

MEMO #1

DATE: December 15, 2011
TO: *Cheer Coaches*
Activities Principals
Activities Directors

RE: 2012 March Madness Alaska
State Cheerleading Competition Events Memo

The ASAA Board of Directors, during the December 2011 board meeting, has approved the following format and guidelines for the 2012 March Madness Alaska State Cheerleading Competition (UCA/Varsity will provide judges and professional oversight):

- High School sport specific sideline cheer squads will be placed in their schools classification division: 1A/2A/3A or 4A.
- These are the following categories for the 1A/2A/3A and 4A Divisions:
 - 1A/2A/3A Non-Building Team
 - 1A/2A/3A Building Team
 - 4A Non-Building Team
 - 4A Building Team
- The following divisions are not separated by classification:
 - Coed Division (one or more males)
 - Competition Division (includes both all-girl and coed teams, building and non-building)

1A/2A/3A & 4A DIVISIONS

In 1A/2A/3A and 4A classification the Sport Specific Sideline cheer squad will designate if they are competing in a category of (NON BUILDLING or BUILDING) in a division and must perform each of the following items for judging.

- **Non-Building High School Squads**
 - No Stunts or lifts
 - 2:30 Routine (90 seconds music/60 seconds cheer consisting of cheers/chants, dance, jumps and tumbling)
 - NEW - Time Out Dance (consists of crowd leading skills and motion technique)
 - NEW - Time Out Cheer (consists of creativity, motion/movement, visual effect, crowd appeal)
 - Does not include Coed
- **Building High School Squad**
 - 2:30 routine (90 seconds music/60 seconds cheer consisting of cheers/chants, dance, jumps, tumbling, and stunting)

- NEW - Time Out Dance (consists of crowd leading skills and motion technique)
- NEW - Time Out Cheer (consists of creativity, motion/movement, visual effect, crowd appeal)
- Does not include Coed

COED DIVISION

- COED Division for Sport Specific Sideline Cheer Squads
- Sideline Cheer squad with one or more males

COMPETITION DIVISION

- High School COMPETITION SQUADS (includes both all-girl and coed teams, building and non-building)
- Varsity (Squad size 2-99)

ELIGIBILITY:

Each high school team shall consist of members who are currently listed on the schools' Master Eligibility List as a sport-specific sideline cheer squad or a Competition Cheer Squad.

- A school may enter one team as a Non Building or Building team and a COMP team (composed of different team members). No more than two members from either the Sport Specific Sideline or Comp Team may "cross over" to compete on both teams.

NEW COMPETITION EVENTS:

Sport-specific Sideline Cheer Squads will turn their crowd leading skills into competition this year with the addition of 2 separate competitive events:

- 60 second Time Out Dance (consists of crowd leading skills and motion technique)
- 60 second Time Out Cheer (consists of creativity, motion/movement, visual effect, crowd appeal)

ALL competing sideline cheer squads are required to participate in both of these events in addition to team routine competition. There will be samples of both the Time-out Dance and Cheer posted on the ASAA website in January. Teams will compete within their classification. (*See attached Score Sheets for these new events*).

5 PERSON STUNT COMPETITION:

Cheer Squads (SIDELINE and COMPETITION) who are competing in this state competition may enter **one** STUNT group (optional). For example, a sideline cheer squad can enter one stunt group; a competition cheer squad can enter one stunt group. These stunt groups will be judged on technique, stability, creativity and flow. Specific guidelines:

- Stunting: Full extension and 1-legged extended stunts showing a variety of body positions —(i.e. liberty, torch, scale, arabesque or scorpion)
- Dismounts: straight ride cradles, twisting cradles, legal extended forward rolls, etc.
- Basket toss: straight ride basket toss or one trick basket toss (i.e. toe touch basket, pike basket, bottle rocket basket, a kick-full basket).
- Time: 1 minute

AWARDS:

- Academic Award presented to the team with the highest GPA
- 1st and 2nd place trophies for 123A Building, 123A Non-Building, 4A Building, 4A Non-Building, Coed, and Competition
 - **NOTE: A 2nd place trophy will only be awarded with 4 or more teams competing in a division. If there are 3 teams in a division only a 1st place trophy will be awarded. ASAA reserves the right to move teams to another division in order to maintain the spirit of competition. If there is only ONE team in a division that team will be placed into another division with other teams.**
- Award plaque for each 123A and 4A team with the highest score in the Time-Out Cheer and Time-Out Dance Competitions.
- Award plaque to the team with the highest score in the 5 Person Stunt Competition

There will be NO competition events for Individuals or Mascots.

EXHIBITION:

There will be an exhibition of the new sport STUNT during the Competition Events. More specific details will be posted on the ASAA website.

Timelines and forms for submittal of the forms — *Intent to Participate* and *Rosters* will be posted on our website in January.