

2019-2020 PIAA District IV Cheerleading Championships

Information for Coaches

We are looking forward to the 8th Annual PIAA District IV Competitive Spirit (Cheerleading) Championships being held at Shamokin Area High School on Saturday, January 4th. This is a great opportunity for your teams to showcase their talents and have an opportunity to qualify for the State Championships being held the weekend of January 10th and 11th in Hershey, PA.

Please reference the attached schedule for the competition. If you have any questions, please contact me at 570-205-1144 as soon as possible, so that we may remedy any problems. Registration for teams will begin at 10:15 a.m., with a coaches' meeting beginning at 11:00 a.m. to allow you to ask any last minute questions you may have, and allow us to familiarize you with the facility. The doors for spectators will open at 11:00 a.m., with the competition beginning at 12:00 noon. Cost for spectators will be \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. **Spectators will not be able to enter with cheerleaders and will have to wait until 11:00 a.m. to enter the school. Please make your parents and fans aware of this.** There will be locker rooms available for the athletes to use when they arrive. However, they will be responsible for their own belongings.

Your team will have a total of 20 minutes to go through the warm up process. There will be 5 minutes for stretching or stunting, 5 minutes for tumbling, 5 minutes to warm up your routine and 5 minutes on deck before competing. If you are late for your warm up time, you will have to forfeit the aspect you missed. There will be a stereo available for music play. **Again this year, we are going to allow teams to use the competition floor to warm up any tumbling skills teams may have. Because the warm up area is not a full floor, we felt this would be safer for running passes. The floor will be available from 10:30 until 11:00 a.m. Feel free to use it during any part of that time block. A coach must be present with their athletes.**

Please make sure a member of your program is available to turn on your music. It is not the responsibility of the DJ to do that for you. Your music should be on a CD or thumb drive and it is suggested you have 2 copies in case something happens. If your music is interrupted for any reason, we will allow you to start again. If an athlete becomes injured during your performance, we will stop the performance and give you the opportunity to regroup and try to perform again at the end of the competition. There will be medical personnel available to take care of any of your needs.

A local Booster Club will sell concessions and we will also have Championship t-shirts available. Please make sure your athletes are aware of this opportunity, so they are able to purchase a souvenir of their experience.

Best of luck to everyone as you hold your final practices and make your final preparations for the competition! We are looking forward to seeing all of you on the 4th.

Sincerely,
Chris Venna