

NORTHWEST CHEERLEADING COMPETITION

Sponsored by LaRiche Chevrolet - Cadillac

Monday, September 7 - 10:00 AM - North Grandstand

RULES

FOR ALL TEAMS

1. Initial Registrations:

- A. Entry deadline must be postmarked not later than June 19, 2009
- B. Initial fee is \$35.00 per team. Payment or Purchase Order (P.O.) MUST be submitted with the registration form. Check should be made payable to **Hancock County Ag Society** and sent to Hancock County Ag Society - PO Box 148 Findlay, OH 45839
- C. Late fee of \$15.00 will be assessed to all applications postmarked after the deadline.

2. Competition Day Registration:

- A. Must be done at least one (1) hour prior to performance time. (Performance times will be posted in the official website)
- B. Due to cancellations, schedule times may be moved up at the discretion of the competition Coordinators (by not more than 15 minutes.)
- C. Cheerleading competition organizers reserve the right to add, change, delete or combine divisions for any reason. We may split into more divisions in the JV, 9th grade, and Middle School divisions as necessary, based on registrations.

3. Performance Area:

- A. The performance area for SCHOOLS will be cheerleading mats.
- B. Teams may enter the boundaries from wherever they prefer.

4. Safety Guidelines:

- A. For School teams, National Federation High School Spirit (NFHS) Safety Guidelines shall apply.
- B. For All-Star teams, follow USASF Rules & Guidelines
- C. Violations of safety guidelines (or general rules) will result in the loss of ten (10) pts. per penalty from the total score. If unsportsmanlike behavior is observed from anyone (including coaches, athletes, parents and fans), officials reserve the right to assess a 10-point penalty against the associated team or program.

5. Music:

- A. Cassette tapes or Compact Discs (CDs) only. Home and custom burned compact discs will not play on all sound systems.
- B. Must be cued and ready.
- C. Must have a representative from your group at the tape recorder one group prior to your performance.
- D. Must have second tape/CD on hand.

6. Judging:

- A. All judging and rule interpretations are final.

FOR VARSITY, JUNIOR VARSITY, 9TH GRADE, 7TH/7TH-8TH/8TH GRADES:

7. Routine:

- A. Will be not longer than 4:00 in length (team will lose 10 pts. from total score if time limit is exceeded.)
- B. Timing begins with the first note of music, or the first word after the team is announced, whichever comes first.
- C. For school teams, routines need to include at least one (1) cheer, and/or one (1) sideline (chant)
- D. For all-star teams, routines may use one (1) cheer and/or one (1) sideline; routines may use all music
- E. Teams in "no mount" divisions who do any kind of mount will be moved to the "mount" division. In the no-mount division, individuals may NOT support one another in any type of pyramid or mount or stunt.
- F. Signs of any kind, megaphones, and/or poms are permitted. Wearable articles (e.g., hats) are permitted, as long as they are worn sometime during the routine.