



# CHEER CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

## Saturday - January 23, 2016

### LOCATION

Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Avenue, Peoria, IL 61602 - the competition will take place in Exhibit Hall C.

### COACHES MEETING

There is a mandatory meeting for all coaches - you can choose to attend the 7:45 am meeting or the 10:30 am meeting, but you must attend one of these meetings prior to the start of your team's performance. Both meetings will take place in Room 134 across from Exhibit Hall B.

### OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

Visit the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau website at [www.peoria.org](http://www.peoria.org) for more information regarding hotels/lodging or contact Kailey Love at the Bureau directly at 309-282-3284.

### PERFORMANCE TIMES

The order of performing squads will be as follows: Session 1 will consist of Small Team Cheer and Large Team Cheer as well as the Routine Division with the fewest entries; Session 2 will consist of the remaining two Routine Divisions. A schedule will be sent to participating schools closer to the contest date with specific performance times for each squad. We will also post the schedule on our website [www.iesa.org](http://www.iesa.org). Depending on the number of entries, we anticipate the competition will begin at around 9:00 a.m. and conclude around 4:00 p.m.

### DIVISIONS

No changes in divisions will be allowed after Wednesday, January 6, 2016. Schools will have to participate in the division for which they registered regardless of squad size. It is not permissible to participate in a division with more squad members than the division allows.

### FRIDAY EVENING PRACTICE

School squads may schedule a practice warm-up session for Friday, January 22, 2016, between 6:00-8:30 p.m. Warm-up sessions will be 20 minutes in length, 10 minutes on the tumbling strips and 10 minutes on the "official sized" warm-up mats in Exhibit Hall B. Spotters will be present. Starting November 1<sup>st</sup>, registration will be on a first come, first served basis. You may register your school by e-mailing Brenda Kingery at [brenda@iesa.org](mailto:brenda@iesa.org). Failure to be in Exhibit Hall B at your scheduled practice time will result in forfeiture of your practice time and it will not be rescheduled.

*\*Water will not be provided during Friday evening practice times.*

### SATURDAY WARM-UP TIME

On the day of competition, each squad will have five minutes of warm-up time on a mat that is the same size as the competition mat (42' x 54'). This warm-up time will be approximately 15 minutes before your actual performance time and will take place in Exhibit Hall B. Only cheerleaders and coaches will be allowed into Exhibit Hall B. Squads are not permitted to bring their own tumbling or warm-up mats into the Peoria Civic Center.

Schools will be able to see the competition mat Saturday morning from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. This is simply a chance for schools to view the setup of the competition area, not an opportunity to run through

your routine or practice stunting, tumbling passes, etc. We will monitor the area during this time and ask that you stay off the competition mats.

### **MEETING AREA**

A post-performance “meeting area” has been set up to the right of the competition mat. This is a place for your cheerleaders to gather after they finish performing. It makes it easier for you as the coach to collect your squad and share a few quick thoughts with them about their performance if you so desire.

### **MUSIC**

If your squad is performing in the routine division, the music must be made available on a CD. Mobile devices such as iPods, iPhones, etc. are acceptable as long as another music format is available for back up. Bring one or more additional CDS. It is the coach’s responsibility to start and stop the music for the squad's performance.

### **ADMISSION**

Doors will open approximately one hour before the start of the competition. Admission will be \$8.00 for high school students and adults and \$4.00 for students (K-8) and senior citizens.

### **BALLOONS**

Balloons are not allowed in the Peoria Civic Center. Please inform your fans that balloons will not be allowed.

### **AWARDS**

The following formula will be used when presenting awards:

- 1-9 teams entered in a given division - only a championship trophy and medals will be presented
- 10-19 teams entered in a given division - 1st and 2nd place trophies and medals will be awarded
- 20 or more teams entered in a division - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies and medals will be awarded
- The number of awards presented will be based on the actual number of teams participating in each division on the day of the competition

### **JUDGING**

Personnel selected by the IESA will be responsible for judging all performances. Their decision is final and cannot be protested. Each school will receive a copy of all adjudication forms for the squad’s performance.

### **ENTRY FORMS**

The cheerleading entry form must be completed by Friday, December 18, 2015.

1. Using your school’s password, you must go choose MEMBER LOGIN on our website, choose your school and enter your school’s password (If you do not know your password, please speak with your school administrator or choose the HELP option).
2. Once on your school’s information page, click REGISTRATION AND ENTRY CENTER LOGINS.
3. Click the ENTRIES next to the activity of Cheerleading to access the form.
4. Complete all required information.
5. This will be the official listing of students who will be participating in the competition, and only those listed on the form are eligible to compete.
6. If you have squads performing in more than one division, you must complete an entry form for each division in which you will have a squad entered.
7. Double check the spelling of all names as this information will be used to create our programs.

## **SHIRT SALES**

T-shirts and other apparel will be available for purchase at the Peoria Civic Center on Friday evening during the practice sessions and on the day of the competition. Schools are encouraged to use the online pre-order form. The pre-order form and the different designs for the merchandise may be found on the Cubby Hole's website at [www.cubbyholeonline.com/](http://www.cubbyholeonline.com/)

## **SOUVENIR PHOTO PLAQUES**

All teams will be photographed prior to their performance by Event Pro Photography, Peoria, IL. Photo plaques will be available for individuals to purchase the day of the contest.

## **PERSONAL ITEMS**

Please encourage your students not to bring personal items (headphones, iPods, etc.) to the site. The IESA is not responsible for lost or stolen items. There will be a place for participants to store their coats in Exhibit Hall A although there is no security in the Exhibit Hall. Schools are responsible for all of their belongings.

## **PARKING**

All of the parking garages next to the Peoria Civic Center will be open, as well as the parking lot next to the Peoria Civic Center. All meter spaces are free on Saturday.

## **SQUAD PHOTOS**

Submit a squad photo electronically through the Entry Center. Click TEAM PHOTO INFO located in the cheerleading entry center menu for specific instructions. If your school is entering more than one division but the team members are the same, only one photo with cut lines needs to be submitted. If the team members are different, you **MUST** submit a separate photo and cut lines for each division entered. These photos are going to be published in our program. If we do not receive a photo by December 18, 2015, the program will state "Photo Not Available."

## **VIDEOTAPING AND PHOTOGRAPHY**

Camcorders will not be allowed in the competition area. Please be sure your fans are aware of this policy. For the safety of the competitors, flash photography is not allowed. Contemporary Visuals has been authorized by IESA to create the official DVD of the 2016 Cheerleading state competition. The Bloomington-based company will have film crews on site to capture all performances and incorporate them into the package. Orders for the official DVD may be made in advance by calling (309) 828-1993 or emailing [contact@cvmedia.tv](mailto:contact@cvmedia.tv). Orders will also be taken at the cheer competition.