



TSSAA Cheer and Dance Virtual State Championships FAQ's

How does a virtual event work?

Teams will film their routine in their own gym, football field or other area as long as it is performed on a NFHS approved surface. Routines filmed on spring floors will not be allowed.

Once routine videos are filmed, they will be uploaded to Varsity TV. There is no need to purchase additional equipment or internet services for your program – simply film on your phone or available camera! A UCA/UDA trained judging panel will score the routines in our Simple Score system. Score sheets and division breakdowns will be emailed to coaches, just like at an in-person event.

The TSSAA Cheer and Dance Virtual State Championships will then be available to watch on-demand on Varsity TV and each team will receive one FREE one-month subscription to watch!

What is the KEYWORD for the TSSAA virtual competition?

The KEYWORD is a word or set of words that must be written on the KEYWORD template outlined below and displayed on camera before the routine begins. The KEYWORD is unique to the TSSAA Cheer and Dance Virtual State Championships. Videos received that do not contain the appropriate KEYWORD will be disqualified.

Once the filming window is open, the **registered coach** will receive a KEYWORD and PDF Template via email that must be printed and filled out legibly in a dark pen or marker. The KEYWORD will also be available in the event BAND during the recording window.

- A team member or coach must hold up the filled-out Template in front of the camera for 5- 10 seconds before the routine begins.
- The information on this Template will ensure that the judges are judging the proper team.
- Routines submitted without the Template will be disqualified.

For virtual events, will there be a penalty if my team does not have a full floor to film our video?

Judges will evaluate teams on what is performed. Teams will be allowed to submit videos performed on any NFHS approved surface. Routines filmed on spring floors will not be allowed. Are teams required to use Music Providers for Virtual Events? Yes, teams will be asked to disclose if they own the synchronization rights to their music when uploading their videos to Varsity TV. For All Star Dance, School Dance, School Cheer & Open Rec teams, all routines will be judged with sound and available for VTV subscriber viewing with sound for 48 hours once the event goes live. After 48 hours, the routines will be available without sound. After 5 days, routines will be available for public viewing without sound for the duration of the competition season.

How do people watch the virtual event?

Varsity TV will host this event and one one-month subscription will be given to a coach of each registered team. All Varsity TV subscribers will be able to watch the event in its entirety. The awards will be FREE to all viewers on Varsity TV.

What kind of video do I need to submit for a virtual event?

Teams must submit a video recording of their routine taken in their practice facility, using the keyword indicated during the filming period. Videos must be one take – edited footage will not be accepted. All 4 corners of the floor should be visible when possible and athletes must perform on an NFHS approved surface. The program must own rights to this video and consent to it being posted on Varsity TV for use in the Virtual Competition. For filming specifics please refer to the TSSAA Cheer and Dance Virtual State Championships Filming Guidelines.

What should my team wear for a virtual event?

Teams may submit videos in their practice wear or official team uniforms. For a full listing of uniform guidelines please refer to the TSSAA Rules and Regulations.

Will we be required to turn in waiver forms for virtual competitions?

Yes, all athletes will need to complete a waiver form one week prior to the start of the competition. Once a team is registered for an event an email with instructions will be sent to your team.