



VAN WERT COUNTY FAIR 34th Annual CHEERLEADING INVITATIONAL

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Wednesday August 31, 2022
At 6:00 pm EDT

2021 RULES

Competition coordinators and/or fair board members have the final say on any and all rules and decisions.

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SCHEDULE/DIVISIONS

The invitational will begin promptly at **6:00 pm on Wednesday August 31, 2022**. This year's invitational will include the following divisions: Mini All Star, Youth All Star, Little Leaders, Junior High, Varsity, Junior All Star and Senior All Star. Grade levels are dependent upon the 2021-2022 school year. Once established, the order of performance will not be altered without the approval of all participating squads in the division.

Mini All Star: Non School Squads Grade 3 and below that mount
Youth All Star: Non School Squads Grade 6 and below that mount
Junior All Star: Non School Squads Grade 9 and below that mount
Senior All Star: Non School Squads Grade 12 and below that mount

Little Leaders: School and Non School Squads Ages 5-12 NO mounting
Junior High: 7th Grade Squad, 8th Grade Squad, or combined 7th/8th Grade Squad NO mounting
Varsity: Varsity Squad, or combined Varsity/Junior Varsity Squad NO mounting

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 cheers on or off the mat, WILL be included in your 4 minute 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

Please note that the performance area may be covered with at least 8 tumbling mats approx. 48 Wide by 42 Long. There is NO penalty for squad members stepping out of the performance area. There also is NO penalty for designated persons entering the competition area during a squad's performance to remove pompoms, props, or signs.

SCHOOL SQUADS: 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.

ALL STAR RULES

Mounts must be no higher than two and a half persons high. If you have a stunt that may be questionable, please contact the coordinators to see if it will be allowed. Any mount over shoulder level must have a back spot. No mini-trampolines. Triple twisting dismounts are not allowed. Single & double full twisting dismounts are allowed. **MOUNTING TEAMS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN SPOTTERS! SPOTTERS MAY NOT SUPPORT OR HELP LIFT THE MOUNT IN ANY WAY AS IF THEY ARE A PART OF THE MOUNT.** A spotter's job is to help catch a flier in a falling stunt and prevent injury. **A TEAM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IF SPOTTERS ARE NOT PROVIDED.** Mounts should be perfected and stable! Spotters should be dressed in different attire than the competing squad members.

MUSIC

The grandstand sound system accommodates 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 CD to be used, just in case! Squads may also opt to bring and use their own CD players. Please note that burned CDs may not play, or may not play at the desired speed, on the grandstand sound system. A coach or their designee will be responsible for starting and stopping the music.

WARM-UP

Each competing squad will receive a **three (3) minute** designated practice time on the grandstand racetrack. The order of practice will be the same as the order of performance unless otherwise noted -See additional information section below-. Please arrive early on the day of the invitational to ensure you do not miss your warm up time. Teams that miss their allotted practice time will be denied the opportunity to practice to ensure the invitational **begins promptly at 6:30 p.m.**

AWARDS

Teams: 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 School address listed on your application if not further specified by coaches at the end of invitational.** Trophies MAY be presented to the top three (3) squads in each division.

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. Judges rulings are final.

ADMISSION TO THE FAIRGROUNDS

Advisors, squad members, and bus drivers will be admitted into the fairgrounds on the day of the invitational free of charge. **Participants and coaches only will enter the west end of the grandstand and must have uniforms on. Parents are not allowed to enter this gate. Spectators must pay to enter the fairground and have a ticket to enter the grandstand.** You can buy presale tickets for the invitational at the fair office or on the fair website before the start of the fair. If you are interested in a block of tickets, contact the fair office directly at 419-238-9270. All tickets are reserved seating; Visit www.vanwertcountyfair.com for more information or call the fair office. Spectators/parents may only enter through the east end of the grandstand with appropriate ticketing after gates open. No spectators/parents are allowed into the grandstand under any circumstances before the gates open. If you have young children on your squad, we suggest meeting as a group outside the west end gate of the grandstand and then entering together as a team.

LIABILITY

The Van Wert County Fair, Lincolnview 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 page at www.vwcfcheerleading.webstarts.com also visit www.vanwertcountyfair.com. **Please make copies of completed/signed waiver forms before mailing 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. Original copies must be received by the coordinators with your registration by August 15th.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A link to Complete Rules, Applications, and Waiver Forms are available online for viewing/printing on the Grandstand page at www.vanwertcountyfair.com or www.vwcfcheerleading.webstarts.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 as well as emailed to all coaches. 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. 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 advisors will be contacted by text and email as soon as possible.

ENTRY

Entry fee of *\$35 per squad, application, and all insurance waivers must be post marked no later than August 15, 2019.

Entry Fee Checks Payable to: *Van Wert County Fair*

Entry Fee, Application & Insurance Waivers mailed to:

VW Fair Cheer Competition
14101 Mendon Rd.
Van Wert, OH 45891

*Any checks returned for non sufficient funds must be paid in cash plus a \$30 returned check fee.