



COMPETITIVE SPIRIT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Central Bucks South

March 20, 2021

3pm

(Possible inclement weather dates: 3/27/21)

D1 CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION

Open: Monday, January 25, 2021

Closes: Friday, March 5, 2021

District One will not allow any changes to divisions, regardless of reason, after Friday, March 5, 2021.

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 be broken by division.
- 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.

******If withdraw from competition is Covid-19 related, no penalty will be imposed. ******

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

- 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. Two panels may be used depending on judge's availability.
- 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.

http://www.piaa.org/sports/championship_details.aspx?sport=cheer

TEAM CHECK-IN – Day of Competition

Coaches are required to report and register their team at their given registration time. Teams will not be admitted prior to their schedule time slot. 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. All participants and coaches will be required to wear a face covering. [Updated Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings](#)

CLASSIFICATIONS AND DIVISIONS

- 2A - SMALL VARSITY - No more than 15 squad members
- 2A - LARGE VARSITY – 16 and over squad members
- COED VARSITY - At least one male on squad
- 3A - SMALL VARSITY - No more than 15 squad members
- 3A - LARGE VARSITY – 16 and over squad members

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 after registration is closed.

QUALIFIERS FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Qualifiers for the PIAA State Championship will be determined by taking a percentage of the number of entries per classification and division. After registration has closed, details regarding the number of qualifiers per division will be released.

PIAA now has 5 PIAA Competitive Spirit Classifications: 2A – Small / 2A – Large / Co-Ed / 3A Small / 3A Large.

- **2021 Season D1 will get 11 Qualifiers to the PIAA Championships**
 - District One Qualifier Formula to States
 - 2-4 teams in a division = 1 automatic qualifier
 - 5-8 teams in a division = 2 automatic qualifiers
 - 9-12 teams in a division = 3 automatic qualifiers
 - 12 or more teams in a division = 4 automatic qualifiers
 - Other remaining squads will be eligible for an “At-large” bid to States.

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. UCA will not be providing spotters during COVID-19 Pandemic.

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 1st 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.

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. 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.

SPECTATORS

Due to occupancy limitations, spectators will not be permitted at this time. The event will be streamed for free on the NFHS Network. Details forthcoming.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

- 1. Teams will follow the PA Department of Health Guidelines and all facility Athletic Health and Safety Plan Guidelines.**
- 2. Teams must arrive on time. Not early and not late. On time. You will be asked to sit on your bus until your registration time.**
- 3. Teams will check in at registration and then head to the warm-up gym. Each team will be given equal time to warm up, on partial mat and a full mat warm up. Teams will then head to the main gym for their performance. Teams will immediately leave the gym and get back on their bus to head home.**
- 4. Personal belonging should be left on the bus as we will not be providing an area to secure these items during performance. Locker rooms or classrooms will not**
- 5. All athletes will be required to use hand sanitizer prior to stepping on any mat for warm up or performance. Mats will be sanitized appropriately through the competition.**

PIAA CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

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

Friday, April 9, 2021 - GIANT Center, Hershey, PA

The top 12 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.