

2018 MARION COUNTY FAIR

CHEERLEADERS CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2018

Marion County Fairgrounds Coliseum

Middle School and JV – Practice Mat Time starting at 11 AM ~ ~ Competition Starting at Noon
Varsity – Immediately Following

ELIGIBILITY

1. All Contestants must be currently enrolled in an accredited Indiana High School or Middle School, or Junior High School to be eligible to compete.
2. Contestants may be either male or female.
3. Secondary contestants graduating in or after 2019 are eligible to compete. Graduates of 2018 are not eligible.
4. Each School may enter its Varsity and/or JV units. All contestants shall be certified by the middle school, high school, or by the respective principal. The cheerleader's sponsor/coach as well as the principal must sign the entry form.
5. Spotters must be members of the competing game-cheering squad.
6. Each member of the cheerleading squad must have a hold harmless release signed by a parent or guardian to participate in the contest.

ENTRIES

1. Entries and Hold Harmless forms must be postmarked no later than **midnight, June 6, 2018**. Late entries postmarked between June 7 through June 12 will be accepted; however, in addition to the contest fee per squad, an additional late entry fee of \$25 for each squad must be paid.

Mail all forms to: Marion County Fair
PO Box 39225
Indianapolis, IN 46239

2. Appearance numbers will be assigned by a random draw. You will be advised of your appearance number and practice time on the mats prior to the contest.
3. Cheerleading groups failing to appear in the assigned order are subject to a penalty of ten (10) points.
4. Cheerleader sponsors/coaches and participating cheerleaders only will be admitted to the Marion County Fair free of charge.
5. Cheerleader sponsors/coaches will need to be identified by name so that they can be admitted free of charge into the competition event.

PERFORMANCE

1. **Each level of competition, Middle School, Varsity, and JV units will be judged separately.** Competition will start with Middle School and end with the Varsity units.
2. All Contestants must appear in the appropriate uniform of their respective schools.
3. All competition will be judged on a team or unit basis. Solo performances shall be considered in conjunction with the score of the unit as a whole.
4. If a sponsor/coach desires to combine squads for the competition, the combined squad must compete at the highest grade level of the members involved.
5. Total performance time will be a maximum of two (2) minutes per unit competing.
6. There will be a penalty of ten (10) points for failure to finish within the two (2) minute time limit.

7. Time begins when a squad is announced and ends when the squad member waves. OPTION: A SQUAD MAY ELECT TO BE ANNOUNCED WHILE THEY ARE ON OR OFF THE FLOOR.
8. Mini-tramps and knee drops **will not** be allowed.
9. Music, props, and signs are **not permitted** for this competition.
10. Pompoms may be used.
11. Application safety rules as listed in the **National Federation Cheerleading Guidelines Handbook** and adopted by the Indiana Cheerleader Association will be enforced in the Marion County Fair Cheerleading Contest. It will be the cheerleader sponsor/coach's responsibility to see that these rules are observed by his/her squad.
12. The dimensions of the performance area are approximately 35 feet wide and 40 feet deep. **This is a matted area.**

JUDGING

There will be three (3) subjective judges and one (1) penalty judge for this contest. Each judge will score all areas of competition. The total scores of all three (3) judges will determine final placing.

The total possible points from each judge will be 100. The basis for judging is as follows:

Motion Technique / Execution	10
Crowd Appeal / Voices	10
Degree of Difficulty	10
Jumps	20
Standing/Running/Tumbling	20
Stunts/Pyramids/Tosses	20
Overall Routine/Synchronization/Transitions	10
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE	100

WINNERS AND AWARDS

THREE (3) TROPHIES—MIDDLE SCHOOL
 THREE (3) TROPHIES—JV
 THREE (3) TROPHIES—VARSITY
 ONE (1) SPIRIT TROPHY