

**Saddleback Valley Pop Warner Cheer  
Frequently Asked Questions – Pop Warner Cheerleading Competitions**

**Q1: What Pop Warner Cheerleading Competitions can I expect?**

A: Saddleback Valley Cheerleading competitions begin with

**(1) OEC Competition (League Qualifier)** - This competition is normally in late October or early November and is held locally. SV squads will compete against other squads from OEC. There are approximately 26 cities in OEC. The number of teams in a “heat” can range from 1 – 12 (or more)

Squads are either: Small – (6-20 participants) or Large – (21-35 participants)  
Squads will be in the Novice, Intermediate, or Advanced Divisions

If a squad places first or second in their division, they will advance to the...

**(2) Wescon Competition (Regional Qualifier)** This competition is normally held in mid November and some travel may be expected. At this competition, squads compete against other squads from other cities/states. The number of teams in a “heat” can range from 1 – 12 (or more)

At Wescon, if a squad places first or second in their division, they will advance to the...

**(3) National Competition held in Orlando Florida.** This competition is normally held in early December. At this competition, they will compete against the top teams from other regions. The number of teams in a “heat” can range from 5 – 15 (or more).

***\*Important: At the end of the (#2) Wescon competition, your Head Spirit Coach will need to “commit” your squad for the (#3) National Competition. By this time, your Head Spirit Coach must have a definite answer from each participant’s family on whether or not they will advance. This decision will be based on conversations they’ve had with each participant’s family over the course of the season.***

**Q2: Does my child have to go to Florida?**

A: Pop Warner Nationals *is* a competition and is somewhat expensive. In order to be competitive at this event, SV Cheer requires the following number of participants commit to advance if a squad qualifies for Florida:

Small Category: A minimum of (7) participants / Large Category: A minimum of (21) participants

**Q3: What if I change my mind about going to competitions?**

At the beginning of the season, your Head Spirit Coach will discuss the competition schedule with you. It is expected that your child will compete in the OEC Competition (#1). If for any reason, your child cannot participate in the Wescon Competition (#2) or the Nationals Competition (#3), you need to make your Head Spirit Coach aware by the OEC competition. That way, your coaching staff is in a good position to make decisions about changes in the routine and whether or not to commit to advancing the squad.

***Please know that if your Head Spirit Coach commits your squad to a Regional or National Competition and your squad backs out of the competition, your association will be subjected to fines and/or sanctions. Making the decision to participate should be done early and with the utmost confidence.***

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I have read the Saddleback Valley Pop Warner Cheerleading Competition FAQ's.

I understand that if my child's team advances past the OEC Competition, I may be asked to participate in additional fundraising. I also understand that upon qualifying, if I commit my child to the Regional Qualifier and/or the National Pop Warner Competition in Orlando Florida, and for any reason we are unable to fulfill the commitment, my team and/or association may be subjected to fines and/or sanctions. I will make the decision to participate with the utmost confidence in following-through.

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Print Parent or Guardian Name

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Signature

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Date