

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC LEAGUE

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MEMORANDUM

TO: WPIAL Athletic Directors
DATE: November 29, 2018
SUBJECT: WPIAL Competitive Spirit Championship
FROM: Timothy O'Malley, Executive Director

The WPIAL will hold its 7TH Annual WPIAL Competitive Spirit Championship on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019** at **Hempfield Area High School**. You will find attached summary information for the event as well as a **REQUIRED REGISTRATION FORM**. **All competitors must be in Grades 9-12. A PIAA eligibility sheet must accompany this registration form.** The WPIAL Competitive Spirit Committee has assigned a classification; and we are requesting that each school register their squads as either **SMALL** (15 or fewer members) **MEDIUM** (16-20 members) or **LARGE** (21-30 members). **The MANDATORY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018.** Requested registrations after this date will not be accepted.

The WPIAL Competitive Spirit Committee will meet on December 12, 2018 to finalize the Championship Competition. Following this meeting, the WPIAL will post all details to include Championship warm up and competition times as well as the criteria for qualifying to the PIAA Championship that will be held in Hershey, Pennsylvania on Friday, January 11 and Saturday, January 12, 2019.

PLEASE ALSO FIND WITH THIS EMAIL, A PRE-ORDER FORM FOR COMPETITIVE SPIRIT SHIRTS. This form must be returned with your payment to the WPIAL office to the attention of Lynn Sivetz by December 7, 2018. All shirts will be delivered directly to Hempfield High School the day of the competition, January 5, 2019 for your pick up. There will be NO ONLINE ORDERS after the competition.

Please contact the WPIAL Office with questions or concerns.

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WPIAL Competitive Spirit Rules and Regulations

- All members of the cheerleading squad must be current members of the official school spirit squad representing grades 9 through 12 and must attend the school they are representing.
- All teams will adhere to the NFHS Cheer Safety Guidelines. Official rule books can be found at nfhs.org. Any team in violation of these Rules and Regulations will be assessed a **Five (5) point deduction for each safety violation**.
- Teams will compete in divisions based on female enrollment at their respective school. All entrants will be classified into A, AA, and AAA for the purpose of this tournament.
- Teams must have at least 5 team members and can have as many as 30 members to participate.
- Uniforms guidelines: All participant uniforms must cover the midriff when standing at attention. **Any team in violation of the uniform guidelines will be assessed a Five (5) point deduction.**
- Time Limitations:
 - Each team's presentation must include at least one cheer or sideline chant. The musical portion must not exceed One minute and thirty seconds. Total time limit is Two Minutes and thirty seconds. Timing will begin with the first movement, voice, or note of music, whichever comes first.
 - If a team exceeds the time limit, a penalty will be assessed for each violation. **Three (3) point deduction for 3-5 seconds over, Five (5) point deduction for 6-10 seconds over and Seven (7) point deduction for 11 seconds over or more.**
- Interruption of Routine:
 - If routine is interrupted by failure of the competitions equipment, facility or other factors attributable to the competition and not the team, the team shall stop the routine at that time. Team will have time to prepare again and perform the entire routine, but the judging will be only from the point of interruption to the end.
 - If the routine is interrupted by failure of the team's own equipment, personnel, etc., they must continue the routine or withdraw.
- Injuries on the floor:
 - Routine can be stopped by competition officials, advisor/coach of the team or the individual.
 - Competition officials (in conjunction with the coach and individual) will decide if team will be allowed to perform at a later date. The spot where the re-performance will take place is up to the
 - discretion of the competition officials and coaches (taking all issues into consideration).

- Performance surface:
 - Participants must start in the competition area with at least one foot on the ground and teams may line up anywhere inside the competition area.
 - Floor will be a traditional, foam cheerleading mat with the approximate floor size of 54 feet wide by 42 feet deep (9 strips).
 - Any team member stepping outside or touching outside the performance area will cause the squad to receive a **.5 penalty per occurrence.**
 - Signs or props may be placed or dropped outside of the performance area by a team member who must remain inside the competition area.
- All judges' decisions are final!
- Tie Breaking Procedure: In the event of a Tie, the highest score in the "Overall Effect" category will break the tie. If there is still a tie in overall effect, the highest score in the "Stunt" category will be used to break the tie. If there is still a tie at this point, the tie will be broken by a decision from the Head Judge.
- Scores and rankings will be available only to coaches or captains at the conclusion of the competition.
- A team and each participating member/coach should constantly display good sportsmanship throughout the entire performance in regards to respect for themselves, other teams and viewing audiences of all ages. Teams should refrain from any taunting, bragging, or suggestive expressions or gestures as well as discrimination of any nature.

2018-2019 Competitive Spirit Classifications

	AAA SCHOOLS	AA SCHOOLS	A SCHOOLS
1	Albert Gallatin	Ambridge Area	Alliquippa Senior
2	Armstrong Senior	Apollo Ridge	Avella Area
3	Baldwin	Avonworth	Bentworth
4	Bethel Park	Beaver Area	Bethlehem Center
5	Butler Area	Beaver Falls	Bishop Canevin
6	Canon McMillan	Belle Vernon Area	Brentwood
7	Chartiers Valley	Blackhawk	Burgettstown Area
8	Connelsville	Brownsville Area	California Area
9	Fox Chapel Area	Burrell	Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic
10	Franklin Regional	Carlynton	Carmichaels Area
11	Gateway	Central Valley	Chartiers Houston
12	Greater Latrobe Senior	Charleroi Area	Clairton
13	Greensburg Salem	Deer Lakes	Cornell
14	Hampton	Derry Area	Eden Christian Academy
15	Hempfield Area	East Allegheny	Fort Cherry
16	Indiana Area Senior	Elizabeth Forward	Frazier
17	Kiski Area	Ellwood City Lincoln	Geibel Catholic
18	Laurel lands	Freedom Area	Greensburg Central Catholic
19	Mars Area	Freeport Area Senior	Holy Family
20	McKeesport Area	Highlands	Imani Christian
21	Montour	Hopewell	Jeannette
22	Moon Area	Keystone Oaks	Jefferson Morgan
23	Mount Lebanon	Knoch	Leechburg Area
24	North Allegheny	lands	Mapletown
25	North Hills	Laurel	Monessen
26	Norwin	Lincoln Park Performing Arts	New Brighton Area
27	Oakland Catholic	McGuffey	Northgate
28	Penn Hills	Mohawk Area	Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
29	Penn-Trafford	Mount Pleasant Area	Propel Andrew Street
30	Peters Township	Neshannock	Quigley Catholic
31	Pine Richland	New Castle Area	Riverview
32	Plum	Quaker Valley	Rochester Area
33	Ringgold	Riverside	Saint Joseph
34	Seneca Valley	Shady Side Academy	Serra Catholic
35	Shaler Area	South Allegheny	Seton LaSalle Catholic
36	South Fayette	South Park	Sewickley Academy
37	Thomas Jefferson	South Side	Shenango
38	Trinity	Southmoreland	Springdale
39	Uniontown Area	Steel Valley	Sto-Rox
40	Upper Saint Clair	Valley Junior-Senior	The Ellis
41	West Allegheny	Waynesburg Central	Trinity Christian
42	West Mifflin Area	Yough	Union Area
43	Woodland Hills		Vincentian Academy
44			Washington
45			West Greene
46			Winchester Thurston

~PRE-ORDER FORM (NO ONLINE ORDERS) ~

WPIAL COMPETITIVE SPIRIT SOUVENIR SHIRT

**** DEADLINE FOR PRE-ORDERS: December 7, 2018 ****

All orders **MUST** be pre-paid and a minimum of 3 shirts per order is required.

SCHOOL NAME _____			
SCHOOL ADDRESS _____			
ITEM	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRTS-XL		\$20	
SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRTS -L		\$20	
SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRTS -M		\$20	
SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRTS -S		\$20	
<i>TOTALS</i>			
		TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$

Competitive Spirit @ HEMPFIELD High School Saturday, 1/5/2019

*** PRE-ORDERS ONLY ***

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*The shirts are black T's with this logo on the front
The back has all the schools competing written in BLUE*

PERSON ORDERING _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

(_____) _____

PHONE _____

Email address _____

Ordering Information and Instructions

- **Deadline for ordering these souvenir shirts on a pre-order basis is December 7, 2018.**
- Full payment required with order. Make checks payable to **WPIAL**.
- Send orders to: WPIAL, Attention: Lynn Sivetz, 615 Iron City Drive, Suite 300, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15205.
- The WPIAL will contact the person placing the order if there are any questions.
- **A copy of this order form must be presented when picking up your order.**



- **There will be NO orders online after this event.**
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