



2025-2026 COMPETITIVE SPIRIT CHAMPIONSHIPS

C.B. South High School

December 13, 2025

(Possible inclement weather dates: 12/14/2025)

D1 CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION

Open: 11/1/25 at 12pm - Closes: 12/1/25 at 12pm

Registration Form: Link for the **D1 GOOGLE DRIVE** will be on D1 Website:

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY INTO THE PIAA DISTRICT ONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The District One PIAA Competitive Spirit Championships shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable PIAA By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations. It is essential that the Principal, Athletic Director, head coaches, participants, and all individuals with responsibilities related to the Competitive Spirit Championships be fully informed of the policies and procedures outlined herein.

All individuals associated with these championships are required to comply with these policies and procedures without exception. Failure to do so may result in removal from the PIAA District One Competitive Spirit Championships.

WITHDRAWAL FROM COMPETITION

PIAA District One member schools are not required to enter championship events. Participation in the PIAA Competitive Spirit Championships is voluntary. However, if a District One competition squad withdraws after registration has been processed, the school may be subject to penalties imposed by the PIAA District One Committee.

- The school administration must notify the Chairperson and the District One Office in writing if their squad withdraws from the District One Championship.
- Schools may be required to appear before the District One Committee.

D1 CHAMPIONSHIP GENERAL INFORMATION

DIVISIONS

- 2A – Small Varsity: 15 or fewer squad members
- 2A – Large Varsity: 16 or more squad members
- Coed Varsity: At least one male participant
- 3A – Small Varsity: 15 or fewer squad members
- 3A – Large Varsity: 16 or more squad members
- Game Day: Exhibition only; no awards presented

Teams may switch divisions up until the registration deadline; however, doing so will result in the loss of their original time stamp/placement. Division changes are not permitted on the day of competition.

TEAM CHECK-IN (Day of Competition)

Coaches are required to report and register with their team one hour prior to their scheduled performance time.

Registration will begin one hour before the first event; additional details will be sent to participating schools.

- Order of performance is determined by receipt of registration (first received = last to perform).
- Squads may replace a member with an alternate but may not change divisions.

COMPETITION RULES

1. PIAA Guidelines: https://www.piaa.org/assets/web/documents/2025-2026_%20Guidelines%20%20CompetitiveSpirit_Final.pdf
2. NFHS Rules: <http://www.nfhs.org/activities-sports/spirit/>

Scoresheet:

https://www.piaa.org/assets/web/documents/2025-26_PIAA_Scoresheet.pdf

- PIAA has transitioned to category judging.
- A panel of PIAA-certified judges will officiate the Championship Competition.
- The UCA scoresheet will be used for GameDay performances.
- Protests are not recognized by the PIAA or District One. Challenging judges' scores after the competition is prohibited.

Deduction Sheets:

- https://www.piaa.org/assets/web/documents/2025_2026_PIAA_Deduction_Sheet_FINAL.pdf
- https://www.piaa.org/assets/web/documents/PIAA_Deduction_Descriptions.pdf

Progressions:

- Tumbling and Jump Progressions-
https://www.piaa.org/assets/web/documents/PIAA_Tumbling_and_Jump_Progressions_25-26.pdf
- Stunt and Pyramid Progressions-
https://www.piaa.org/assets/web/documents/PIAA_Stunt_Pyramid_Progressions_25-26.pdf
- Resource: Competitive Spirit Coaches Informational Video (explains use of the scoresheet) -
<https://youtu.be/UWleQjqn2gk>

MEDICAL

A Certified Athletic Trainer will be on-site for the duration of the competition. Schools are encouraged to bring their own tape and medical supplies. Ice, water, and basic first aid materials will be available.

TIE-BREAK PROCEDURE

If there is a tie for 1st place within any division, District One will crown co-champions for that division. Both teams will be recognized as District One Co-Champions.

The tie-break procedure below is used only when a tie must be resolved for the purpose of awarding the bid to the PIAA State Championship.

In the event of a tie in the total score for a state-bid position, the following tie-breaking procedure will be applied in order:

1. Lowest total deductions.
2. If a tie still remains, the team with the highest average execution score across all judges' scoresheets will be ranked higher.

This tie-breaking order ensures competitive equity by emphasizing performance quality and execution in scoring areas where all teams are evaluated consistently.

ADMISSION / TICKET PRICES

- \$10 general admission (adult and student)
- Pre-kindergarten children admitted free
- Doors open one hour before the first performance
- Gym doors remain closed when a squad is on the performance floor
- Refreshments, T-shirts, and souvenirs will be sold throughout the day
- For optimal viewing, spectators will be seated on the same side the squads face; squads and participants sit on the opposite side.

SOUND SYSTEM

DJ services will operate the sound system. Please assign one representative to start and stop your music. Teams must bring backup music in case of technical issues.

PRACTICE / PRE-CONTEST WARM-UP

Teams will be allotted a warm-up period prior to their performance round. Maximum warm-up time is 7–10 minutes. Certified trainers will be on-site during all warm-up sessions.

- Teams and coaches may enter the warm-up area only during their scheduled time.
- If a team misses its scheduled warm-up, a reschedule may not be possible—please report on time.
- The stretch and warm-up area is separated only by a curtain. Please be considerate: no music, singing, or loud counting while another team is warming up.

MEDALS / TROPHIES

District One will crown a Champion in each division:

- Championship teams receive a trophy and team members receive individual medals.

Two or more teams in a division/classification are required to declare a District One Champion.

QUALIFIERS TO THE PIAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the 2025–2026 season, District One receives 21 qualifiers to the PIAA Championships.

- District One Champions receive an automatic bid.
- Two or more teams must compete in a division/classification to declare a District One Champion.
- All other participating squads are eligible for at-large bids.
- PIAA qualifiers are determined by the highest scores at the District One Championships.

PIAA Note: If any district does not fill its allotted number of qualifiers, the PIAA Executive Director (or designee) may reassign the remaining entries to other districts as deemed appropriate.

PIAA CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

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

January 9–10, 2026

War Memorial Arena – Johnstown, PA

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Entry into the District One and PIAA Competitive Spirit Championships signifies acceptance that the PIAA District One Chairman, Executive Secretary, or the Executive Secretary's designee reserves the right to make changes to the date, location, schedule, management, or operation of the Championships if deemed necessary.

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