

# How can my team qualify?

Throughout your competitive season, starting in September of current year through February 20 of the following year, you will accumulate points to be eligible to compete in the “Group Cheer Off” at the NJCDCA State High School Cheerleading Championships.

1. Only Varsity Cheer/Dance teams and Varsity All Music teams competing in the divisions that we offer at The State Championships will be eligible to compete in the Group Championship Cheer Off. (This excludes Intermediate and Non-Tumble Divisions). These are the only points we will post.
2. Varsity Cheer/Dance teams will compete against each other in their respective groups and Varsity All Music teams will compete against each other in their respective groups.
3. **Eligibility to compete in the Group Championship Cheer Off at States, will be based on your top 5 scores from NJCDCA Certified competitions that you attend up until February 20, 2022. If you compete in more than 4 competitions, we will only take the points from your top 4 competitions. If you compete in less than 4 then the points you receive will still be tabulated and eligible.**
4. Points will be awarded to the top 5 teams in each division at **Qualified NJCDCA competitions.**
5. Points will be tabulated according to your division placement at these competitions. Example: You attend a competition and compete in the medium division against 5 other teams. Your team places 3rd in the division and is awarded 25 points. The next week you compete and there are 3 teams in your division. Your team places 2nd and is awarded 30 points (See Point Awards grid below).
6. If you are the only team in your division at a particular competition your points will still be tabulated according to the attached Point Awards System.
7. If there is a tie in placements both teams will receive the same number of points.
8. Please allow 1 week for the results of each competition to be posted. If you do not see your points listed after 1 week, please contact that competition sponsor. **DO NOT CONTACT THE NJCDCA.**

Each week the points you accumulated from the competition you attended will be displayed in a separate section of our web site for your review. You will be able to follow your Group Standings by visiting our web site weekly.

The NJCDCA will be inviting only the highest scoring teams within each group to participate in the Cheer/Dance Group Championship and the All Music Group Championship at States. The number of teams invited will be determined by the number of teams participating within each group. All teams qualify for the Group Cheer Off will be notified prior to the State Championships.

**As this is truly a season accumulation of points and by “invitation only category”, we hope this new system will establish the most competitive teams participating in the “Group Cheer Off.”**

## NJCDCA Group Cheer Off Point Awards

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place
11+ teams in your division	55 pts	45 pts	35 pts	30 pts	25 pts
8-10 teams in your division	50 pts	40 pts	30 pts	25 pts	20 pts
4-7 teams in your division	45 Pts	35 pts	25 pts	20 pts	15pts
1-3 teams in your division	40 pts	30 pts	20 pts	x	x

# How do I get my Competition Qualified?

## Criteria for NJCDCA Competition Qualification

We encourage competitions to sign up to be an NJCDCA qualified competition. It does not matter what score sheet is utilized, as long as your competition is reputable, follows safety rules, and draws NJCDCA competitive teams.

In order to cover administrative costs, the following fee schedule applies to all local competitions that would like to be identified as **NJCDCA Qualifying Competition**:

\$25.00 yearly fee	NJCDCA Member Schools (1 Complimentary NJCDCA Competition Qualification is included in your Membership fee. Each additional competition you host is \$25)
\$100 Yearly Fee	Non-Member Schools including County, Conference and Regional Competitions. \$100 per competition

- The application for registering your competition is on our website at NJCDCA.com on our Local Events page. **The application form and your enclosed fee must be remitted by January 28.** The sooner you get your paperwork; the sooner we can advertise your competition. NJCDCA Member Schools will just need to remit the application form as your NJCDCA Qualified Competition fee is included in your membership.

## How do points get transmitted to the NJCDCA?

Each competition that has remitted their fees and has completed the registration form is required to send their final results composite with the rankings and number of teams for each Varsity division only (Cheer/Dance & All Music) via email to: [kimberly.mcgowan@njcdca.com](mailto:kimberly.mcgowan@njcdca.com) **within 1 week of the close of the competition. See the gray box on the right for details.**

**The only exception will be for competitions held on Feb 19 or 20, 2022 and then results must be submitted within 24 hours (due to the proximity of the date of the State Championship)**

If your competition gets cancelled for any reason your check will be refunded in full.

*In addition, once we have received your application and check, we will post your competition on our web site so that all schools are aware that your competition is Qualified and eligible for points. You may also promote your competition as NJCDCA Qualifier.*