respective Google Drive folder using this naming convention: Skill Inventory_TeamName (EX: Skill Inventory_Waukesha South Varsity). **All skill inventories are due to your Google Drive folders by 10:00pm on Thursday, December 7th.**

AWARDS:

NEW This year, **award sessions will be held in our auditorium** for all sessions. Athletes and coaches will be invited to the stage for award announcements, and spectators will have the ability to sit and take photos from the auditorium seats. We hope this will allow for less delays, and an easier viewing experience for spectators.

The TOP 3 teams in each division will receive an award.

- 1st Place - Banner + Medals for all athletes and coaches
- 2nd & 3rd Place - Banner

We will award a GRAND CHAMP in each session to the team with the highest overall session score. The Grand Champ recipient will receive a Grand Champ Banner.

In the event of a **tie-breaker** we will follow the [WACPC procedure](#).

Scoresheets will be available for coaches to pick up after their awards session, and the full competition tally emailed to the coaches by **11:00pm Saturday, December 9th at the latest.**

PLEASE ensure your team clears the performance floor in a timely fashion so that preceding sessions run on time. We will have a designated space for photos.

SAVE THE DATE for Southside Showdown 2024
Saturday, December 14th, 2024

We can't thank you enough for being a part of this event and hope that your teams have a great experience. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are looking forward to seeing your routines and showcasing the team's hard work! Good luck and safe travels!