



FAQ: Competition Cheerleading

Q: Our school isn't signed up for IESA Cheerleading - what do I need to do?

A: Congratulations, we're excited to have you! Here is information you need:

1. Your school does not have to participate in the state cheerleading competition to allow cheerleaders for basketball cheerleading (or other activities your school participates in).
 - There is only a registration process for the IESA state cheerleading competition - if your school is only planning to have cheerleaders do sideline cheering at other contests, no IESA registration is necessary, but those cheerleaders' names must be included on the regional entry form (i.e. basketball).
 - All cheerleaders must follow NFHS rules with the exception of the following:
All tosses (sponge and basket) are prohibited. For the purpose of clarification, a quick toss is permitted because the top person's feet begin with contact on the performing surface. See NFHS Spirit rule 1 for specific definitions.
2. Your school must be an IESA member school to sign up for the state cheerleading competition. If you are unsure if you are a member, check with your school administration or contact our office at 309-829-0114. If your school is not an IESA member school, your school administration must complete this process through our office before any competition cheerleading sign-up can happen.
3. Once registered as an IESA member school, school administration must complete the competition cheerleading sign-up process:
 - Log in to the member center using the school password.
 - In the menu, choose "Registration and Entry Center Logins."
 - On the left side, choose "Cheerleading" for the desired school year.
 - Select the division (cheer and routine are the 2 choices) - you will provide us with those students' names AFTER we receive payment.
 - You can sign up for more than one division - the routine division allows for music, the cheer division does not allow for music
ROUTINE DIVISION - Small (5-12 members), Medium (13-16 members), or Large (17-25 members)
CHEER DIVISION - Small (no more than 12 members) or Large (13-25 members)
 - The cost is \$75 per division for which your school is registered.
 - Fees double after the initial entry deadline and registration won't be taken if it is postmarked after the final entry deadline.
 - Click "Proceed to Step #2" and confirm the division(s) you signed up for.
 - Print the invoice and submit it with a school-issued check to IESA.
 - Your registration is complete once IESA receives your check.
4. Once registered for IESA Cheerleading, you are automatically added to the mailing list and will be sent reminder emails regarding roster deadlines and state competition information. You will also get an activity mailing sent to the school with IESA Cheerleading Terms and Conditions and additional competition information.
5. If you're unsure of how many students are participating, we recommend signing up for the maximum number you anticipate and then changing divisions by the final entry deadline if needed. Your school can get a full refund if you decide to not participate if you notify IESA by the initial entry deadline; no refunds will be issued after the initial entry deadline.
6. IESA Cheerleading coaches coaching at the state cheer competition must meet the IESA Coaching Education requirements (IESA By-Law 2.110) and have passed the state-mandated concussion course.