



## District 10

# Competitive Spirit Competition

Erie McDowell Senior High School

December 16, 2017

(Make Up Date is December 17, 2017)

1:00 p.m.

Registration for teams begins at 12:00 p.m.

**Entry Fee:** \$100 check made out to **PIAA District 10** is due by **November 20, 2017** to:

**Kirk J. Scurpa, 301 Blue Devil Way, Sharpsville, PA 16150**

**Entry Form:** Entry form can only be completed online at the following link  
**<https://goo.gl/forms/w7sNahc7BgkutMC2>**

**Spotters:** All schools competing should supply their own spotters---if needed.

**Medals/Trophies:** Will be awarded to the top team in each of the 4 divisions. Those top 4 teams from each division will qualify for the PIAA State Competition. The one team that will receive the additional bid to the PIAA State Competition will be the team with the highest score in spite of which division they come from.

**Score Sheet:** The same one that the State Competition will use.

**Changing Divisions:** Once you turn in your entry form there is no switching up or down a division.

**Music:** Please bring 2 copies of your music on CD, turn in 1 copy at registration on December 17.

**Spectators:** Doors will open one hour before the competition begins. All ticket prices are \$5. Spectators will **not** be permitted signs or noise makers.

**T-Shirts:** Preorder on entry form for \$15 for each short sleeve T-Shirt. A limited number of shirts may be available at the competition.

**Pre-competition meeting:** Thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the preliminary round; the District X Game Manager, the head UCA judge, the Site Manager, and the Head Coaches from the competing schools will meet to review the PIAA Sportsmanship Message and conduct all necessary pre-competition business.

**Practice/warm-up:** Squads will be permitted warm-up times prior to competition. Teams will be provided a warm-up schedule upon registration.

**Questions** may be directed to: Kirk Scurpa at 724-931-1889 or [kscurpa@sasdpide.org](mailto:kscurpa@sasdpide.org)

**Purpose of Competitive Spirit:** Competitive Spirit was adopted by the PIAA Board of Directors, effective July 1, 2012, as an opportunity to expand competitive opportunities for girls. All eligibility provisions of the PIAA By-Laws are applicable to student-athletes of competitive spirit squads, with the exception of a PIAA-defined competitive spirit season: Season – Competitive spirit has no defined season. Competitive spirit squads may not Practice or participate in any Inter-School Practice, Scrimmage, and/or Contest on more than six days in any Calendar Week. With that limitation, they may participate in Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests at any time and at the discretion of the Principal of the competitive spirit squad's member school. There is no maximum number of Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests in which a competitive spirit squad may participate.

**Governance:** PIAA Board of Directors has adopted the NFHS Spirit rules book. PIAA in conjunction with Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) and American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators (AACCA) will develop the format for the PIAA Competitive Spirit Championships. UCA is the founding member of the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators, a non-profit educational association for the over 70,000 cheerleading coaches across the United States. Founded in 1988, AACCA is the recognized standard of care for all cheerleading activities. UCA is dedicated to the safe and responsible practice of cheerleading, and all UCA Instructors are AACCA Safety Certified and use the AACCA Safety Manual as a teaching guide and resource. UCA also implements the AACCA safety guidelines at camps and competitions and encourages all coaches to become AACCA Safety-Certified. AACCA certification is available in all 50 states by taking the accredited 4 hour course and, upon completion, remains in effect for 4 years. Over 20,000 coaches have been AACCA certified since 2000. On the high school level, AACCA certification is already a requirement to complete the Bronze Level NFHS Spirit Coaches Education Program.

**Contest Officials:** Competitive spirit judges do not register with PIAA. They are retained by the Tournament organizers under standards set by the Tournament organizers and will utilize NFHS spirit rules. PIAA Competitive Spirit judges will be contracted by UCA. Judges will have extensive training in coaching, choreography and championship judging.

**No Protest Rule:** Under PIAA there can be no protest of Contests as follows: "The Board of Directors and District Committees will not consider any protests in Contests, which are based on play situations or officials' decisions involving interpretation or judgment of plays. In no case will the results of a Contest be reversed nor will a Contest be ordered or permitted to be replayed. Questions regarding interpretation of rules or judgment of officials should be submitted in writing to the Executive Director."

**Uniforms/Jewelry:** A coach shall not permit a team to participate if, in the judgment of the coach, the participant's hairstyle or fingernails to not conform to NFHS and PIAA rules. It is required that participating

member schools dress and equip their Teams pursuant to National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Spirit Rules 2-3.

1. Uniforms shall be functional and meet the school's approval. Apparel must also be safe and conducive to safe physical activity. All midribs and torsos must be covered.
2. For safety reasons, sequins/glitter are not allowed on uniforms. In addition to safety consideration, sequins/glitter are not functional or necessary.
3. Glitter that does not readily adhere to the body or face is prohibited. A sign that has glitter that is sealed by laminate or other means is permitted.
4. Jewelry is prohibited. This includes all jewelry worn on any part of the body. No body piercing jewelry is allowed. Jewelry must be removed, covering with band aids is not sufficient. Leather, string, etc., placed in the holes created by body piercing are not allowed. If religious or medical medals are worn, they shall be taped to the body under the uniform.

**Routine:** Overall time of routine is 2 minutes and 30 seconds and must include a cheer. The cheer can be stand alone or can be done over music. Teams cheering over music will still be accountable for satisfying the components of the "CHEER" portion of the score sheet. (ex: A cheer consisting of only motions performed to music will score a ZERO in "use of skills."). Be sure to read over the score sheet specifics on the cheer portion.

**Floor Size:** 54 feet wide by 42 feet deep and all participants must start with at least one foot (hand) on the performance surface. Sign and props can be placed off the performance floor, but participants cannot step off during the routine to get them.

**Injuries on the floor:** Routine can be stopped by competition officials, advisor/coach of the team or the individual. Competition officials (in conjunction with the coach and individual) will decide if team will be allowed to perform at a later time. The spot where the re-performance will take place is up to the discretion of the competition officials and coaches (taking all issues into consideration).

**Penalties for infractions:** Stepping out of bounds would be .5 point per occurrence (off the total score). Going over any of the time restrictions would be a 3 point deduction off the total score. Illegal skills performed on the floor: 10 points off the total score.

**POLICY STATEMENT FOR MEMBER SCHOOLS WITH CONDITIONS OF ENTRY INTO PIAA DISTRICT TEN CHAMPIONSHIP** PIAA District member schools are not required to enter a team into PIAA District Ten Championship events. Entry and participation by member schools in the tournament sponsored by PIAA District Ten are totally voluntary. Entry of a team or individual competitor by a member school into a PIAA District Ten tournament signifies that the member school accepts the conditions and provisions that are inherent with the tournament rules, regulations and guidelines. Further, a member school accepts the fact that the PIAA District Ten Chairman, Executive Committee, Tournament Director and District Ten Committee reserves the right to make changes in the management schedule, sites, dates, times and operations of championships when in their judgment it becomes necessary to do so.

# PIAA District 10

*Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Venango, Warren, & Forest*

## Competitive Spirit Entry Form

Due **November 20, 2017** with \$100 check made out to **PIAA District 10**

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please **check** one of the following that you will compete in:

\_\_\_\_\_ Small Varsity up to 15 **females**

\_\_\_\_\_ Medium Varsity 16-20 **females**

\_\_\_\_\_ Large Varsity 21 or more **females**

\_\_\_\_\_ Coed Varsity (A squad that has at least one male participant will have to compete in the coed division.)

Coaches Name \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Coaches Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Home # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Roster is included with girls names on your squad along with names of coaches on your school letterhead.

Tee Shirt order

Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ X-Large \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of short sleeved T-Shirts ordered \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Entry form, roster and check (include \$100 for entry fee plus any tee shirt money) made out to **PIAA District 10** are due no later than November 20, 2017

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