Welcome to the 2017 Indiana State Fair Cheerleading Competition. We extend our best wishes to each squad as you compete and look forward to a safe and fun day at the Indiana State Fair!

Please feel free to contact Christina Hunt, Coordinator, at Cheerleading@indianastatefair.com with questions about the event.

Good luck!
1. Date and Time of Contest: The 2017 Indiana State Fair Cheerleading Competition will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2017 with Preliminaries beginning at 10am EST in the Hoosier Lottery Grandstand on the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

2. The Indiana State Fair Cheerleading Competition is open to Indiana junior high/middle school or high school game-cheering squads. (A game-cheering squad is one that cheers in actual game situations.)

3. Each participant, male or female, must be currently enrolled in an Indiana junior high/middle school or high school and must be a member in good standing of the competing game-cheering squad.

4. Squad members graduating from high school in 2018 or after are eligible to compete; 2017 graduates are not eligible.

5. An Indiana school may enter its varsity, junior varsity (reserve) or junior high/middle school squads in the competition.

6. The eligibility of all participants must be certified by the cheerleader coach and high school principal or athletic director, both of whom must sign the official entry form.

7. Junior varsity (reserve) and varsity squads MAY NOT COMPETE TOGETHER.

8. Freshman squads that are selected by their high schools as junior varsity squads may compete in the junior varsity (reserve) competition. Freshman and junior varsity squads MAY NOT COMPETE TOGETHER.

9. 6th, 7th & 8th grade squads may compete separately or may be combined in the junior high/middle school division.

10. All spotters must be members of the competing game-cheering squad.

11. Any violation of eligibility Terms and Conditions will result in disqualification. If any violation of the Terms and Conditions of the 2017 Cheerleading Competition is observed, a school’s coach or adult designee must file a written protest with the Cheerleading Competition Coordinator the day of the competition prior to the presentation of awards. The final decision on any written protest will be made by the Indiana State Fair Executive Producer.

12. Organization of Competition: The order of performance for all squads will be determined by a draw. All squads will be advised of their appearance order and approximate performance time prior to the competition. A random draw for all finalists will take place prior to the announcements of the finalists. The order of performance will be announced after the finalists are announced for each division.

13. Cheerleaders and coaches only will be admitted to the Indiana State Fairgrounds free of charge for the Cheerleading Competition. In order to receive parking stickers, cheer coaches must provide on the competition entry form the accurate number of vehicles that will transport the squad(s) to the competition.
14. **Performance:** Total performance time for the non-music routine is two (2) minutes for the Junior High/Middle School, Junior Varsity, and Small and Large Non-Music divisions. Total performance time for the music Small and Large Varsity divisions is two (2) minutes and thirty (30) seconds. Music may only be used for up to one minute (1) and forty-five (45) seconds of the routine. Squads going over this time will receive ten (10) penalty points. If squads in the music divisions go over the allowed time for music use, they will receive ten (10) penalty points.

15. The announcer will tell the squad they may take the mat. Once they are on the mat, the announcer will say, “You may begin.” The timing begins with the first word or motion after the “you may begin” directive. Timing ends when one member of the squad signals by a wave to the judges that the routine done. The squad may then exit the stage.

16. Dimensions of the performance area on the stage are approximately 40’ deep by 40’ wide.

17. The performance area will be matted with nine (9) mats for safety. Any squad going out of bounds off the designated performance area (mats) will receive ten (10) penalty points.

18. Each participant must compete in the appropriate uniform of his/her school.

19. Jewelry should not be worn during the performances.

20. Pom-poms and signs are the only prop permitted for this competition.

21. Applicable safety rules will be enforced in this competition. We will be following the **2017-2018 National Federation Cheerleading Guidelines**. It is the coach’s responsibility to abide by these rules.

22. **Judging:** There will be three judges for each division in the preliminaries and four judges for each division in the finals. Each judge will score all areas of the competition. The combined total of all three/four judges respectively will determine the top squads.

23. In addition, two penalty judges will be seated with the other judges and will score all penalties. The penalty judges will record penalty points on one penalty sheet for each squad. Any penalty points will be deducted from a squad’s combined total score.

24. Ties in all divisions will be reviewed and broken by all three/four judges.

25. **Presentation of Awards:** Names of the top five finalists in all divisions will be announced after the large varsity portion of the preliminary round. All trophies will be awarded at the conclusion of the large varsity with music division in the final round.

26. At the end of the Fair, a complete list of finishers and their points for all squads in the competition will be emailed to all cheer coaches whose squads participated in the competition.

27. **Video-Taping:** Videotaping of the competition will be allowed. You may videotape from your seats, but please use courtesy while taping.
28. **Inclement Weather:** In the event of inclement weather, all attempts will be made to hold the contest. After completion of the preliminary session, the weather and performance area will be evaluated and a decision will be made by the Cheerleading Coordinator and Indiana State Fair officials to determine whether the finals session can be held. In the event the performance area cannot be used for competition during the finals session, preliminary scores will determine a squad’s final placement for presentation of trophies and cash awards.

**ENTRY INFORMATION**

1. All entries must be made in accordance with the terms and conditions.

2. **Online Entry** - To enter into the Indiana State Fair, please go to www.exhibitorscorner.indianastatefair.com and enter online follow the prompts. Each exhibitor/squad is required to pay an entry fee at the time of entry. An exhibitor /squad will not be considered entered into the Indiana State Fair until payment is made in full. Payment can be made online with a valid credit card. Entry fee will cover Fair admission for all participants (see number 12).
   
   a.) If the Cheerleading Coach has access to and approval to use the school credit card: Complete the online entry, proceed through “checkout,” enter the card information and complete the online entry process.
   
   b.) If the Cheerleading Coach does NOT have access to or approval to use the school credit card: Complete the online entry to the point of “checkout”. Leave the registration in the “cart” but do not pay. The registration will remain in the Indiana State Fair Entry system, incomplete. Coaches must MAIL the entry fee, paid by school check, made payable to: Indiana State Fair Cheerleading Competition. Upon receipt by the ISF Entry Department, the Cheerleading Coach will receive an email when the registration has been updated and deemed “complete”. Entry fee checks postmarked after July 14, 2017 will not be accepted.

3. **Entry Deadlines and Fees**

   Enter between: MARCH 1, 2017 – JULY 7, 2017
   Department Fee: $50

   Enter between: JULY 8, 2017 – JULY 14, 2017
   Department Fee: $100

4. As part of the online entry, the Cheerleading Coach will be asked to submit their School Principal’s name and email address. By completing the online registration, the School Principal will be sent an email notification letting him/her know the squad(s) entered into the 2017 Indiana State Fair Cheerleading Competition.

5. **ENTRIES AFTER JULY 14, 2017 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

6. Entry questions? Call (317) 927-7515
PROJECTED SCHEDULE
(Time approximate depending upon number of entries)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12
Hoosier Lottery Grandstand

TIME                DESCRIPTION

10AM - 11:30AM    Preliminary Junior High/Middle School and Junior Varsity (these will alternate)

11:45AM - 1:45PM  Preliminary Small Varsity and Large Varsity No Music (these will alternate)

2PM - 3:30PM      Preliminary Small Varsity and Large Varsity With Music (these will alternate)

Announcement of all Finalists will follow the Small and Large Varsity Music Division. 
The top 5 in each division will go on to the finals.

5PM - 5:25PM      Junior High/Middle School

5:30PM - 5:55PM   Junior Varsity

6PM - 6:25PM      Small Varsity No Music

6:30PM - 6:55PM   Large Varsity No Music

7PM - 7:25PM      Small Varsity With Music

7:30PM - 7:55PM   Large Varsity With Music

Announcement of all Award Winners will follow the Large Varsity with Music Division

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TICKET INFORMATION
(Indiana State Fair admission is also required.)

CHEERLEADING COMPETITION PRELIMINARIES – 10AM
HOOSIER LOTTERY GRANDSTAND
  • Adult admission: $6
  • Youth (ages 6-12): $2
  • Ages 5 & under are FREE

CHEERLEADING COMPETITION FINALS – 5PM
HOOSIER LOTTERY GRANDSTAND
  • Adult admission: $10
  • Youth (ages 6-12): $4
  • Ages 5 & under are FREE

CHEERLEADING COMPETITION COMBO TICKET
GOOD FOR BOTH PRELIMINARIES AND FINALS
**AVAILABLE THROUGH AUGUST 3, 2017
  • Adult combo admission: $13
  • Youth (ages 6-12) combo admission: $5
  • Ages 5 & under are FREE

Coaches may purchase tickets through the mail – **deadline is July 21, 2017.** See the ticket order form.

Tickets can also be purchased in person at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum Box Office (Indiana State Fairgrounds) or online at www.indianastatefair.com.