



VAN WERT COUNTY FAIR
23rd Annual
CHEERLEADING INVITATIONAL
LITTLE LEADERS, JUNIOR HIGH,
JUNIOR VARSITY, VARSITY

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2010 RULES

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SCHEDULE/DIVISIONS

The invitational will be promptly at 11:00am on Saturday, September 4th 2010. This year's invitational will include following four (4) divisions, competing in this order: Little Leaders, Junior High, Junior Varsity, and Varsity. Once established, the order of performance will not be altered without the approval of all participating squads in the division. Squads not exceeding twenty (20) members can compete in the divisions as follows:

Little Leaders: Ages 5-12
Junior High: 7th Grade Squad, 8th Grade Squad, or combined 7th/8th Grade Squad
Junior Varsity: Junior Varsity Squad, Junior Varsity/Freshmen Squad, or Freshmen Squad
Varsity: Varsity Squad, or combined Varsity/Junior Varsity Squad

ROUTINE DETAILS

Each squad must incorporate dance and at least two (2) cheers into their performance. A squad's entrance, transitions between cheers, and exit may consist of any combination of dances, cheers, tumbling, or sideline chants. Performance time is limited to **Four (4) minutes. Judging and timing will begin at the first beat of Music or first Motion and will end at the last motion or beat of music.*** Any entrance cheer On or Off the mat, **WILL** be included in your 4 min time limit. A one (1) point deduction for each second over the time limit will be taken from the judges' combined score. There is NO time penalty for placing pompoms, props, or signs prior to a performance or removing them immediately following a performance.

PERFORMANCE AREA

The distance between the West entrance line and the East finish line is fifty (50) feet. The distance from front to back of the racetrack area is approximately seventy (70) feet. **Please note that the performance area will be covered with 8 tumbling mats approx. 48 Wide by 42 Long.** There is NO penalty for squad members stepping off the carpet during a performance. There also is NO penalty for designated persons entering the competition area during a squad's performance to remove pompoms, props, or signs.

PROHIBITED

Mounts, partner stunts, toe pitches, and mini-trampolines are NOT permitted. Partner stunts are defined as one or more squad members lifting one or more members off the ground for a length of time OR one or more squad members throwing one or more members in the air. Members MAY temporarily jump through or over each other. Mascots are encouraged to attend and participate in the grandstand; however, they are NOT permitted on the competition field. Pompoms, props, and signs are permitted. Squads are welcome to bring their own mats for use in practice areas.

MUSIC

The grandstand sound system accommodates cassette tapes and CDs. Squads should test their music on the sound system during designated practice time and determine a desirable volume. Squads are recommended to bring two (2) copies of the music cassette/CD to be used, just in case! Squads may also opt to bring and use their own cassette/CD players. Please note that burned CDs often do not play, or do not play at the desired speed, on the grandstand sound system.

WARM-UP

Each competing squad will receive a four (4) minute designated practice time on the grandstand racetrack. The order of practice will be the same as the order of performance-See additional information section below. Please arrive early on the day of the invitational to test your music on the grandstand sound system. Each squad must designate their own music personnel. Late arrivals may be denied the opportunity to practice to ensure the invitational begins promptly at 11:00am.

AWARDS

There will be an awards ceremony for the Little Leaders and Junior High divisions held As soon as possible following the last performance in the Junior High division. A separate awards ceremony will be held following the Junior Varsity and Varsity divisions. Completed Judges' Scoring Sheets will be distributed as soon as possible following each awards ceremony. Trophies will be presented to the top three (3) squads in each division. Members of the first place squads will receive neck ribbon medals in addition to a squad trophy. If three (3) or more squads are entered in a division, first place will receive \$75, second \$50, and third \$25. **The Checks will be Mailed to the Schools if not further specified by coaches at the end of invitational.**

JUDGES

Staff members from area cheerleading associations or recent college/university cheerleaders will be asked to serve as judges. Due to the holiday weekend, if such judges cannot be secured, present or former advisors who do not have a squad entered in the invitational may serve as judges.

ADMISSION TO THE FAIRGROUNDS

Advisors, squad members, and drivers will be admitted into the fairgrounds on the day of the invitational free of charge with appropriate gate pass, which will be sent by the Fair Office prior to the invitational. This pass **MUST** be presented at the gate or admission will be charged. Participants should enter the fairgrounds at Gate 5, which is the Southwest gate on Fox Rd and then proceed to the parking area near the southwest end of the grandstands. Persons eight (8) years old and under are admitted free to the fair. All other spectators nine (9) years and older must pay the gate admission fee of \$6.00. All spectators must also pay a \$3.00 general admission fee into the grandstand for the Cheerleading Invitational.

LIABILITY

The Van Wert County Fair, Van Wert High School, Invitational coordinators and personnel, and anyone else associated with the event will **NOT** be responsible for accidents, injuries, or loss of property. Advisors are urged to clearly explain this to all squad members and parents. Squad members should have insurance. An Athletic Insurance Waiver Form **MUST** be completed, signed, and returned for each squad member before they will be allowed to participate. These forms are available online on the Grandstand Entertainment page at www.vanwertcountyfair.com. **Please make copies of completed/signed waiver forms before submitting the originals with the application and entry fee. To avoid controversy over eligibility, please bring your copies of all waivers on the day of the event.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Complete Rules, Applications, Waiver Forms, and Judges' Scoring Sheets are available online for viewing/printing on the Grandstand Entertainment page at www.vanwertcountyfair.com. Please print the forms as needed. The order of practice/performance will also be listed in this area of the fair web site following the entry deadline. Maps to the fairgrounds are available for viewing/printing on the Maps page.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of rain, the invitational will be moved to Lincolnview High School. 15945 Middle Point Rd. Van Wert, OH 45891. The schedule may be modified in order for the invitational to run in its entirety in a timely manner. Admission will remain \$3.00 per spectator. Attempts will be made to secure competition mats, but squads should be prepared to perform on the gymnasium floor without mats. Once a decision has been made to move the event, a notice will be posted on the fair's web site and advisors will be contacted directly.

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