

## **Frequently Asked Questions about the State Competition!**

**Please read through these as they clarify many situations that you may be in for the competition. If your question is not addressed here, please email the Executive Directors asap.**

**Is it okay if we record our (stunting/tumbling) Crowd Involvement/Time Out routine for State Championships without masks?** ICCA is making the allowance FOR RECORDING PURPOSES ONLY, that teams may choose to forego wearing masks. All practices (that include stunting) should include masks. This change is ONLY for recording and no other times.

**How do we maintain social distancing during our competition video?** Teams should attempt to maintain social distancing, yet use formations and movement to create interest and enthusiasm from the crowd. Props used must also follow all rules for social distancing. Poms, signs, megaphones cannot be shared between members of the squad.

### **Masks or gaiters? Are both legal?**

Choose a facial covering that will serve the purpose of protecting participants without getting in the way during cheerleading, especially tumbling. Remember that masks are being used as a protective device and not another surface to decorate.

From the IHSAA's website's Football Covid-19 fall guidelines page: "It is recommended that if worn, players and coaches wear a mask that is a solid color." No prohibition of the color.

**Which side do we need to enter from in Crowd Involvement/Time Out? Does it matter?** It does matter. This is supposed to be a time out situation so you would enter from either the right or left side, but not from the back or front.

**Can we tumble into a stunt in Crowd Involvement/Time Out if we are in the tumbling/stunting division?** There is no tumbling into a stunt. Be sure to review all guidelines for your division.

**When does timing begin in Crowd Involvement/Time Out?** Team entrance, chants, answer backs, spell-outs, etc. are considered part of the routine and are timed as part of the performance.

**I know we can't cradle from a stunt, but can we go from a prep to an extension without dismounting in Crowd Involvement/Time Out tumbling/stunting division?** You can do a prep, smooch, back to prep. You can do a prep, then go to extension as long as you dismount at the end properly.

Prep, smooch, prep -- LEGAL

Prep, stop, press to extension -- LEGAL

**Is it okay to tumble or stunt in the non tumbling/non stunting divisions?** No, it is not. If you plan to tumble or stunt, you must be in the tumbling/stunt division. Only Crowd Involvement/Time Out has a stunting/tumbling division, but it has restrictions. Be sure to review those restrictions prior to entering your performance.

**Can team members carry tumbling members signs or poms during the entrance?**

Because of Covid concerns, all members must carry their own props during the performance.

No one should carry someone else's poms, signs or any other props you might use.

PLEASE NOTE: poms, signs, etc, CANNOT be placed prior to a routine.

**Can I have a mascot for any of my routines? Must they be members of the cheer squad?**

**Is the mascot part of my 20?** All mascots should be bona fide members of your team. They are included as part of your 20 maximum. Mascots are limited to the same props as cheerleaders and are not allowed to stunt. If mascots are used, they must participate.

**What if my school song is only 45 seconds long?** Routines that are shorter are fine, though some schools choose to perform the school song through one time, add a crowd involvement element (such as spelling out the school's name), then performing the school song a second time.

**Should the cheerleaders sing along with the school song?** We encourage teams to do what they would normally do when performing the school song.

**Will Honor Squad happen this year?**

**\*\* Registration for Honor Squad is DELAYED....DO NOT send in paperwork at this time for Honor Squad.**

**How is All State going to work?** If we are unable to hold the regular tryout, we will move to a virtual format. All information will be provided as soon as a decision is made. All materials will be posted on the website. Be sure to double check all practice dates and performances.