

Berks County Interscholastic Athletic Association

Cheerleading Championship

Thank you for entering your team to compete in the 2024 BCIAA Cheerleading Championship. As a reminder, the event will be held on Saturday, December 7th, 2024 at Exeter Township Senior High School. The competition will begin at 8:30am.

Spectators will be permitted starting at 7:30am. The ticket prices at the door will be Adults \$7.00 and Students \$5.00.

Teams should arrive 45 minutes prior to their designated warm up report time on the schedule for registration.

REGULATIONS

- RULES** - All National Federation (NFHS)/USA Cheer rules will be in effect with additional rules governing the BCIAA also in effect. It is the responsibility of schools and coaches to follow these rules including providing back spotters where applicable.
- DIVISIONS** - Junior High Game Day (5-30 members), Junior High (5-30 members), Small Varsity Game Day (5-15 members), Large Varsity Game Day (16-30 members), Small Varsity (5-15 members), Large Varsity (16-30 members) and Coed.
- JUDGES** - The BCIAA will hire four (4) judges utilizing a combination of both NCA judges and UCA judges for the cheerleading championships. Judges will be utilizing the [PIAA scorecard](#) and [PIAA deduction sheet](#) for all Traditional routines. Judges will be utilizing the [UCA scorecard](#) and [UCA deduction sheet](#) for all Game Day routines. Average scores from all four (4) judges will be taken to format a subtotal, deductions will be subtracted from the subtotal to acquire a final score.
- EVENT SCHEDULE** - A schedule of events will be sent to AD's of all competing teams the week of the event. Please note that the tournament committee reserves the right to alter the schedule if conditions warrant.
- ROUTINES** - All Traditional routines are limited to 2 mins and 30 secs and should consist of the following elements: one cheer/sideline and a music section not to exceed 1 minute in length and a Music section not to exceed 1 minute and 45 seconds in length. All Game Day routines are limited to 3 minutes in length and should consist of the following elements in this order: Band Chant, Offense/Defense Sideline (teams may choose), Cheer, and Fight Song. Timing will begin with the first official movement, voices in unison or first sound of music, whichever comes first. Prior to the start of the routine, all participants must be positioned inside the boundary lines and must be supporting their own weight on the floor. If a routine is interrupted by equipment failure or injury, the tournament committee may permit the team to perform again, with judging resuming at the point of disruption.
- TRANSPORTATION AND ARRIVAL** - Teams should arrive 45 minutes prior to their designated warm up report time on the schedule for registration. There will be staff present to direct buses to

designated parking areas. Upon arrival, programs will be directed to a holding area within the HS that can be used to store bags and equipment.

- 7. ATHLETIC TRAINER** - An athletic trainer will be on site to handle injuries which may occur during the competition. If individual cheerleaders need preventative medical treatment or taping, this should be done prior to arrival unless the home athletic trainer has planned with the event athletic trainer.
- 8. WARM UP AREA** - Please report to the Auxiliary Gym to check-in for warm-up at the time designated on the schedule. Only team members and coaches will be allowed in the warm-up room. Six (6) minutes will be provided on a 2-panel mat/skills area as well as an additional six (6) minutes on a full 9 panel for warm-up.
- 9. COMPETITION SURFACE** - Once warm-up is completed, teams will be directed to the Main Gym to compete. The competition floor will be a full 9 panels (54' x 42').
- 10. MUSIC** - Each team is responsible for starting and stopping their own music. A portable speaker will be available in the warm-up room and the overhead sound system will be available in the competition area to play music (please bring attachment). In the performance area, the DJ is capable of playing routine music from a CD or phone (coaches must provide attachment). Music files can also be emailed prior to the competition to djluisserrano@aol.com. When coaches arrive at the event, please check in the main gym to test music. The DJ will be available to assist coaches with music.
- 11. EQUIPMENT** - Teams will be permitted to leave bags and personal belongings in their designated holding area which will be for cheerleaders and coaches only. This area will be loosely monitored by security but neither the Exeter Township School District, the BCIAA, nor any individuals affiliated with either entity are responsible for lost or stolen items.
- 12. VENUE RULES** - Please have competitors come prepared to compete with hair and make-up already finished. No hairspray may be used at any time in the facility. In addition, no glitter is allowed at any point during the competition.
- 13. BCIAA SPECTATOR RULES** - The PIAA and BCIAA prohibits sirens, whistles, noise makers and laser light and forbids the display of banners and signs. Booing, taunting and the use of profane language will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the event. While teams are performing, all spectators should remain in their seats. Face painting is prohibited by PIAA rule with the exception of small logos/temporary spirit tattoos on facial cheeks.
- 14. AWARDS** - Varsity division winners receive medals. Large division 25 (Traditional and Game Day), Small division 15 medals (Game Day ONLY). No medals or trophies will be given for Jr. High divisions.
- 15. NO PROTEST** - The BCIAA works under the auspices of the PIAA and therefore is a "No Protest" event. Should a correctable error be found, it is the responsibility of the schools and their coaching staff to bring the error to the attention of the tournament committee as soon as possible. However, all rulings made by the tournament committee are final.