

2022 WHIPPET CHEER INVITATIONAL

Invitation

The Downingtown West High School Cheerleaders are pleased to invite you and your team to the 2022 Whippet Cheer Invitational.

All cheer squads and dance teams are invited to participate including your Youth/Recreational feeder programs and All-star teams, so please spread the word!

When: Sunday, November 13, 2022 (times below are an approximation for the first session, sessions/times will be determined by registration numbers)

- 7:45 AM – Teams may begin to arrive
- 8:15 AM – Opening of Spectator Doors
- 9:00 AM – Competition will begin

Where: Downingtown High School – West Campus, 445 Manor Ave, Downingtown, PA 19335

Costs:

- **Routine Registration: \$175.00 for team in one division**
- **Exhibition: \$75.00**
- **Routine and Game Day Combo: \$275.00**
(example: High School Varsity team competes in both Game Day and Traditional Routine with some/all of the same athletes)

Spectator Fees: Age 6 and up \$10.00. Children age 5 and under are FREE.

Order of performance will be determined by the order registrations are received.

Please return the **Team Registration Form**, **Signed Rules Form**, and **Team payment** to the following address by October 28th to ensure your team is listed in the event program.

Checks payable to: Downingtown West Cheerleading Association (DWCA).

Mailing address:

Downingtown West Cheerleading Association
c/o Megan Staffieri
P.O. Box 152
Downingtown, PA 19335

Questions? Please email:

whippetinvitational1@gmail.com

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Team Registration Form

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|----------------------------|--|
| Team Name | |
| Mascot | |
| Colors | |
| Head Coach Name | |
| Head Coach Email | |
| Head Coach Phone | |
| Head Coach Mailing Address | |
| Asst. Coach Name | |
| Asst. Coach Email | |
| Asst. Coach Phone | |

Requested Division*: _____

*We reserve the right to combine or divide divisions when necessary

Spotters: We would like to have spotters during our routine (circle response) Yes No

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Roster Information:

Number of Females _____ Number of Males _____

| | Participant Name | Grade/Age | | Participant Name | Grade/Age |
|----|------------------|-----------|----|------------------|-----------|
| 1 | | | 19 | | |
| 2 | | | 20 | | |
| 3 | | | 21 | | |
| 4 | | | 22 | | |
| 5 | | | 23 | | |
| 6 | | | 24 | | |
| 7 | | | 25 | | |
| 8 | | | 26 | | |
| 9 | | | 27 | | |
| 10 | | | 28 | | |
| 11 | | | 29 | | |
| 12 | | | 30 | | |
| 13 | | | 31 | | |
| 14 | | | 32 | | |
| 15 | | | 33 | | |
| 16 | | | 34 | | |
| 17 | | | 35 | | |
| 18 | | | 36 | | |

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Divisions*

| Dance Divisions | Age/Grade |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Elementary/Middle School | Grade 8- below |
| Junior Varsity | Grade 9-12 |
| Varsity | Grade 9-12 |

| All-Star Cheer Divisions *Specify Level Needed* | Age/Grade |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Tiny | Age 6 and under |
| Mini | Age 8 and under |
| Youth | Age 11 and under |
| Junior | Age 14 and under |
| Senior | Age 18 and under |
| Open Level 4,5,6,7 | Ages 14 and Up (level 7, 17 and up) |

| Recreational Cheer Divisions | Age/Grade |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Pee Wee | Age 5-8 |
| Youth | Age 10 and under |
| Junior | Age 12 and under |
| Senior | Age 15 and under |
| Senior Open | Age 18 and under |

| School Cheer Divisions | Age/Grade |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Middle School | Grade 6-8 |
| Junior Varsity | Grade 9-12 |
| Varsity | Grade 9-12 |
| Non-Tumble | All School Traditional Divisions |
| Game Day (Varsity/JV/Middle School/Rec) | Grade 9-12 |

| Co-Ed Division | Age/Grade |
|----------------|------------|
| Varsity | Grade 9-12 |

| College Team | |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| Coed/All Girl | Official College team |

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Rules, Regulations, and Guidelines

Payment and Fees

- Single Routine (Traditional or GameDay Only) Registration: \$175.00
- Exhibition: \$75.00
- Traditional Routine and Game Day Combination: \$275.00
- Spectator Fees: Age 6 and up \$10.00. Age 5 and under are FREE.

Competition Schedule

- DWHS Booster volunteers will determine the competition schedule under the supervision of the DWHS Cheer coaches.
- We reserve the right to combine or divide divisions if necessary.

Conduct and Sportsmanship

- No athletes/coaches from other programs are allowed in the warm-up areas until assigned times and accompanied by Whippet Invitational personnel.
- Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their program members, including all coaches, parents, fans, and participants. No food or drinks allowed in the auditorium.
- Personal music devices must be kept at a low volume in hallways and the auditorium.
- All program members are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner.
- Failure to do so may result in removal from the competition.

Safety & Medical Services

- No Jewelry will be permitted.
- Spirit tattoos are acceptable.
- Spotters will be provided, but you may opt-out from using them.
- An athletic trainer and/or ambulatory services will be available in case of emergency.
- AACCA safety guidelines will be followed (please visit www.acca.org for more information).

Liability

- Cheerleaders will not be permitted to participate without a medical waiver on file after squad check-in.
- Participants assume all risk and responsibility. Competition organizers and Downingtown Area School District are not responsible for any injury to participants.
- Competition organizers are not responsible for lost or stolen personal belongings.

Please keep for your reference.

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Awards and Judging

- Awards will be determined by the number of teams in each division.
- Judges will be impartial and qualified to evaluate all divisions represented.
- Decisions made by the judging panel are final. No participant, coach, parent, or fan will be permitted to question or approach a judge in response to score sheet decisions.

Routine Structure, Music, and Time Limits

- Music is expected to be in good taste and contain no foul language
- Dance teams will perform on the wood basketball court. Cheer teams will perform on a standard 9-panel foam mat surface.
- Coaches (or someone from your organization) will be expected to start and stop your own music.
- Timing will begin with the first official movement, voice, or the first note/beat of music.
- Total routine length shall be no more than 2 minutes and 30 seconds for Traditional and 3 minutes for Gameday
- The music portion of any school or recreational division traditional routine may not exceed 1 minute and 30 seconds.
- All performances must begin with each participant having at least one foot on the floor. Both feet leaving the floor will constitute the beginning of the timed routine.
- If a routine is interrupted by musical equipment failure, the team will be permitted to pick up the routine from the point at which the disruption occurred.
- In case of injury, the team may continue with the routine, come off the mat and regroup, or withdraw from the competition. Competition officials reserve the right to stop a routine in the case of injury.

Concession and Product Vendors

- No outside food or drink will be permitted in the school. No food or drink of any kind will be permitted inside the performance gym and auditorium.
- Concessions will be available throughout the day in the cafeteria.
- Various vendors will be present throughout the day.
- Competition t-shirts will be sold the day of the competition.

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Rules, Regulations, and Guidelines Signature Page

Please print:

I _____, Head Coach of _____
have read and understand the **Rules, Regulations, and Guidelines** of the 2022 Whippet Cheer
Invitational. On behalf of myself and our organization, I agree to follow all guidelines and understand
that any violation of these rules by me or any other person(s) associated with our organization may
result in scoring penalties, disqualification, and/or ejection from the competition.

Please sign:

_____ **Date** _____

Please return with your team registration form.

CHEERLEADER WAIVER/RELEASE FORM

Please return all waiver forms on the day of the competition. No cheerleaders will be permitted to participate without a signed waiver.

Team _____

As the parent or legal guardian of _____,
Name of cheerleader

I agree to the following terms for participation in the 2021 Whippet Cheer Invitational to be held November 13, 2022 at Downingtown West High School located at 445 Manor Ave, Downingtown, PA 19335.

I grant permission for my son/daughter to participate in the Whippet Cheer Invitational. I understand that cheerleading is an activity where physical injury (minimal, serious, or catastrophic) can occur; therefore, any medical/accidental expenses or liability that possibly results from an illness or injury to my son/daughter during the 2022 Whippet Cheer Invitational will be my full responsibility. I further acknowledge and understand that my son/daughter is assuming the risk of such physical illness or injury by his/her participation, and further release Downingtown West Cheerleading and its representatives from any claims for personal illness or injury that my son/daughter may sustain during participation in this activity. My son/daughter is properly covered for any accident by the following insurance:

Insurance Provider _____
Policy Number _____

Downingtown West Cheerleading, its officers, employees, and agents assume no responsibility for supervision of students while attending this competition.

I hereby authorize the cheerleading coach, athletic trainer, or any other supervising adult to obtain medical treatment for my son/daughter for such an illness or injury during the activity.

My son/daughter and I have read and understood the details of this Cheerleader Waiver and Release form.

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Parent/Legal Guardian signature _____ Date _____

Participant signature _____

Please return with your team registration form or day of event.