

PIAA DISTRICT XI COMPETITIVE SPIRIT CHAMPIONSHIP
Presented by St. Luke's University Health Network
2020-2021

DATES, LOCATIONS, TIMES OF COMPETITIVE SPIRIT DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS:

March 6, 2021	District XI Championship Competition	Easton Area Middle School	9:00 a.m.
March 7, 2021	District XI Championship Competition (Snow date)		
April 9 OR 10, 2021	PIAA State Championship Competition		

DISTRICT COMMITTEE PERSON IN CHARGE OF CHAMPIONSHIP:

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ELIGIBILITY FOR DISTRICT XI COMPETITIVE SPIRIT CHAMPIONSHIP

All teams registering to compete in the PIAA District XI Competitive Spirit Championship Competition will be afforded the opportunity to compete.

FINANCES: Reimbursement and expenses will be paid in accordance with District XI Policy.

ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICIALS: Judges will be assigned by the District XI Cheerleading Chairperson. Officials will be paid by the District at the conclusion of the tournament.

SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT: PIAA requires all registered sports' officials to enforce the sportsmanship rules for coaches and contestants. Actions meant to demean opposing contestants, teams, spectators and officials are not in the highest ideals of interscholastic education and will not be tolerated. Let all contests reflect mutual respect. Coaches will certify prior to the contest that teams are legally equipped according to the rules of that contest.

TICKET PRICES: Not applicable for 2020-2021. Event will be live streamed.

AWARDS PRESENTED FOR EACH SPORT:

Medals will be presented to both the champion and runner-up teams in the Small 2A, Small 3A, Large 2A, and Large 3A Divisions. Medals will be presented to the champion ONLY in the Coed Division. A team trophy will be presented to the champions in each division.

Twenty (20) medals will be available for the Small 2A Division and Small 3A Division championship squads and runner-ups. Thirty (30) medals will be available for the Large 2A Division and Large 3A Division championship squads and runner-ups. Twenty-five (25) medals will be available for the Coed Division championship squad.

These awards may be adjusted based on number of participating schools in each division.

GAME REGULATIONS

A. Classes

a. Competitive Spirit Championships will be conducted in District XI for Senior High Schools in the following five (5) divisions: Small 2A Division (1-15 squad members), : Small 3A Division (1-15 squad members), Large 2A Division (16+ squad members), Large 3A Division (16+ squad members), and Coed Division (squads with one or more male participants). Placement of schools in 2A or 3A is determined based on the PIAA enrollment classification for Competitive Spirit.

B. Participation and Entry Fee

a. Only schools who wish to participate will be expected to complete the registration form and submit the online google registration form to the District XI Competitive Spirit Chairperson by **February 1st**.

- b. Entry of a team into the Competitive Spirit Championships signifies that the member school accepts the conditions and provisions that are described below. Furthermore, a member school accepts the fact that the PIAA District XI Committee reserves the right to make changes in the management, schedule, location of competition site, and operation of the **2020-2021** District XI Competitive Spirit Championships if, in their judgment, it becomes necessary to do so.
- c. Participating schools will be required to pay the **\$150** entry fee made payable to PIAA District XI and sent to the PIAA District XI Competitive Spirit Chairperson, Jason Zimmerman by the registration deadline. All qualifiers to the State Competition, PIAA District XI will pay your \$150 registration fee. All participants who do not qualify for the State Competition, PIAA District XI will reimburse the \$150 entry fee. All school who register a squad, but fail to participate in the PIAA District XI Championship Competition, for any reason, the \$100 fee is non-refundable.
- d. All teams advancing to the PIAA State Competition are obligated to represent PIAA District XI by competing in the State Competition as assigned.

C. Competition Rounds

- a. There will only be one championship round of competition.
- b. There will not be a preliminary or playback round.

D. Competition Information

- a. Uniforms
 - i. It is required that participating member schools dress and equip their Squads pursuant to National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Spirit Rules 2-3.
- b. Music for Routine
 - i. Each competing team is expected to bring 2 copies of their routine music.
 - ii. Music may be checked with the DJ upon arrival.
 - iii. Coaches or their designee will be required to assist the DJ when their squad is on the competition mat.
- c. Pre-competition meeting
 - i. Not applicable for 2020-2021.
- d. Practice / Warm-up
 - i. Squads will be permitted warm-up times prior to all rounds of competition.
 - ii. The maximum amount of warm-up time will be 10 minutes. Teams will be provided a warm-up schedule upon registration.

E. Competition Format

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. There will be trained spotters provided by UCA / AACCA for additional safety on the performance floor throughout each routine.
- d. Interruption of routine:
 - i. If routine is interrupted by failure of the competitions equipment, facility or other factors attributable to the competition and not the team, the team shall stop the routine at that time. Team will have time to prepare again and perform the entire routine, but the judging will be only from the point of interruption to the end.
 - ii. If the routine is interrupted by failure of the team's own equipment, personnel, etc they must continue the routine or withdraw.
- e. Injuries on the floor:
 - i. Routine can be stopped by competition officials, advisor/coach of the team or the individual.
 - ii. 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).

- f. Penalties for infractions:
 - i. Please refer to the PIAA Deduction Sheet

F. PIAA State Championship Qualification

- a. **April 9th OR 10th, 2021** – GIANT Center, Hershey, PA – one (1) day event for 2020-2021
- b. PIAA District XI can advance up to five (5) total qualifiers to the PIAA State Competitions.
- c. Distribution of qualifiers will as follows for the 2020-2021 School Year:
 - i. Small 2A Division Champion
 - ii. Large 2A Division Champion
 - iii. Small 3A Division Champion
 - iv. Large 3A Division Champion
 - v. Coed Division Champion

**PLEASE REGISTER NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2021
VIA GOOGLE FORM AT:
<https://forms.gle/p5seA2gNmPfeu7PN8>**