

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

## **Cheerleading Championship**

Below please find entry information for the 2016 BCIAA Cheerleading Championship. The event will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at Reading High School. The competition will begin at 10:00 am with a Cheerleading Invitational for junior high and junior varsity teams. This invitational will not be part of the championship, but provides these teams with a competitive opportunity to develop their skills. The BCIAA Cheerleading Championship will begin at approximately 11:30 am (contingent on number of entries) with varsity teams competing for the county championship title.

### **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 back-spotters where applicable.
2. **JUDGES** - The BCIAA will attempt to 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. **APPLICATION** – It is expected that all schools that sponsor a cheerleading team will participate in the cheerleading championship, similar to all schools sponsoring other sports participating in those BCIAA championships (X-co, track, wrestling, tennis, etc.). The only exception to this would be a school conflict. Application for entries must be submitted on the attached form and returned to Stephanie Deibler via e-mail at [sdeibler@schuylkillvalley.org](mailto:sdeibler@schuylkillvalley.org) or via USPS at Schuylkill Valley School District, 929 Lakeshore Drive, Leesport, PA 19533. Upon receipt of an application, a confirmation will be sent to the school's Athletic Administrator and/or coach.

All entries must be received NO LATER THAN Wednesday, February 3, 2016.

4. **ENTRY FEE** – The entry fee has not been built into BCIAA dues so each team that competes in either the invitational or the championship event will be assessed a \$150 fee per team. Entries must be paid prior to the competition unless financial arrangements have been made with the BCIAA Executive Director or Cheerleading Chairpersons. Checks should be made payable to the BCIAA.
5. **EVENT SCHEDULE** – Upon receipt of all entries sometime after Feb. 3, 2016, schools will be provided with a final time schedule detailing warm-up and competition times.
6. **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.
7. **INVITATIONAL DIVISIONS** – Junior high and junior varsity teams will be divided into an equal number of divisions based on the number of teams that enter. Therefore, if 12 teams enter the junior high division, teams will be divided into two (2) divisions of six (6) teams based on the number of members on each team. This will be done at the discretion of the Tournament Director, BCIAA Executive Director and Cheerleading Chairs. In this competition, the purpose is to gain competitive experience for the student-athletes.

8. **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.

DIVISION I

Reading  
Wilson  
Governor Mifflin  
Exeter  
Daniel Boone  
Muhlenberg

DIVISION II

Twin Valley  
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 cheerleading championship and will receive a second score. This year, the score from the divisional round of the competition will be eliminated and the BCIAA Champions will be the team with the highest score from the second performance. The team with the next highest score for its second performance will be the BCIAA Runner-Up.

Note – all teams regardless of ability are encouraged to compete in the championship. Varsity teams that do not want to compete or have their scores compared to other teams may choose to participate as an exhibition team. Please note that information on the application.

9. **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 invitational.
10. **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.

11. **COMPETITION SURFACE** – The competition surface will consist of a minimum 7-panel cheer mat. The warm-up area will also house a 7-panel cheer mat. If teams want music during their warm-up, coaches should provide a CD player or similar device to use. In addition to the warm-up area, there will be stretching area available for teams which will not be padded.
12. **EQUIPMENT** – Teams will be permitted to leave bags and personal belongings in the upper tier seats of the Geigle Complex arena. This area will be loosely monitored by security but neither the Reading School District, the BCIAA nor any individuals affiliated with either entity are responsible for lost or stolen items.
13. **EVENT VENUE RULES** – All cheerleaders will be staged in the upper deck seating area of the venue. 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.
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** – The Reading School District will provide a concession stand in the main concourse area.
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 13, there is a potential that the competition may not be rescheduled. That decision will be made by league officials and will be contingent on a variety of factors.
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, the ruling of the event management is final.