REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

___ Complete Registration Form for each team!

___ Complete Information Form for each team!

___ Mail Registration Form and Check, made payable to SFA (please include driver's license number on personal checks), postmarked by Jan. 30, 2016 to:

SFA Cheer & Dance Contest
Box 13021- SFA Station
Nacogdoches, TX 75962

___ Before day of competition, ALL participants must complete a Waiver of Compliance Form. This MUST be signed by a parent or legal guardian in order for the participant to be able to perform.

___ In addition to all participants completing a Waiver of Compliance Form, all coaches/advisers MUST also complete a Waiver of Compliance Form. Both participant and coaches/adviser forms must be turned in at the registration table upon checking into the competition.

TIME LIMITS

Solo, Duet, Trio and Officer:
Each solo, duet, trio and officer group will perform a choreographed routine not to exceed two minutes and 15 seconds (135 seconds).

Teams:
Cheer: Each team will perform a choreographed routine not to exceed three minutes (180 seconds). Individual routine rules are outlined with the individual guidelines.
Dance: Each team will perform a choreographed routine not to exceed two minutes and 30 seconds (150 seconds).

BOUNDARIES
Cheer teams will compete on a 42’ x 54’ wide area (nine non-spring loaded cheer mats). Out of bounds will be considered being outside this designated area. Warm-up area will consist of cheer mats and a tumble strip.

Dance teams will compete on a 39’ deep x 39’ wide Marley dance floor. Warm up area will consist of a basketball court and one strip of dance floor (4.91’ x 39’) to warm up turns. (No deductions/penalties will be given if dancer goes off floor. This is to provide teams with a more defined dance surface.)

SPECTATOR INFORMATION:
It is IMPORTANT that all children are kept under supervision of parent or legal guardian at ALL times during this event! Admission fees for the contest are as follows: Adults - $10, Children 8 to 13 years old - $5 and Children 7 and under – FREE.
Contest T-shirts:
Official contest shirts will be available for purchase through an “Early Bird” deal for $15 each or at the contest for $20 each.

Critique Videos:
Each team will receive a USB flash drive with verbal critiques from judges over a video of your routine.

Shout Outs:
Shout outs will be available for $2 each. Show that special person how great they’re doing!

Cheer Divisions & Categories: (SFA Spirit has the right to modify and/or combine divisions based on number of entries)
*Participants who choose to compete in the Best Jumps or Best Tumbling categories will compete against each other. There are NO divisions for these categories. Therefore, there will be one winner for each.

*Participants who choose to compete in the Best Cheer category will execute ONE cheer. This cheer can incorporate jumps and tumbling.

*Participants who choose to compete in the Crowd Leader category will execute ONE cheer. This cheer is motions and words only and will not incorporate tumbling. Jumps are allowed in this cheer.

*Participants who choose to compete in the Individual category will be placed in the following divisions: K-4, 5-8, 9-11, 12. Participants will perform a routine to incorporate cheer, dance, tumbling and jumps. If there are not three participants entered in each grade division, a score of 45 or above must be obtained to win the division. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be awarded in each division.

*Participants who choose to compete in the Group Stunt category will be placed in the following divisions: Elementary, Junior and Senior. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be awarded in each division.

*Participants who choose to enter the Team category will be placed in the following categories: All-Star, Junior High/Middle School Performance, High School Performance, Junior High/Middle School Game Day or High School Game Day.

*Teams will compete against a score sheet and divisions ratings will be awarded.
**Dance Divisions & Categories:** (SFA Spirit has the right to modify and/or combine divisions based on number of entries)

*Participants who choose to compete in the **Best Leaps** and/or **Best Turns** categories will compete against each other. Participants will demonstrate 3 leaps for the Best Leaps category and 3 turns/turn combination for the Best Turns category.

**NEW** Participants in each category will be placed in the following grade divisions: K-4, 5-8 and 9-12.

*Participants who choose to compete in the **Solo** category will be placed in the following grade divisions: K-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-11 and 12.

1\(^{st}\), 2\(^{nd}\) and 3\(^{rd}\) place winners will be awarded in each Grade Division. If there are not three participants entered in each grade division, a score of 45 or above must be obtained to win the division.

*Participants who choose to compete in the **Duet** category will compete against a score sheet and division ratings will be awarded. There will be NO divisions for this category.

*Participants who choose to compete in the **Trio** category will compete against a score sheet and division ratings will be awarded. There will be NO divisions for this category.

*Participants who choose to enter the **Officer** category will be placed in the following grade divisions: K-3, 4-6, 7-8 and 9-12.

Officer groups will compete against a score sheet and division ratings will be awarded.

*Participants who choose to enter the **Team** category will be placed in the following categories: All-Star/Studio and School.

Teams will compete against a score sheet and division ratings will be awarded.

**Division Ratings Breakdown:** (For Duet, Trios, Officer and Teams)

Division I: 45-60 score
Division II: 30-44 score
Division III: 29 and below score
Cheer Awards Structure

**Best Jumps:**
One Best Jumps winner will be awarded a trophy.

**Best Tumbling:**
One Best Tumbling winner will be awarded a trophy.

**Best Cheer:**
One Best Cheer winner will be awarded a trophy.

**Crowd Leader:**
One Crowd Leader winner will be awarded a trophy.

**Individuals:**
Divisions for individuals will be as follows: K-4, 5-8, 9-11 and 12th grades.
Division rating ribbons will be awarded to each dancer.
Plates will be awarded to the 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} place winners.
Scholarship certificates in the amount of $200, $150 and $100 will also be awarded to 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} Place Winners in the 12th grade division.
(Scholarship honored only if dancer makes one of the SFA Cheer Teams.)

**Group Stunt:**
Division rating ribbons will be awarded to each group.
Plates will be awarded with division rating.

**Teams:**
Teams will receive a trophy with their placement.
Teams are also eligible to receive overall awards.

**Overall Cheer Awards:**
Highest scoring routine(s) of the day
Innovative choreography award(s)
Dance Awards Structure

**Best Turns:**
One Best Turns winners will be awarded a medal.

**Best Leaps:**
One Best Leaps winners will be awarded a medal.

**Solos:**
Divisions for Solos will be as follows: K-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-11 and 12th grades.
Division rating ribbons will be awarded to each dancer.
Plates will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.
Scholarship certificates in the amount of $200, $150 and $100 will also be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Winners of the 12th grade division.
(Scholarship honored only if dancer makes one of the SFA Dance Teams.)

**Duets & Trios:**
Division rating ribbons will be awarded to each group.
Plates will be awarded with division rating.

**Officers:**
Officers will receive a plate with their division rating.
Officers will all receive a division rating ribbon.
Officers are also eligible to receive overall awards.

**Teams:**
Teams will receive a trophy with their division rating.
Teams are also eligible to receive overall awards.

**Overall Dance Awards:**
Highest scoring routine(s) of the day
Innovative choreography award(s)
Creative costume award(s)