

2020 MARION COUNTY FAIR
CHEERLEADING CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020 Marion County Fairgrounds Coliseum

Schedule

Middle and JV:

10am- Practice Mat Time
Noon- Competition

Varsity:

Immediately Following

ELIGIBILITY

- All Contestants must be currently enrolled in an accredited Indiana High School or Middle School, or Junior High School to be eligible to compete.
- Contestants may be either male or female.
- 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.
- Each member of the cheerleading squad must have a hold harmless release signed by a parent or guardian to participate in the contest.

ENTRIES

- Entries and Hold Harmless forms must be postmarked no later than midnight, April 30, 2020. Late entries postmarked between May 1 through May 15 will be accepted, however, in addition to the \$25 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

- Cheerleader sponsors/coaches and participating cheerleaders only will be admitted to the Marion County Fair free of charge. Cheerleader sponsors/coaches will need to be identified by name so that they can be admitted free of charge into the competition event.

PERFORMANCE

- 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.
- Cheerleading groups failing to appear in the assigned order are subject to a penalty of ten (10) points.
- **Each level of competition, Middle School, JV, and Varsity units will be judged separately.** Competition will start with Middle School and end with the Varsity units.
- All Contestants must appear in the appropriate uniform of their respective schools.
- 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.
- 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.
- Total performance time will be a maximum of two (2) minutes and 30 seconds per unit competing.
- There will be a penalty of ten (10) points for failure to finish within the two (2) minute and 30 second time limit.
- 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.
- Mini-tramps and knee drops **will not** be allowed.
- 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.
- 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 for MIDDLE SCHOOL

THREE (3) TROPHIES for JV

THREE (3) TROPHIES for VARSITY

ONE (1) SPIRIT TROPHY