

# General Information

## MARDI GRAS NATIONALS

### **General Admission:**

Spectator admission is \$10.00 for all **Mardi Gras Nationals** with the exception of New Orleans. Children under 5 admitted free.

NEW ORLEANS – One day admission - \$15

**USASF:** The USASF guidelines set for all-star cheer & dance teams will be followed. School cheer/dance and recreation cheer/dance will also follow USASF rules but NOT their divisions or team number limits. Please refer to the school & recreation divisions and limits enclosed.

**Spotters:** Due to the complexity and intricacies of team choreography, Mardi Gras Spirit Events will NOT provide spotters on the competition floor. All teams may elect to provide their own spotters on the competition floor. Please see Penalty limitations!

**Coaches:** Coaches will receive **2 free passes per team** once you check in the day of the event. **Extra** passes are available at \$25.00 per coach. Only coaches with a pass are allowed into the warm up room. Coaches are allowed to sit directly in front of the competition floor for **TINY, EXHIBITION & SPECIAL NEEDS DIVISIONS ONLY**. Coaches can always stand in the designated coaches area or VIP seating area.

**Performance Area:** The competition will take place on a **SPRING FLOOR**. All Cheer teams and Dance teams will compete on a 42' deep X 54' wide carpeted spring floor.

**Performance & Warm up Information:** Each squad/team will have a scheduled warm-up time. We suggest that you arrive at least one hour prior to your practice time & check in at the coaches registration table. Proceed to the practice area 15 minutes prior to your scheduled practice time. Warm up and competition times will be posted on the website for each event one week prior to the event date. An updated schedule will be posted on the website the Wednesday before each competition.

**Music:** Each team must provide music recorded on a quality CD. A representative from your team is responsible for bringing the music to the sound table and pressing the play and stop buttons at the proper times. Please bring a back up copy to the sound table. Routines should be choreographed to finish a few seconds under the time limit to ensure that the squad/team does not go over the time limit. Penalty points will be deducted for exceeding the time limit for routines.

**Code of Conduct:** We rely on the honesty and integrity of coaches when providing registration information and the truth of its content. We expect that all teams, coaches, and spectators represent themselves and their respective communities by exhibiting respect, encouragement, courtesy, kindness, humility and a positive attitude towards others. Let's make this event a pleasant experience for everyone! There will be no contact with the judges by a coach, participant or spectator. The Judges' rulings are final on all decisions concerning deductions, specific rulings & final placement. Any unruly behavior by coaches, participants or spectators will result in removal from the event and team disqualification. Mardi Gras Spirit Events reserves the right to deny participation in future events.

**Score Sheets:** Score sheets may be picked up approximately 1 hour after the scheduled performance time. Only the team coach/director may pick up the score sheet packet.

**Glitter Policy:** For the safety of all competitors, no loose glitter will be allowed on the performance floor. Spray glitter is allowed but **must be sprayed outside** of the competition facility.

**Hotel Information:** Please refer to our website [www.MardiGrasSpiritEvents.com](http://www.MardiGrasSpiritEvents.com) for all hotel information.

**Worlds Qualifier:** Mardi Gras Nationals in New Orleans, LA is a Cheerleading Worlds Qualifier! There will be TWO bids awarded to The Cheerleading Worlds Competition in Orlando, FL. We will award one partial paid and one at large bid. Mardi Gras Spirit Events awards the bids to the highest scoring teams, regardless of division or level. All World's teams will compete twice on the same day and the scores will be combined.

**Team Waiver Form:** Please submit ONE Waiver form PER TEAM entered into competition. Waivers may be submitted once and will cover all Mardi Gras Spirit Event competitions (within the same season) provided all event cities are listed and there are no changes (divisions, levels, members added or deleted) to the team roster. Please make sure all information is complete.

**\*RULE INTERPRETATION\*:** It is the policy of Mardi Gras Spirit Events not to give specific rule Interpretations over the phone. All official rule interpretations must be submitted on a DVD, full size VHS Videotape or email and must be received at our office at least 10 days prior to the event attending --- NO exceptions. All videos must contain:

1. A front, side and back view of the skill/section in question (do not send entire routines).
2. A letter stating the question/request.
3. School/Team Name and Event/Division entering.
4. Coaches Name, address, phone and fax numbers and email address.

Send to: Mardi Gras Spirit Events  
ATTN: Rules Interpretations  
1937 Veterans Boulevard, Box #356  
Metairie, LA 70005

Or email [rules@mardigrasspiritevents.com](mailto:rules@mardigrasspiritevents.com)

- Please bring the rule interpretation that you receive from us with you to the event. Only official rule interpretations from the Mardi Gras Spirit Events office will be permissible at any event.