

# ***Berks County Interscholastic Athletic Association***

## **Cheerleading Championship**

Thank you for entering your team in the 2017 BCIAA Cheerleading Championship. As a reminder, the event will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at Reading High School. Doors open at 9:00 am with the competition beginning at 10:00 am.

### REGULATIONS

1. **RULES** - All National Federation (NFHS) 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 backspotters where applicable.
2. **JUDGES** - The BCIAA will hire a minimum of two (2) NCA judges, two (2) UCA judges and one (1) unaffiliated judge for the cheerleading championship portion of the competition. Judges for the invitational may vary although judges from different cheerleading organizations will be utilized.
3. **EVENT SCHEDULE** – An event schedule is attached to this information. Please note that the tournament committee reserves the right to alter the schedule if conditions warrant.
4. **ROUTINES** – All routines are limited to 2:30 (2 mins., 30 secs.) with a music limit of 1:30 (1 min., 30 secs.). A team going over this time period will be assessed a 5-point score deduction. Each team is responsible for starting and stopping all music. Teams should bring music on a CD and should be prepared with a back-up CD. There will be no re-starting of a routine unless there is a technical problem with the DJ's sound equipment. Timing begins with the first word, musical note or movement of the team and ends with the last word, musical note or movement of the team.
5. **CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONS** – Teams will be separated into the same divisions in which they compete in the majority of BCIAA sports. In the initial round of competition, teams will compete against teams in their own division (please note that this is the 1<sup>st</sup> year of a 2-year scheduling cycle so division may have changed from previous years).

#### DIVISION I

Reading  
Wilson  
Governor Mifflin  
Exeter  
Daniel Boone  
Twin Valley

#### DIVISION II

Muhlenberg  
Conrad Weiser  
Fleetwood  
Hamburg  
Berks Catholic  
Schuylkill Valley

#### DIVISION III

Oley Valley  
Brandywine Heights  
Tulpehocken  
Wyomissing  
Kutztown  
Antietam

The top scoring team from each division will be named "Division Champion," keeping the BCIAA Cheerleading Championship consistent with other BCIAA sports where division champions are named. The three (3) division champions will have an opportunity to perform their routine a second time during the Championship portion of the event. In addition, a fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) team considered a "wild card" team will also have an opportunity to advance to the championship. The wild card team will be the highest scoring team in the division round of the championship.

The team with the highest score during the championship round will be named BCIAA Champion. The team with the second highest score will be the BCIAA Runner-Up. Scores from the divisional round will not be computed in the championship round. This is consistent with other sports.

Junior High – The JH invitational will consist of 2 divisions separated by school enrollment size to make it consistent with the high school competition. The divisions will be as follows:

#### DIVISION I

Exeter  
Daniel Boone

#### DIVISION II

Fleetwood  
Conrad Weiser  
Schuylkill Valley  
Tulpehocken

6. **AWARDS** - As with other BCIAA championships, the winner of the BCIAA Championship will receive a team trophy and 20 individual medals. The runner-up will receive 20 individual medals. Awards will also be provided to winners in the JH invitational competition.
7. **TICKETS** – As with similar BCIAA events, admission will be charged for both the invitational and the championship event. Ticket prices will be \$5.00 for Students and \$10.00 for Adults. Complimentary admission will be provided for individuals with a BCIAA Gold Leaf Card and BCIAA Administrator Cards. Coaches and all cheerleaders arriving together will be admitted free.

Spectators wishing to leave the competition and return at a later time will have to pay for another ticket. There is no re-entry during the competition. All seating for spectators will be in the lower tier. Seating for cheerleaders will be in the balcony.

8. **SPECTATOR PARKING** – Parking for spectators will be available adjacent to the Reading High School Geigle Complex gymnasium and in the park area surrounding the gymnasium.
9. **COMPETITION SURFACE** – The competition surface will consist of a 7-panel cheer mat. There is a possibility of a 9-panel mat being used if one can be located. The warm-up area will be on a wrestling mat surface. We will attempt to have a CD player available in this area but teams should be prepared to provide their own music. Stretching can be done in the hallways or alongside the warm-up area.
10. **EQUIPMENT** – Teams will be permitted to leave bags and personal belongings in the seats located in the upper level of the gymnasium. This area will be monitored by security but neither the Reading High School, the BCIAA, nor any individuals affiliated with either entity are responsible for lost or stolen items.
11. **HOSPITALITY ROOM** – There will be coffee and a continental breakfast available for coaches until 10:30 am in the registration room.
12. **EVENT 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 in the competition. Bathrooms for all competitors and coaches will be on the top level.
13. **TRANSPORTATION and ARRIVAL** – Teams should arrive at the Geigle complex and should be dropped off at the front entrance of the gym. Coaches should register in room G-147 on the second level adjacent to the gymnasium. At 9:30 am, there will be a coach's meeting to review the event. Although not mandatory, coaches are encouraged to attend.
14. **ATHLETIC TRAINING** – An athletic trainer will be on site to handle injuries which may occur during the competitions. If individual cheerleaders need medical treatment or preventive taping, this should be done prior to arrival at the competition unless the home athletic trainer has made arrangements with the event athletic trainer.
15. **BCIAA SPECTATOR RULES** – The PIAA and BCIAA prohibits sirens, whistles, noise makers and laser lights 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 on facial cheeks.
16. **CONCESSIONS & APPAREL** – There will be a concession stand set up in the main concourse area along with a Championship t-shirt vendor.
17. **SEVERE WEATHER** – The BCIAA reserves the right to alter the start time if weather conditions impact the event. In addition, if there is severe weather and the event cannot be held on February 18, there is no make-up date given the other competitions going on throughout the month of February.
18. **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 event management as soon as possible. However, all rulings made by the event management are final.