



## COMPETITIVE SPIRIT CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Springford High School**  
**December 7, 2019**

*(Possible inclement weather dates: 12/8,12/20)*

### D1 CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION

**Open: October 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am**

**Closes: November 11<sup>th</sup> 9am**

Registration Form: Click on **D1 GOOGLE DRIVE** below:  
DISTRICT ONE REGISTRATION

- Order of performance is determined by receipt of registration. First in = last to perform.
- Performance schedule will not be broken by division. Order of performance determined by registration across all divisions. First in = last to perform.
- If a squad size changes prior to the Registration Deadline teams will lose their original placement in the order of performance.

### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY INTO PIAA DISTRICT ONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The District One PIAA Competitive Spirit Championships shall be conducted pursuant to all applicable By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations of the PIAA. Additionally, it is important that the Principal, Athletic Director, head coaches, participants, and all individuals who will have responsibilities involving the Competitive Spirit Championships be fully informed of the policies and procedures described herein. It is also necessary that everyone associated with these championships comply with all policies and procedures without exception. Failure to comply may result in removal from the Competitive Spirit Championships.

### WITHDRAW FROM COMPETITION

PIAA District One member schools are not required to enter championship events. Entry and participation in the PIAA Competitive Spirit Championships are voluntary. However, if a District One Competition Squad withdraws from the District One Championships after their registration is processed, that School may be subject to penalties by the PIAA District Committee.

- School Administration must notify the Chairperson and the District One Office in writing if their squad withdraws from the District One Championship Competition.
- Schools may be asked to appear before the District One Committee.

### D1 CHAMPIONSHIP GENERAL INFORMATION

Teams will follow PIAA and National Federation Rules and Guidelines

**Competition Rules:** National Federation High School <http://www.nfhs.org/activities-sports/spirit/>

## **Score sheet and Competition Guidelines:**

[http://www.piaa.org/sports/championship\\_details.aspx?sport=cheer](http://www.piaa.org/sports/championship_details.aspx?sport=cheer)

- 1 Panel of Three UCA and/or NCA Certified Judges will officiate the Championship Competition. A Co-ed Score sheet will be utilized for the Co-Ed division.
- The PIAA and District One does not recognize protests. Challenging the Judge's scores after the competition is strictly prohibited.
- Safety Judges will communicate between both gyms. The district will use the PIAA Deduction Sheet for the district championship. Please refer to the sheet for specific deductions.

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## **TEAM CHECK-IN – Day of Competition**

Coaches are required to report and register their team one hour prior to their competition time. Registration will begin one hour before the 1<sup>st</sup> event. Details will be sent to schools.

- Order of performance is determined by receipt of registration form (First in = last to perform).
- Squads can replace a member with an alternate, but cannot jump divisions.

## **UNIFORMS**

It is required that participating member schools dress and equip their Teams pursuant to National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Spirit Rules 2-3.

## **DIVISIONS**

SMALL VARSITY - No more than 15 squad members

MEDIUM VARSITY - 16 – 20 squad members

LARGE VARSITY - 21 and over squad members

COED VARSITY - At least one male on squad

A team can switch divisions up until the deadline but will lose their original time stamp/placement. A team shall not be permitted to switch divisions the day of competition.

## **ROUTINE**

Overall time of routine is 2 minutes and 30 seconds and must include a cheer. The cheer can be stand alone or can be done over music. Teams cheering over music will still be accountable for satisfying the components of the "CHEER" portion of the score sheet. (Ex: A cheer consisting of only motions performed to music will score a ZERO in "use of skills."). Be sure to read over the score sheet specifics on the cheer portion.

## **FLOOR SIZE**

A nine panel cheer competition/tumbling mats will be used for the performance surface.

Sign and props can be placed off the performance floor, but participants cannot step off during the routine to get them.

There will be trained spotters provided by UCA for additional safety on the performance floor throughout each routine.

## **INTERRUPTION OF ROUTINE**

1. If routine is interrupted by failure of the competitions equipment, facility or other factors attributable to the competition and not the team, the team shall stop the routine at that time. Team will have time to prepare again and perform the entire routine, but the judging will be only from the point of interruption to the end.

2. If the routine is interrupted by failure of the team's own equipment, personnel, etc. they must continue the routine or withdraw.

### **INJURIES ON THE FLOOR**

1. Routine can be stopped by competition officials, advisor/coach of the team or the individual.
2. Competition officials (in conjunction with the coach and individual) will decide if team will be allowed to perform at a later time. The spot where the re-performance will take place is up to the discretion of the competition officials and coaches (taking all issues into consideration).

### **MEDICAL**

A Certified Athletic Trainer will be in attendance for the entire competition. Schools are encouraged to bring their own tape and medical supplies. Ice, Water and 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Supplies will be made available.

### **TIE-BREAK PROCEDURE**

In the case of a tie, ordinals will be reviewed. Tie goes to the team with the lowest ordinal score. Example: Two judges have Team A 2nd, and one has Team A 3rd. Team A's ordinal score is 7.

### **ADMISSION / TICKET PRICES**

- \$10 General admission tickets - both adult and student.
- Pre-kindergarten children are admitted free-of-charge.
- Doors will open one hour before the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> competition.
- Gym doors remain closed when a squad is on the floor competing.
- Refreshments, T-Shirts, and cheerleader souvenirs will be sold throughout the day.
- In an effort to maximize spectator viewing, all spectators will be seated on the side of the gym which the squads face during their routines. All squads and participants are expected to sit on the opposite side of the gym.

### **SOUND SYSTEM**

DJ services will operate the sound system. Please assign one representative to stop and start your music. It is your responsibility to have back up music in case of failure.

### **PRACTICE/PRE-CONTEST WARM-UP**

Teams will be permitted warm-up times prior to their round of competition. The maximum amount of warm-up time will be 5 minutes. Spotters and certified trainers will be present during warm-up times. Teams will be provided a warm-up schedule upon registration. Coaches/squad will be allowed in the warm-up area during their schedule time only. If you miss your scheduled warm-up time, we may not be able to reschedule. Please report on time. Please bring your own stereo equipment.

### **MEDALS/TROPHIES**

District One will crown a Team Champion in each division. Championship Team members will receive individual medals.

## **PIAA CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION**

<http://www.piaa.org/sports/cheer/default.aspx>

**Friday, January 10 - Saturday, January 11, 2020**

GIANT Center, Hershey, PA

The top **23** varsity squads with the highest scores from District One will advance to the PIAA Competitive Spirit State Championships.

## **DISTRICT ONE CONTACT INFORMATION**

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*Entry into the PIAA Competitive Spirit Championships signifies that the member school accepts the fact that the PIAA District One Chairman, Executive Secretary, or the Executive Secretary's designee, reserves the right to make changes in the date and location of the sites, and management, operation, schedule, and site of the Competitive Spirit Championships if, in the judgment of the Executive Director, or the Executive Director's designee, it becomes necessary to do so.*