

TO: ALL PRINCIPALS & ATHLETIC DIRECTORS
FROM: Scott Shirley, CHEERLEADING CHAIRMAN
SUBJECT: 2017 DISTRICT V CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION
DATE: October 31, 2016

- A. Cheerleading Championship**
- B. STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12**
- C. PIAA has 4 classes (LARGE, MEDIUM, SMALL, and CO-ED) for ranking purposes.**
- D. NFHS SPIRIT RULES BOOK IS APPROVED**
- E. SCORING SHEET WILL BE POSTED ON THE PIAA AND DISTRICT 5 WEB SITE. Note- A PIAA coed scoring sheet will be posted.**
- F. SQUADS MUST ANNOUNCE PIAA VARSITY SIZE ON NOVEMBER 18, 2016 when you register for the District 5 competition.**
- G. A non-refundable maximum Team fee of \$175.00 or \$14.00 per cheerleader is to be paid by November 18, 2016.**

Make checks payable to PIAA District 5.

**Mail Check to:
 Scott Shirley
 Somerset Area Senior High School
 645 S. Columbia Ave, Suite 130
 Somerset, PA 15501**

II. Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
December 10, 2016	District V Championship	Shanksville-Stonycreek High School, Shanksville, PA
January 20 & 21, 2017	PIAA State Championship (120 CHEERLEADING SQUADS)	Giant Center Hershey, PA

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***

V. **CHEERLEADING DIRECTOR:** Scott Shirley, PHONE 814-444-3223

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

VII. The top 3 scored cheerleading squads regardless of classification will advance to the PIAA Spirit Cheer Championship. The top scoring squad will be declared the District V CHAMPION and will receive 25 gold medals/trophy. The second highest scoring team will be declared runner up and will receive 25 silver medals. The 4th place team will serve as an alternate in the event a team is not able to compete at the state meet or an additional slot is offered to District 5. (Last year an additional slot was offered – No guarantees)

VIII. JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL

IX. Winner's classifications (3) will be reported to the PIAA following the PIAA District 5 Championship.

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

XI. **TICKET PRICES:**

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

Gate sale begin at 3:00 PM—fans will not be permitted in the gym until after the last teams pre-practice. The gym doors will open at the conclusion of the last team's pre-practice session.

Complimentary Tickets - Each school will receive 6 complimentary tickets.

XII. **Number of squads to advance to PIAA Championship (3)**

The remaining teams will be selected in order to serve as an alternate in the event a team is not able to compete or the PIAA extends an invite for additional teams to compete at the state championship.

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

TEAM ARRIVAL TIME: 2:00 P.M.

PRE - PRACTICE: 2:30 – 3:30 P.M.

CHAMPIONSHIP BEGINS: 4:00 P.M.

XIV. Cheer squads are responsible for their own safety (may use spotters) and must provide a labeled CD of music to be used. Only a coach or team designee may approach the sound area.

XV. **Mascot Competition:** Must have a minimum of 2 mascot's entrees from participating cheerleading squads.

MASCOT JUDGING IS AS FOLLOWS:

- a. Crowd appeal and interaction: 15 points
- b. Creativity: 10 points
- c. Dance: 10 points
- d. Routine: Not to exceed 2 minutes and no more than 3 props.(optional)

XVI. **Non-Competition Squads:** The competition will allow for non-competition squads to perform an exhibition performance. These squads will not be judged and are not eligible to compete for the district 5 title. These squads will be admitted to the competition for free as long as they are participating as a team. Coaches of non-competition teams will also be admitted for free. Parents and spectators of these non-competition teams will be required to pay admission to the event. Youth and junior high squads will also be admitted for free as long as they sign up in advance and perform during the judging calculation portion of the championship.

**NEWS MEDIA
TELEPHONE & FAX NUMBERS
DISTRICT V PLAYOFF RANKINGS**
Contact Information is listed below for your convenience.

**NEWS MEDIA
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Altoona, PA 16603

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1-800-222-1962

*BEDFORD GAZETTE
424 W. Penn Street
P.O. Box 671
Bedford, PA 15522

E-MAIL <gazettesports@embarqmail.com>
1-800-242-4250

*CHAMBERSBURG PUBLIC OPINION
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Chambersburg, PA 17201

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717-262-4755

FULTON COUNTY NEWS

E-MAIL <fultoncountynews@comcast.net>

GREENSBURG TRIBUNE REVIEW

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*HUNTINGDON DAILY NEWS

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814-643-4048 Ext 153

*SOMERSET DAILY AMERICAN
334 W. Main Street
Somerset, PA 15501

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1-800-452-0823

*JOHNSTOWN TRIBUNE DEMOCRAT
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Johnstown, PA 15901

E-MAIL <sports@tribdem.com>
1-800-473-0980

*WJAC - CHANNEL 6

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The New Republic
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Meyersdale, Pa 15552

<sports@tnrnewspaper.com>

Indiana Gazette

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1-800-262-3077

* Denotes at minimum contact these. Some are weekly editions and Greensburg & Indiana are out of the area.

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 DISTRICT V CHAIRMEN

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