

CHEER PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What does the cheerleading tournament include?

1. Cheerleaders are provided with a Cheer Spirit Pack. The pack consists of a Shirt, Shorts and bow. Cheer teams can choose from a variety of colors and the YSFL Cheer Logo is placed on the shirt and shorts. Please see the cheer pack promo document for this information.
2. Cheerleaders can cheer for ANY of the football teams from their organizations that are participating in the YSFL football tournament.
3. Cheer teams can present “practice” their routines at the half times at game fields.
4. A cheer competition that will be held during the same weekend as the YSFL State Championship. Teams can enter multiple levels of the tournament.

All teams/cheerleaders that are registered in the YSFL tournament are entitled to enter into the YSFL State Championship Cheerleading Competition. For this competition YSFL partners with Spirit Championships (www.spiritcompetitions.com) a spring program that offers a variety of cheer competitions. The YSFL cheer teams can participate in the YSFL final season competition and also participate in the other Spirit Championships competitions offered through our partnerships program.

5. A chance to do their cheer routine at the YSFL state championship event, regardless of if their football teams make the championships.
6. A chance to do their cheer routine at the YSFL Pro Bowl tournament.

What are the divisions that cheerleaders can participate in?

Division allocation is determined by the "league age" of a child. A child's "league age" is determined by whatever the child's age was on July 31st of the previous year. (*Example: if season is in 2018 then age is determined by July 31st, 2017*)

Cheerleader Divisional Ages:

Age Division

- 6U 5 - 6 year olds
- 8U 7 - 8 year olds
- 10U 9 - 10 year olds
- 12U 11 - 12 year olds
- 14U 13 - 14 year olds
- 15U 15 year olds

Open Divisions

- Junior Open 5 - 12 year olds
- Senior Open 11 - 15 year olds
- Open 5 - 15 year olds

Can teams be made up of multiple ages of cheerleaders?

Yes. If Cheer Coordinators do not have enough cheerleaders to make a full division they can combine their cheerleaders into “open” teams and enter the open divisions. Therefore if a group of cheerleaders from an organization wants to combine all their cheerleaders together to cheer for their football teams as a group they can.

Can Cheer teams enter the Cheer tournament into multiple divisions?

Yes. *For example:* If a cheer coordinator has say 10 8U cheerleaders and only a few of each of the 6U and/or 10U age cheerleaders then the 10 8U cheerleaders can team up and enter the cheer competition in the 8U division tournament competition, AND then all the cheerleaders can combine together and enter gain into the Junior Open division tournament competition. Teams and cheerleaders that are signed up to participate in the YSFL Cheer program can enter as many routines divisions as they like.

What are the trophies offered for the tournament?

In the event many cheer teams enter the tournament the YSFL may increase these parameters, by providing performance levels and/or regional divisions etc. There will be a winner and multiple levels of place trophies for each of the 10 divisions. In addition all cheerleaders will receive a small participation trophy or medal.

If an organization enters into multiple divisions of the cheer tournament do the routines have to be the same for each division?

No. Teams can enter multiple divisions with multiple routines.

Do cheer teams have to cheer for the football teams at their games?

No. Cheer teams can pick and choose which games and when they want to cheer for their football teams. Cheerleaders are not required to travel with their football teams on their travel week.

How much does it cost per cheerleader?

The cost is between \$105 per cheerleader. (This includes the competition entry fees)

What is the registration Deadlines?

Cheer teams can sign up for participation up to and including the 2nd week of games of the YSFL tournament.

When do cheerleaders have to be paid by?

All cheerleaders must be paid in full prior to receiving their certification stamp and their spirit pack. All teams must be paid in full by week 2 of the YSFL season.

How many presentation spots will be provided for cheer teams to do their routines at the State Championships?

There are 11 divisional football games at the State Championships. The YSFL will provide cheer presentation spots both in between games and at the half times of the tournament games. Two teams will present at each opportunity. Therefore there a total of 22 presentation spots available.

Will there be sound systems available at the State Championships?

Yes. The cheer routine music can be played through the main sound system.

What are the basic rules for the cheer tournament?

The YSFL operates under high school cheerleading rules.

Is there a minimum or maximum amount of cheerleaders allowed per team?

There are no minimums; however the YSFL suggests a maximum of 35 per squad due to the size of mats used during competitions.

What uniforms do cheerleaders have to use?

Cheer teams can use any uniforms they wish to cheer in. The YSFL does not provide cheer teams with uniforms as part of the program. Cheer teams are advised to use their own organizations uniforms or provide their own.