



2025 MCCA CHEER OFF - MASCOT CHALLENGE INFORMATION

Saturday, October 4
Jefferson High School

COACHES:

- Coach registration cost: FREE with team registration.
- ALL coaches must be current members of MCCA to register and attend with their team.

TEAM REGISTRATION:

- Cheer Off registration cost:
 - **Session 1 Non Competitive** - \$20 per mascot
 - **Session 2 Competitive** - \$25 per mascot
- Registrations are **due Saturday September 20, 2025**
 - Payment may be paid online at time of registration or offline via mail. If paying off line payments must be postmarked by September 20, 2025.
- Rosters and waivers are **due Saturday September 27, 2025**. Rosters/waivers received after the due date will incur a \$25 processing fee.
 - Mascots may have 2 helpers to set up and take down props.
 - Be sure to include all coaches, the mascot athlete, and any helper athletes on Mascot Roster. This form is used to verify total payment due, to verify all waivers are on file and complete, and will be used the day of the competition at check-in.
 - Email Roster to cheeroff@mccacheer.com

MASCOT CHALLENGE FORMAT:

- Each mascot will perform a 1 minute and 30 second skit to music.
- Mascots and helpers will have 1 minute to set up and 1 minute to take down their set.
 - Mascots may have 2 helpers to set up and take down props, but you may not be assisted during your skit. The helpers must be appropriately dressed in your school's spirit program uniforms, t-shirts, and/or warmups.
- If a mascot exceeds either time limit, a penalty will be assessed for each violation.
- Skits should represent good sportsmanship with competing mascots.
- All mascots must provide their own licensed music.
- Please make sure that all music devices have a headphone jack to connect to the sound system and are fully charged, volume turned up, and placed in airplane mode.
- You will need to acquire an adapter in advance if your player does not have a headphone jack.
- MCCA prohibits the use of suggestive, offensive, or vulgar themes that are inappropriate for family audiences.
- Mascots must remain in full character or fully out of character when leaving the practice area. This is to help maintain anonymity. (i.e. must not walk around in body without headpiece attached.)

PROP RULES:

- Each prop must be able to fit through a standard size door.
- Wheels can be used on the bottom of props for ease of movement.
- To avoid damage to the competition floor, props should be constructed so that they may easily be carried or moved to the performance area. The bottom of all props, flats, flagpoles, and scenery made of wood, metal or PVC type plastic must be padded or taped.
- The use of weapon-like props are prohibited unless appropriate to the character (i.e. knight/sword, pirate/hook, etc). Weapon-like props must be used in an appropriate manner.
- No pyrotechnics, discharge of arms, pressurized canisters, dangerous materials, flammable liquids, or animals will be permitted in or around the performance area.
- Electrical (plug-in) or compressed air apparatuses, including flashcubes (electrical or chemical) will not be allowed.
- Smoke machines will not be allowed.
- The use of powder, dirt, or any other airborne substance that lingers in the competition area shall be strictly prohibited.
- Balloons, confetti, dry ice, water guns, motorized devices, fire extinguishers, or air-horns will not be allowed.
- Mascots are responsible for transporting props to and from the competition venue.
- MCCA will not be responsible to help get props into or out of the performance area(s).

THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY:

- Current NFHS/USA Spirit Rules.
- MSHSL Rules for participation in extracurricular activities.
- MCCA music rules/USA Cheer Music Copyrights Educational Initiative.

SCORING:

- The judging panel will consist of 3 judges. Scores of the 3 judges will be averaged and then any deductions will be applied. Score sheets are available on the website.

AWARDS:

- **SESSION ONE - Non Competitive**
 - Each Mascot registered will receive a Ribbon based on the over judges feedback.
- **SESSION TWO- Competitive**
 - The number of awards given will depend on the number of Mascots registered.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Where can I view a video example of a Mascot skit?

- https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=mascot+national+championship

Can my Mascot participate in both Session One & Session Two?

- Yes, but you will have to register and pay for each session.

If you have any questions, please contact Meredith Rowley at cheeroff@mccacheer.com.