



FACE-OFF Coach's FAQ

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What is FACE-OFF?

FACE-OFF is a new, bracket-style experience connecting eight OCS end-of-season events across the country. It allows Division Winners from each event to compete virtually in a national bracket that builds suspense and engagement through multiple rounds culminating in the **FACE-OFF Finals**.





How does FACE-OFF work?

Regional Competitions:

Each OCS regional FACE-OFF event runs as a traditional end of season event, competing teams will automatically be entered as FACE-OFF Contenders.

Division Champions from each FACE-OFF event will be crowned using the FACE-OFF points total using the same formula utilized for the Open Championship Series National Rankings system. Winners will receive an Open Championship Series FACE-OFF banner for their gym and be recognized in the FACE-OFF Division Champion Reveal Show, May 14, 2026.

Bracket Selection & Seeding:

FACE-OFF Division Champions will gain entry into the FACE-OFF Finals Section Show (May 19, 2026). FACE-OFF Level Champions from each of the 8 FACE-OFF locations will be seeded in each Level's own FACE-OFF Championship Bracket.

Scores will only be revealed once a team is eliminated.



National Bracket Rounds:

**Quarterfinals:
May 21, 2026**

**Semifinals:
May 26, 2026**

**Championship:
May 28, 2026**

All advancement videos and reveals will be streamed digitally through OCS platforms.





Scoring:

Teams are ranked using the OCS National Rankings System.

Scores remain confidential until advancement videos air, keeping results suspenseful and fair.



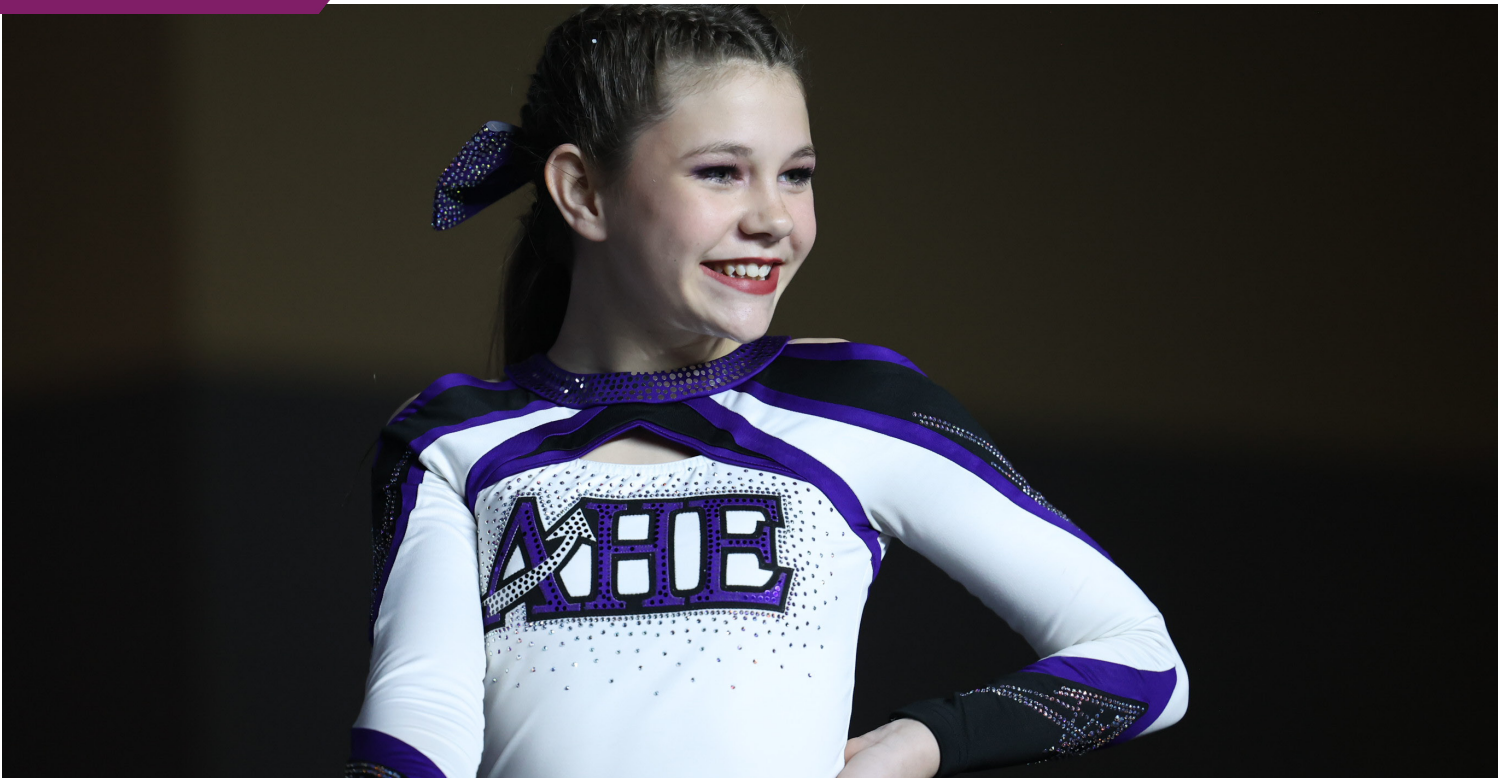
How are brackets determined?



Brackets will be revealed during the official FACE-OFF Selection Show on May 14, 2026. Division Champions from each FACE-OFF regional are seeded nationally ***based on performance, difficulty, and overall ranking metrics.***



What can teams win?



- A FACE-OFF Division Champion Banner
- Recognition during the Championship Reveal
- The chance to advance toward the Level Champion crown, the highest award in the FACE-OFF series.



Why did OCS create FACE-OFF?

FACE-OFF was designed to:

- Give teams a regional and affordable way to close their season with their gym to win a collective prize
- Keep athletes and families engaged through digital competition and gamification, and
- Connect the OCS community nationwide under one unified system.





Do teams have to attend multiple events to qualify?

No. Teams qualify for FACE-OFF Finals selection by winning their division at one of the eight participating FACE-OFF events. There is no separate national entry fee.

Can teams attend multiple events to have better chances to win?

Yes. But only your best score will be used.

Each team will be scored at the event they attend.

The OCS National Rankings process will be used to determine their FACE-OFF score.



How should coaches promote participation?

- Encourage athletes and families to follow OCS social channels for bracket updates and reveal shows.
- Share your team's advancement videos to help drive regional spirit.
- Use the hashtag **#OCSFaceOff** to join the conversation online.



What does it cost to participate in FACE-OFF?

FACE-OFF doesn't cost anything more than your standard event fee. But you can use Open Credits to reduce your event registration fees for athletes at any of the 8 competition locations. Athletes can receive up to \$40 off at 6 events and up to \$70 dollars off at both Open Branson and Open Galveston.



Key FACE-OFF Dates

May 14, 2026 | FACE-OFF Division Champion Reveal Show

May 19, 2026 | FACE-OFF Finals Selection Show

May 21, 2026 | Quarterfinals

May 26, 2026 | Semifinals

May 28, 2026 | Championship



What Divisions will compete in FACE-OFF?

Mini, Youth, Junior, Junior Coed, Senior, Senior Coed and Dance.
Dance will be pooled together.



What Levels will **FACE-OFF** include?

All Star Elite Levels 1,2,3,4 and 5.

Dance will have an independent bracket.

What Awards are given for **FACE-OFF**?

Each **FACE-OFF Division Champion** will receive a FACE-OFF Division Champion banner for their gym.

FACE-OFF Level Champions (those who win their bracket) will receive a \$5,000 gym credit towards their ASWC registration for 2027. Level Champions will also receive a full recruitment video package highlighting their gym, program and team in a docu-style social edit to help collaboratively tell their story and build community throughout the industry.



WHERE ARE THE FACE-OFF EVENT LOCATIONS?

<i>EVENT PRODUCER</i>	<i>EVENT NAME</i>	<i>DATES</i>	<i>CITY</i>	<i>STATE</i>	<i>REGION</i>
<i>APEX / CHEER MAX</i>	<i>OPEN BRANSON</i>	<i>MAR 28-29, 2026</i>	<i>BRANSON</i>	<i>MO</i>	<i>MIDWEST</i>
<i>APEX CHAMPIONSHIPS</i>	<i>FLORIDA FINALS</i>	<i>APR 25-26, 2026</i>	<i>KISSIMMEE</i>	<i>FL</i>	<i>FLORIDA</i>
<i>OCS</i>	<i>OPEN ORLANDO</i>	<i>APR 25-26, 2026</i>	<i>ORLANDO</i>	<i>FL</i>	<i>FLORIDA</i>
<i>DEEP SOUTH SPIRIT</i>	<i>SEASON FINALE - BILOXI</i>	<i>APR 25, 2026</i>	<i>BILOXI</i>	<i>MS</i>	<i>MID-SOUTH</i>
<i>MAXIMUM CHEER</i>	<i>LANAKILA NATIONALS</i>	<i>APR 25, 2026</i>	<i>CHARLESTON</i>	<i>SC</i>	<i>SOUTHEAST</i>
<i>REDLINE</i>	<i>OPEN GALVESTON</i>	<i>MAY 9-10, 2026</i>	<i>GALVESTON</i>	<i>TX</i>	<i>TEXAS</i>
<i>CHEER TOUR</i>	<i>SEASON FINALE - PROVIDENCE</i>	<i>MAY 9, 2026</i>	<i>PROVIDENCE</i>	<i>RI</i>	<i>NORTHEAST</i>
<i>MCDA</i>	<i>COASTAL BATTLE SUPER NATIONALS</i>	<i>MAY 9, 2026</i>	<i>VIRGINIA BEACH</i>	<i>VA</i>	<i>MID-ATLANTIC</i>



Where can coaches find more info?

Visit theopenchampionshipseries.com/faceoff or reach out directly to your Event Producer for details about your specific regional FACE-OFF event.



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