

MARDI GRAS NATIONALS

COMPETITION DATES AND LOCATIONS

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 A complete & up to date list of our 2009 - 2010 events are listed on our website.
 The registration deadlines are 2 ½ weeks prior to the event.

Full payment for Teams must be postmarked by the deadlines listed below to avoid late fees.

Event Date	Mardi Gras Nationals	“On-Time” Registration Deadline
January 9, 2010	Mobile, AL	December 23, 2009
January 17, 2010	New Orleans, LA	December 30, 2009
January 23, 2010	Loveland, CO	January 6, 2010
January 30, 2010	Tulsa, OK	January 13, 2010
February 7, 2010	Springfield, MA	January 20, 2010
February 14, 2010	San Marcos, TX	January 27, 2010
Feb. 20 or 21, 2010	San Jose, CA	February 3, 2010
March 6, 2010	Hershey, PA	February 17, 2010
March 20, 2010	Nashville, TN	March 3, 2010
April 11, 2010	St. Louis, MO	March 24, 2010

COMPETITION LOCATIONS

Mobile, AL - Mobile Civic Center, 401 Civic Center Drive, Mobile, AL 36602

New Orleans, LA - Morial Convention Center, 900 Convention Center Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70130

Loveland, CO – Budweiser Event Center, 5290 Arena Circle, Loveland, CO 80538

Tulsa, OK – Spirit Bank Event Center, 10441 S. Regal Boulevard, Tulsa, OK 74133

Springfield, MA – MassMutual Center, 1277 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01103

San Marcos, TX – Strahan Coliseum at Texas State University, 601 University Drive, San Marcos, TX 78666

San Jose, CA – The Event Center Arena at San Jose State University, 290 South 7th Street, San Jose, CA 95192

Hershey, PA – Hershey Park Arena, 300 Park Boulevard, Hershey, PA 17033

Nashville, TN – Nashville Municipal Auditorium, 417 Fourth Ave. N., Nashville, TN 37201

St. Louis, MO. – The Chaifetz Arena, #1 South Compton Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63103

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Fees (on time, before registration deadline listed above):

\$70.00 per participant for team competition

\$50.00 per crossover participant, Level 6 team members & Show/Exhibition team members

\$100.00 per participant for World's Team Competitors (New Orleans, LA only, compete twice)

**** Any registration postmarked or received after the "on-time" deadline will incur the \$10 per participant late fee --- NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

Crossovers – A "crossover" is a cheerleader or dancer that competes on more than one team from the same gym/school and at the same event. The "crossover" fee does NOT apply to a participant who is on a school team and an all-star team. "Crossover" participants must pay the full registration fee for the first team and will pay the discounted "crossover" fee for each additional team.

- 1. Participants may only represent ONE gym/school.**
- 2. Mardi Gras Spirit Events cannot guarantee that a performance overlap will not occur between crossover compete times or warm up times.**

Show/Exhibition Division – This is NOT a competitive division. Teams will receive judging comments, but will not be ranked within the division. They will also receive a team trophy, participant gifts and coaches gifts. Show/Exhibition teams can perform for FREE with 6 or more paid/registered teams from your gym/school program.

Special Athlete Division- Special Needs Athletes compete for FREE! This is a NOT a competitive division. Teams will receive judging comments, but will not be ranked within the division. They will also receive a team trophy, participant gifts and coaches gifts.

Parent Team Division – This is NOT a competitive division. Parent teams can perform FREE of charge with more than 60 full paid participants from one program/gym location. If less than 60 full paid participants registered, a flat fee of \$300 is due. Teams will receive judging comments, but will not be ranked within the division. They will also receive a team trophy.

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!

EASY Online Registration! Visit www.mardigrasspiritevents.com to register online!

Registration Payments - Payments must be made in the form of Cashier's Check, money order, or credit card only! No Gym checks or Personal checks will be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS! School team payments must be in the form of official school check only (NO Booster Club checks!). Any registration/payment made 2 weeks prior to competition **MUST** have overnight delivery with tracking number emailed or faxed to our office.

If not registering online, please mail a completed Registration Form, Registration Fees, Team Waiver and Competitor's List to our mailing address:

Mardi Gras Spirit Events
1937 Veterans Boulevard, Box #356
Metairie, LA 70005

Late Fees - There will be a \$10 per participant late registration fee for registrations postmarked or received after the designated payment deadline!

DISCOUNT PLANS: Take advantage of our “Purple, Green and Gold Plans” for teams attending more than 1 event.

PURPLE PLAN --- Parade of Champions to Parade of Champions - \$5 off

GREEN PLAN --- Parade of Champions to Mardi Gras Nationals - \$7 off

GOLD PLAN --- Mardi Gras Nationals to Mardi Gras Nationals - \$10 off

*Discount amount will apply to the 2nd or 3rd event total based on the number of full paid participants (NOT counting crossovers) brought to the previous event. For example: bring 34 full paid participants and 6 crossovers to a Parade of Champions event, then bring 51 full paid participants and 10 crossovers to a Mardi Gras National Event --- discount amount would be $\$7 \times 34 = \238 . Then bring 47 full paid participants and 23 crossovers to another Mardi Gras National event --- discount amount would be $\$10 \times 51 = \510 .

FAST PASS: “FAST PASS” status will be given to the coaches/directors of the gyms/schools that have completed the registration process correctly, completely and prior to the registration deadline. This allows them to bypass the line at coaches’ registration, look for the “FAST PASS” sign and pick up their packet of information. Also, any program that has received “FAST PASS” status, will also have their name put into our “FAST PASS raffle” during the awards ceremony at the event.

Changing Divisions - Please read division information carefully to register your team in the correct division! Any division change(s) made after the “on-time” registration deadline will be charged a \$100 fee per change. Also, Mardi Gras Spirit Events reserves the right to close/open/combine divisions at any time leading up to a National Event. **NO changes to divisions will be made the day of the event.**

Cancellation Policy - ALL registration fees are non-refundable, non-transferable.

Registration Questions - If you have any questions regarding registration, please send an email to: register@mardigrasspiritevents.com

Participants Receive:

1. Entrance into the competition
2. Awards Parade
3. Souvenir Gift
4. Tons of fun throughout the day!

Coaches Receive:

1. Entrance into Events
 2. Awards Parade
 3. Coaches Gift
- 2 Coaches per team admitted FREE!

Awards Ceremony

Mardi Gras Nationals is all about energy, excitement and having fun with a little taste of New Orleans! Throughout the competition, there will be several different awards ceremonies. This way you and your team don’t have to wait all day to find out the results of your division. Before the trophies and banners are awarded, everyone involved in the event will experience a unique Mardi Gras Nationals Parade. It’s an awards ceremony like no other! The Parade will include cheerleaders, dancers, coaches, and parents. The parade will consist of authentic New Orleans music, costumes and of course, Mardi Gras Beads!

Awards:

Mardi Gras Nationals

Every Team competing will receive a large trophy!

1st Place Teams

Team Trophy

Team Banner

1st Place Medallions for each team member

Memorabilia for each member

2nd Place Teams

Team Trophy

2nd Place Medallions for each team member

3rd Place Teams

Team Trophy

3rd Place Medallions for each team member

4th Place Teams & More

Team Trophy

Mardi Gras Nationals Grand Champions:

Mardi Gras Nationals Memorabilia will be awarded to the team with the highest score in the following divisions: Recreation/Junior High/Middle School Cheer

High School Cheer

Level 1 All-Star Cheer

Level 2 All-Star Cheer

Level 3 All-Star Cheer

Level 4 All-Star Cheer

Level 5 All-Star Cheer

Dance

** PLEASE NOTE --- There must be a minimum of 3 teams competing in a level in order for a Grand Champion to be awarded.

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