



## SOAZ 2021 Virtual Cheerleading Season

- There will be no area-level cheerleading competitions held this year. Instead, SOAZ will be hosting a one-night, Statewide Virtual Cheer Event planned for the week of March 29th – April 3rd.
  - More details about virtual State Cheerleading will be sent out by the end of January.
- Delegations / teams are expected to train as they normally would by completing a minimum of eight, one-hour practices prior to the statewide, virtual competition.
- Practices must be held VIRTUALLY in all counties operating under Phase 0 of SOAZ's Return to Activities action plan.
  - To determine which Return to Activities (RTA) phase your county is currently in, please reference SOAZ's [RTA County Status Dashboard](#), which is updated every Thursday afternoon and indicates which delivery model each individual county must operate under for the following week.
  - To assist delegations / teams with hosting virtual practices, we have created a process for **requesting use of SOAZ's premium ZOOM account to host virtual delegation / team events** such as sports practices, team meetings, social activities, team hangouts, etc. Using SOAZ's premium account will allow hosts to access Zoom's premium features & events will not be limited to the 40-min "meeting maximum" of free Zoom accounts.
    - [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the online Zoom Request Form
      - Requests must be submitted by a registered SOAZ participant (e.g., athletes, Unified partners, coaches, volunteers, etc.) and will only be approved for inclusive, Delegation / Team virtual events. Requests for personal use of the Zoom guest account will be denied.
- In-person practices can resume once counties meet the criteria to transition back into Phase 1 of SOAZ's Return to Activities (RTA) action plan.
  - **PRACTICES MUST BE HELD OUTDOORS**
  - Practices must adhere to all RTA guidelines & policies outlined in the below documents –
    - [Return to Activities Guidelines](#)
    - [RTA Phase 2 Addendum](#)
- Teams will be asked to **RECORD** and **SUBMIT** their best performance to their Area Director by **March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
  - Delegations with multiple teams will send one recording per team to be evaluated (Ex. 1 beginner team and 1 advanced team will be 2 recordings submitted)
  - If you need assistance with recording please reach out to your Area Director and SOAZ will try to assist if possible.