

# CHEER & DANCE BATTLES INFORMATION

Create an account on [www.cheeranddancebattles.com](http://www.cheeranddancebattles.com) and add your team to the event in the registration portal to receive the Cheer & Dance Battles Waiver and registration packet with more detailed instructions.

## After Registration and Prior to the event:

### Coaches Meeting:

There will be a Zoom meeting the Monday before the event to go over any questions and answer confirm times for a technical check for everyone. The technical check will be between Tuesday Morning Eastern time and Wednesday afternoon the week of the event. It is not necessary to participate, but recommended if it is your first time competing live virtual.

### Music:

Send your music (.mp3 file) to [info@cheeranddancebattles.com](mailto:info@cheeranddancebattles.com). All Music will need to be submitted ahead of time at least 24 hours before the event with licenses that are being used for each of the songs in the mix. Failure to submit music or to send in music licenses could result in forfeiting both your spot in the tournament as well as your registration fee.

Create a PAYPAL account to receive your monetary prize after winning a C&DB event.

### Connection to Compete:

Once registered it is recommended you establish an ethernet connection with a laptop, using a webcam with a high frame rate for the clearest video/audio possible (5G or Wi-Fi connection using a laptop, tablet or phone device with a high frame rate). Using a tablet or phone with a strong connection will also work, however there may be delays in the feed to the arena for competition.

Cheer & Dance Battles uses the Prosscored Virtual Arena to connect all teams to the Cheer & Dance

To connect to the arena you will need a video streaming connection: Ex. Zoom, OBS, Twitch, etc. Once registered we will email you a stream key from the email [c&dbstreamkey@cheeranddancebattles.com](mailto:c&dbstreamkey@cheeranddancebattles.com). This stream key will be specific to your team and your livestream connection to our arena.

Participants will be given a free ticket on the arena that will also give you access to the participant chat which will be how the C&DB liaison communicates to everyone.

There will be an 8 hour window 3 days prior to the event with time slots for the technical

appointment to test your livestream on the arena. You can schedule that on our tech calendar for the event.

### **Surface to compete:**

Make sure you have an ICU approved performance surface with optimal lighting and space for videoing your performance.

### **Bracket Seeding:**

All participants are placed on the schedule as they are registered. The first team registered will be Team 1 in the bracket. The second team registered will be placed in the Team 8 slot in the bracket according to the brackets page. The third team to register will then finish out battle 1 in the team 2 slot. Please refer to the bracket diagram on the website for reference.

### **Odd Number Brackets:**

If there are an odd number of participants then whichever battle has the odd team will progress to the next round automatically.

If there are only 6 teams, then whichever of the 6 teams is placed in the odd man out round 2 will still have to perform their routine a second time to progress to the championship round.

5 Teams in a bracket will have 1 team still have to throw their routine 3 times in order to progress to the championship round.

Please refer to the rules and regulations pages for questions about length of routine and scoring.

C&DB uses ICU scoring for international cheer and dance divisions. There are no challenges for scoring.

### **Introduce Yourself:**

Send your introduction video to [info@cheeranddancebattles.com](mailto:info@cheeranddancebattles.com). These videos may be used in our broadcast of the event. In the video, Please answer 1 of the following questions:

What is your name/team name? Where are you from? Why do you love this sport? What does it mean to you to compete against athletes from other countries and parts of the world? What is your favorite part of your routine that you are competing today? Who has been your biggest influence or supporter to get you where you are now? How has cheer or dance impacted your life?

### **During the event:**

Log into the arena 20 minutes prior to your performance time, with your camera on and microphone on mute.

Check in with C&DB by typing your name in the chat box when you enter the Prosscored Virtual Arena. The Arena Chat will be open only for teams to type in and it will be where we give instructions on rotation through the competition.

You will see your team name typed into the chat and a “You may begin” which is the cue to start your music. You will be able to watch the Livestream and see the teams you compete against as it is being judged live!

**Connection Problems** - When videoing your performance, make sure you have your device connected to a speaker to hear the music. The entire floor or space being used to compete in should be visible from top to bottom in the screen. This will guarantee judges can see all aspects of the routine and score them accurately.

**IN CASE OF INJURY** – the production team will immediately enter an intermission, where participants will have 5 minutes to rest and decide if they will continue their performance with or without the injured athlete or forfeit the battle. No participant substitutions are allowed. A C&DB liaison will communicate directly with you.

**IN CASE OF CONNECTION FAILURE** – We recommend that a secondary device that is not streaming to the arena platform be recording the video in case of any technical difficulties. If a connection is lost during the performance, the participants will have 6 minutes to submit the secondary performance video. It is the responsibility of the designated contact to immediately reach out to the C&DB liaison on standby through the Cheer & Dance Battles Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter to let us know you are uploading the file. Once communication has been established with C&DB, a link to Cheer & Dance Battles Google Drive will be provided via email for the video to be uploaded and used in production.

**Scoresheets** - After your performance, scores will be announced by the announcers and scoresheets will be emailed to coaches using the registered email address after the division Champion has been named. Scores may not be challenged. Battle winners will be notified in chat of the virtual arena for their next round time. Battle winners will move on to the next round until the championship round is completed.

**Ticket Purchase** - Spectators can buy their tickets to the battle by going to [arena.prosscored.com](https://arena.prosscored.com) and clicking on the Cheer & Dance Battles Ultimate Battle Event.

Participants in the event will be given a free ticket to watch and participate and this is how you will have access to the chat.

**After the event:**

Scores will be emailed to the email address you registered with as soon as the Division Battle has ended, and a Champion has been named.

Battle Champions will receive their monetary prizes through PAYPAL money transfers. Runner up winners will receive free registration for the next C&DB event.

*Thank you for registering to compete in a CHEER & DANCE BATTLES event!*

*See you on the BATTLEFIELD!*