

IOWA CHEER HONOR SQUAD – 2020

The Iowa Cheerleading Coaches' Association and the Iowa High School Athletic Association are proud to sponsor the Iowa Cheer Honor Squad. This squad will perform at the half times of two Iowa High School Football Championship Games on **Friday, November 20, 2020**. We hope to have up to 100 cheerleaders participating in this event, representing ICCA member schools throughout Iowa.

- A. **One ICCA head coach registers ALL participants for ALL ICCA events.**
- B. **Non-refundable entry fee of \$40 registration fee** payable to ICCA is required from each participant. **School and coach information, plus the names of the participants are due online by October 26 and must match the money submitted with online registration. Paperwork and payment for registration must be postmarked by October 26, 2020. Do not send multiple parent checks! NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. Credit card payment is preferred. Contact Kenna Johnson to pay by credit card. ICCA is not responsible for lost or misdirected mail. Be sure your information is mailed to the correct address.**
- C. Participants must be SENIORS cheering on a varsity squad for the current school year.
- D. Participants must be a bona fide cheerleader in their high school and be a senior academically.
- E. The coach must drive participants to Honor Squad practices and performances. See "Coaches' Duties" below for further details.
- F. The coach must have a completed **Medical Treatment and Release Form** for each participant. It is the responsibility of the coach to carry the Medical Treatment Forms to all Honor Squad practices and performances.
- G. Participants and coaches are responsible for all food, hotel, and travel expenses.
- H. Participants are required to follow all guidelines established by the ICCA. These guidelines will include policies covering appearance, behavior, conditioning, etc. The participating members will also be required to follow Good Conduct policies set by individual schools.
- I. All coaches involved in Honor Squad, or any ICCA Event, are registered as ICCA members under the school's registration. This includes all head and assistant coaches whether they are taking cheerleaders to Honor Squad or attending Honor Squad.
- J. Rules Meeting and Concussion Video Training certificates must be on file for every participating event coach (head, assistant, volunteer) in an ICCA Event including Honor Squad. **Spirit Rules Meeting: August 5 - August 29 on ICCA website..**
- K. A cheerleader involved in a college cheer program may NOT participate in Honor Squad (or any ICCA Event).
- L. All coaches and the school must be in good standing with ICCA regarding National Federation Spirit Rules or ICCA/IHSAA Strengthened Rules to participate in ICCA events involving cheerleaders.
- M. All cheerleaders and coach(s) must attend all practices and be present for the duration of the practice.
- N. Coaches have fulfilled the ICCA required information to participate.

COACH'S DUTIES – The head cheerleading coach or assistant cheerleading coach who is on the school payroll and has completed the online rules meeting, concussion video, and is an ICCA member may be the official chaperone for the cheerleaders. The coach must drive candidates to Honor Squad practices and performances. The coach is responsible for chaperoning at all times which means he/she cannot leave the site during the practices or performances. No parents will be permitted to accompany the participants in a supervisory position. Insurance regulations require a school vehicle (unless other arrangements are made with your administrator) and a school employee to bring the cheerleaders to the event. Only ONE coach may attend with his/her cheerleaders.

All participating coaches must be registered ICCA members. All coaches must have certificates of the current Spirit Rules Meeting and Concussion Video Training on file with the ICCA. The school must be in good standing with the ICCA in regards to NF Safety Rules and ICCA/IHSAA Rules.

If one of the coaches is unable to attend, a school employee may bring the candidates. This must be approved IN ADVANCE (at least one week prior) with the Honor Squad Director. The school employee must bring a letter from the school district superintendent or his/her designee stating the employee's relationship to the school and why the head coach cannot attend. This should only occur in case of an emergency, as it is important that coaches attend the practices and performances. This person and cheerleaders must stay for the duration of the practice.

Each school participating will receive ONE coach's pass. Please do not bring others to the morning practice as they will not be admitted into the UNI Dome. Extra tickets may be purchased from the UNI ticket office in advance. Due to Covid 19, only one coach will be allowed.

PRACTICES AND PERFORMANCES:

There will be no Sunday practice due to Covid concerns. Material will be presented virtually and must be learned before coming to practice on Thursday. There will be no stunting in this performance. Masks must be worn at all times. The first practice will be held on Thursday, November 19th in Cedar Falls. Practice times will be assigned between 9:00 am - 7:00 pm. A final practice will be in the Dome on **Friday, November 20th**, from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. with performances to follow.

- A. **All practices are mandatory, and both the coach and cheerleaders must stay for the entire practice. Cheerleaders will not be allowed to perform or receive recognition (name in program, medal, certificate, T-shirt, etc.) if they miss a practice, which would include leaving a practice early, or have a National Federation Rules violation during practice.**

- B. Hotel information will be available on the ICCA website.
- C. Participating cheerleaders will receive a certificate, T-shirt, etc. at the last practice. T-shirt sizes are on the Registration form.
- D. The Honor Squad Director/ICCA representative shall not permit a team member to participate if in his/her judgment there is a safety concern or rules violation.
- E. **The last day to change names or substitute is October 31st.**