

Game Time Spirit FAQs

We are judged on Jump Difficulty and Jump Technique. Where is it best to incorporate jumps?

1. A TWO JUMP COMBINATION is required in the Time Out section
2. You may choose to use one jump in the School Fight Song section, but it is not required.

Can we sing our School Fight Song?

We encourage cheerleaders to sing along with their fight song, if that's what you do during games. Teams will NOT be penalized if they choose not to sing the words of their school song.

What is MUSICALITY?

Musicality speaks to the rhythm, tempo, mood, and expression used to go along with the school fight song.

What about copyright for our School Fight Song?

1. Have your high school band record it. THEN, have your band instructor write a letter on SCHOOL LETTERHEAD, giving your squad permission to perform their recording.
2. Buy your school song on a single track from iTunes. Remember it needs to be purchased under your school name with a school credit card.
- Most School Fight Songs are old enough that they fall under Public Domain, meaning they're more than 75 years old. In that case, you won't need further paperwork.
 - On Wisconsin
 - Notre Dame Victory March

When does time start and stop for this division?

1. Begins with Time Out buzzer. Teams will enter from the left side of the mat (from the audience's perspective.)
2. Time ends the last word of a call back or the last beat of the music. There is not a choreographed exit.

Can teams "spirit" while collecting props and exiting the floor?

No.

Will there be more than one buzzer during the performance?

No, the only buzzer will be the one to begin the routine.

What if my School Fight Song is over one minute? Can I just cut down my Time Out portion?

As stated in the State Championship paperwork, the Time Out portion is not to exceed one minute, and the School Fight Song portion is not to exceed one minute. Therefore, if your School Fight Song is over one minute, it will have to be modified to fit in 60 seconds.

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Does the Time Out portion have to be BASKETBALL?

No!! The Time Out portion of the division is structured after a basketball time out, but you can use any type of cheer you want. The focus is on crowd involvement, not the sport.

We do a jump in our School Fight Song. How is it scored as part of the routine?

The jumps that are performed during the Time Out section of the routine are scored on the scoresheet rubric. Two jumps should be performed. Any jumps performed during the School Fight Song are scored as part of the Overall Impression section of the scoring.

Can we begin the School Fight Song section in a stunt?

No. Stunting is only allowed during the Time Out section of the routine.

What's the best way to divide the 2-minute time limit between the Time Out section and the School Fight Song section?

The Time Out section begins with the "basketball buzzer" and should range between approximately 55-60 seconds. Teams should transition to the spots where they will begin the School Fight Song, which would fill the remaining time frame.

** The two sections are meant to flow together and be continuous. It is not intended for teams to finish the Time Out section, stop what they're doing, then start the School Fight Song section.