

TO: ALL PRINCIPALS & ATHLETIC DIRECTORS
FROM: Virgil R Palumbo, CHEERLEADING CHAIRMAN
SUBJECT: 2014 DISTRICT V CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION
DATE: November 19, 2013 (Squad size limits added on Oct 6, 2013)

- I. A. **Cheerleading Championship**
- B. **STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12**
- C. **PIAA has 3 classes (LARGE, MEDIUM AND SMALL) for ranking purposes.**
- D. **NFHS SPIRIT RULES BOOK IS APPROVED**
- E. **SCORING SHEET WILL BE POSTED ON THE PIAA AND DISTRICT 5 WEB SITE**
- F. **MUST DECLARE VARSITY SIZE BY NOVEMBER 1, 2013**
- G. **A non-refundable maximum Team fee of \$175.00 or \$14.00 per cheerleader is to be paid by December 1, 2013.**

**Mail Check to:
 Larry Palmer
 203 White Oak Hollow Road
 Warfordsburg, Pa. 17267**

II. Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
January 16,2014	District V Championship	Chestnut Ridge High School
January 24 & 25, 2014 (NEW-2 Days)	PIAA State Championship (120 CHEERLEADING SQUADS- increased from 96)	Hershey

III. All Championship dates are subject to change due to inclement weather.

IV. PIAA CLASSIFICATIONS: **DETERMINED BY CHEERLEADING SQUAD SIZE**

- A. LARGE VARSITY squad size 21 and up
- B. MEDIUM VARSITY squad size range 16-20
- C. SMALL VARSITY squad size range 1-15
- D. Co-Ed Division one male or more (NEW)

V. CHEERLEADING DIRECTOR: VIRGIL PALUMBO, PHONE 814-244-4395

VI. OPEN DISTRICT V CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIP-- WITH NO DEFINED SEASON

VII. The highest scored cheerleading squad over all regardless of size will be declared the District V CHAMPION and will represent District V in their designated classification at the PIAA CHAMPIONSHIPS. Other District V representatives (2 remaining classifications) will advance to the PIAA Championship, based on the highest scores in each class.
JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL

VIII. **Pre-Practice** - A maximum of eight (8) minutes of pre- practice shall be scheduled for each squad, prior to the start of the competition.

Ticket prices for cheer championship are as follows:

Championship: Students-\$3.00 Adults-\$6.00

Complimentary Tickets - Each school will receive 6 complimentary tickets.

IX. **Number of squads to advance to PIAA Championship (4) Total**

X. **Times** - CHAMPIONSHIP will adhere to the following schedule, unless a time change is approved by the district chairman.

PRE - PRACTICE: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP BEGINS: 7:00 P.M.

XII. Each Cheer squad is responsible for their own safety and must provide a labeled CD of music to be used. Only a coach or team designee may approach the sound area.

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425 Locust Street 1-800-473-0998
Johnstown, PA 15901

WJAC - CHANNEL 6 FAX 255-7658
255-7600

WWCP - CHANNEL 8 FAX 266-8329
266-8088

WTAJ - CHANNEL 1 Fax 1-814-946-4763

WEB-SITE-----DISTRICT5.PIAA.ORG

1. Conditions of entry into a District tournament

Entry and participation in the PIAA District 5 Tournaments are voluntary. District 5 member schools are not required to enter into the tournaments sponsored by the District. Entry of a team into a tournament signifies that the member school accepts the conditions and provisions that are described here.

Further, a member school accepts the fact that the District 5 Committee reserves the right to make changes in the management, operation and schedule of the District 5 Tournaments if, in the committee's judgment, it becomes necessary.

2. No Protest Rule

Under PIAA there can be no protest of contests as follows:

The Board of Directors and District Committees will not consider any protests in contests, with officials' decisions involving interpretation or judgment.

In no case will the results of a contest be reversed nor will a contest be ordered or permitted to be replayed.

Questions regarding interpretation of rules or judgment of officials should be submitted, in writing, to the PIAA Executive Director.

3. Officials

All officials for the District 5 tournaments are assigned by the District 5 Officials' Assignment Committee.

4. Photographing, Filming and Videotaping

PIAA rules and regulations do not prohibit schools, spectators, and/or media from photographing, filming or videotaping at District 5 tournaments.

5. Restriction of use of Tobacco Products

PIAA Board of Directors policy prohibits the use of tobacco products by participating and non-participating team personnel, including coaches, during any interscholastic athletic contest at any level of interscholastic athletic competition.

The use of tobacco products by team members/personnel and coaches is prohibited during pre-game, game, and post-game activities in the locker rooms and in the vicinity of the gymnasium/field.

- 6.** Any coach or player that is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct is not permitted to participate in the awards program immediately following the game. This includes district championships and state championships.

DISQUALIFICATION FROM NEXT CONTEST

- A. Any coach ejected from an interscholastic athletic contest by a state high school association recognized registered official in that sport for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct shall be disqualified from coaching for the remainder of the day and in the next contest on the next play day at the same level.
- B. Any contestant ejected from an interscholastic athletic contest by a state high school association registered official in that sport for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct shall be disqualified from participating for the remainder of the day and in the next contest on the next play day at the same level.
- C. Refer to Article XII (by laws), Section 3A - a school shall be required to forfeit a contest for using an ineligible coach