



Dear Cheer Friends,

We hope you are enjoying the early days of September while planning ahead for the upcoming competitive cheerleading season. We would love to have you join us in November for a fun day of cheerleading at the

Cumberland Valley Cheer Classic

at Cumberland Valley High School, 6746 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA on Saturday, November 14, 2026. We are located in Central Pennsylvania near Harrisburg, Hershey, and Carlisle - only 5 minutes off the PA Turnpike and 5 minutes off Interstate 81.

This is **THE competition** to attend! You won't find a more organized, on-time event held in a spacious, air-conditioned, two-level dome gymnasium. If you want to "test-drive" your new cheer routines at an affordable competition with a **BIG** competition feel, the **CV Cheer Classic** is a perfect match for you! Enjoy a top-notch event with a relaxed slow-paced warm-up cycle designed with your athletes in mind. Plan now to attend - you'll be glad you did!

The early bird **entry fee is an affordable \$175 per team** for one routine for registrations postmarked by October 1st. There are no "per athlete fees" for any teams including all-star teams and no individual athlete medical waivers. Listed below are the **CV Cheer Classic** highlights that coaches, athletes and spectators will enjoy in 2026.

- ★ Affordable per team pricing for 1st performance! \$175 per team (Postmarked **by** Oct 1st) \$225 per team (Postmarked **after** Oct 1st)
- ★ Teams not quite ready? \$100 per team to preview/exhibition and receive constructive feedback from judges (*no scores or awards*)
- ★ Game Day Divisions for high school teams
- ★ Sparkle Teams and Special Needs Teams register for FREE
- ★ Youth and high school teams will follow USA Cheer/NFHS Rules; All star teams will follow USASF Divisions and Rules
- ★ Teams compete on a 54' x 42' **flat mat floor** and warm up on a 9-panel full mat floor
- ★ Extra large facility with 3 gymnasiums
- ★ Spectators view the competition in a two-level air-conditioned gymnasium
- ★ Relaxed warm-up cycle with plenty of time for coaches to prepare teams
- ★ Professional trainer on site for medical emergencies
- ★ Spacious cafeteria with delicious food
- ★ Amazing atmosphere perfect for competing

We are very proud to offer the **CV Cheer Classic** for the 31st year. There will be talented teams from schools, rec leagues, and all-star gyms anxious to compete. We hope you will join us for an exciting day of cheerleading. Please let me know if you have any questions. Remember to register for the **CV Cheer Classic – Saturday, Nov. 14!**

Also, please mark your calendars now for the PA College Cheer Combine held at Cumberland Valley on May 16, 2027.

Good luck this season!

Kristi Shaffner

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My apology if you receive duplicate invites or if you are no longer a coach.



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Cumberland Valley Cheer Classic

Saturday, November 14, 2026



STEP 1: ORGANIZATION INFO (Please remember to mail team rosters with this registration form.)

Name of School, Rec Program or All Star Gym _____

Team Colors _____ Team Mascot _____

Contact Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Contact Email Address (PRINT CLEARLY) _____

STEP 2: TEAM INFO

REC Circle: TRADITIONAL or PERFORMANCE

of Cheerleaders *Must cheer for a rec sport*

_____ **6 & U** Age as of 9/1/2026

_____ **8 & U** Age as of 9/1/2026

_____ **10 & U** Age as of 9/1/2026

_____ **12 & U** Age as of 9/1/2026

_____ **14 & U** Age as of 9/1/2026

_____ **18 & U** Age as of 9/1/2026

Females

Males

SCHOOL DIVISIONS

Must cheer for a sport at school

_____ **JUNIOR HIGH** 9th grade & under

_____ **JUNIOR HIGH GAME DAY**

_____ **JUNIOR VARSITY** 12th grade & under

_____ **JUNIOR VARSITY GAME DAY**

_____ **VARSITY**

_____ **VARSITY NON-TUMBLING**

_____ **VARSITY COED**

_____ **VARSITY GAME DAY**

ALL STAR DIVISIONS

Females

Males

USASF

_____ **TINY** Level **1**

_____ **MINI** Level _____

_____ **YOUTH** Level _____

_____ **JUNIOR** Level _____

_____ **SENIOR** Level _____

_____ **SR COED** Level _____

_____ **SR LIMITED** Level _____

_____ **SR OPEN** Level _____

NAMES OF COACHES: Three coaches are admitted free per registered team. Please list the name of the team, the division, and the names of the coaches below. Pre-registered coaches on this form will receive admission wristbands in CHECK-IN room. Coaches not registered pay **\$10 spectator fee**.

	1 st Team	2 nd Team	3 rd Team	4 th Team	5 th Team
TEAM NAME					
DIVISION – 1 st Performance					
DIVISION – 2 nd Performance					
Coach #1 Free Name					
Coach #2 Free Name					
Coach #3 Free Name					
Coach #4 Pay \$5 Name					
Coach #5 Pay \$5 Name					

STEP 3: PAYMENT INFO

NUMBER OF TEAMS

First Performance _____

Second Performance by Same Team (Game Day) _____

Preview / Exhibition (Comments Only) _____

Special Needs & Sparkle Teams _____

Extra Coaches _____

EARLY BIRD

Postmarked by Oct 1

x \$175 _____

x \$ 75 _____

x \$100 _____

x \$ 0 _____

x \$ 5 _____

TOTAL = _____

OR

STANDARD

Postmarked after Oct 1

x \$225 _____

x \$125 _____

x \$100 _____

x \$ 0 _____

x \$ 5 _____

TOTAL = _____

Checks payable to **CVCB** (Cumberland Valley Cheer Boosters)

Mail registration form, team rosters and payment (Checks to CVCB) to: **CV CHEER CLASSIC, 9 Jamestown Square, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050**

IMPORTANT:

Early bird registrations **with payment** must be postmarked by Oct 1st – No exceptions please. Deadline for standard registrations is October 31st.

Please submit separate rosters for each team. Individual medical waivers are **not required** for each cheerleader.

School teams: Please include names and grade levels

Rec teams and all star teams: Please include names and birthdates

The preliminary performance schedule will be **emailed Mon, Nov 9**. If your teams need any special considerations for performance times (i.e. playoff games, crossover athletes, etc.), **please note it CLEARLY** on your registration form or accommodations cannot be guaranteed.

Questions? Please text Kristi Shaffner at 717-443-3769 or email Kristi KTShaffner@gmail.com

The listed team/organization on this registration form authorizes emergency treatment for any of the athletes listed on their roster and holds the Cumberland Valley School District and their representatives harmless in the execution of this authority. All participating schools and organizations are required to carry medical accident and liability coverage for treatment of their participants.

Cumberland Valley Cheer Classic



General Competition Information

- The CV Cheer Classic is held at Cumberland Valley High School located at 6746 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.
- Doors to the high school building open at 7:30 am.
- ENTRANCES: Entrances are separate for spectators and cheerleaders/coaches. Spectators enter under the sign that says GYMNASIUMS. Cheerleaders and coaches enter through the upper doors by the flagpole. Doors to the main gym open at 7:45 am. Coaches are asked to remind parents to NOT SAVE SEATS in the gym with blankets, etc. For safety, no standing on the stairways in the gym.
- Food concessions will be available in the cafeteria. No food coolers.
- Event organizers reserve the right to create multiple sessions in order to limit the number of spectators and athletes in the building. Session start times will depend on the number of registered teams.
- All cheer teams will compete on a 54' x 42' **flat mat floor**.
- All participants must be current members of the 2026 - 2027 teams.

Payment and Fees

- Admission fees: Adults \$10 cash (\$12 Credit Card/Venmo)
Children 4 & Under FREE
- The early-bird entry fee of \$175 for first performance will only apply to registration forms **with payments postmarked by Oct. 1st**. Registration fees postmarked after Oct. 1st will be \$225 per team – **no exceptions**. Refunds are issued only if the event is cancelled.
- Preview teams will receive comments from the judges but no scores.
- Free parking is located on the grounds of Cumberland Valley H.S.

Safety and Liability

- The CV Cheer Classic does not require individual medical release forms for cheerleaders; however, coaches will be required to sign a team release form at check-in in the classroom between the entrances.
- A high school trainer will be on site for medical emergencies the entire day. Athletes are responsible for taping their own ankles, wrists, etc.
- Absolutely NO JEWELRY; 5 point deduction per occurrence.
- Teams are encouraged to perform skills within their ability level.
- CV Cheer Classic officials and Cumberland Valley School District officials are not responsible for injury to participants. Participants assume all risk and responsibility.
- CV Cheer Classic officials and Cumberland Valley School District officials are not responsible for personal items that may be lost or stolen.

Order of Performance

- Officials of the CV Cheer Classic will determine the order of competition.
- Order of performance and warm-up times will be emailed to coaches with participating teams on the Monday prior to the competition. If your teams need any special considerations for performance times, etc. please note it CLEARLY on the registration form.
- School cheer teams that have football teams participating in Saturday playoff games may compete out of order. If this is the case, please text us as soon as possible so special accommodations can be made.
- Individuals may compete on multiple all-star teams or compete on an all-star team as well as a school affiliated team or rec team; however, adjusting warm-up times for cheerleaders competing on more than one team will not be possible.

Music

- Coaches will be expected to start and stop their own music or provide someone from your organization to play the music.
- Music is expected to be in good taste with no questionable language.
- The DJ has the capability to play routine music from a cell phone. Coaches must assume all responsibility for putting the phone in airplane mode and any other settings to ensure no interruptions in music. It is recommended that cell phones be removed from cases. Please note that coaches are responsible for any disturbances that may occur when using a cell phone to play routine music.

Competition Divisions

- For school teams, divisions are determined by the **grade level** of the oldest participant at the time of the competition. For rec and all-star teams, divisions are determined by the cheerleader's birth date. The USASF Cheer Age Grid is posted on the USASF Rules Page.
- In the event that participation in a division does not promote a quality competition, the event organizers reserve the right to combine divisions of like ages or levels without prior notice.
- Event organizers also reserve the right to split a division into Small and Large if there will be at least **two** teams in each division.
School Team Sizes: Small: up to 15 members; Large: 16 plus
Rec Team Sizes: Small up to 20 athletes; Large: 21 and above

Time Limits and Routine Structure

- Timing will begin with the first official movement, voices in unison, or the first sound of music.
- Routine length: 2:30 minutes for standard routines
Game Day routines: 3 minutes;
All Star Prep routines: 2 minutes with no tosses permitted;
All Star Novice routines: 1:30 minutes with no tosses permitted
- Total performance time may constitute all music for rec, school, and all-star cheer routines, or any combination thereof.
- Prior to the start of a routine, all participants must be positioned inside the boundary lines supporting their own weight on the floor.
- If a routine is interrupted by equipment failure, the team will be permitted to pick up their routine from the point at which the disruption occurred.
- In case of injury, the team may continue with the routine, come off and re-group, or withdraw from the competition. The CV Cheer Classic officials reserve the right to halt a routine in the case of an injury.
- Game Day routines (no running tumbling, no tosses, no inversions, no twisting released dismounts) will consist of: 1. Band Dance (no skills other than kicks and jumps) 2. Offense or Defense Situational Sideline (with props and practical skills) 3. Cheer 4. Fight Song

Scoring

- The 2026-27 NFHS/USA Cheer rules will govern the school team divisions as they appear in the 2026-27 NFHS Spirit Rules Book. All star and open teams will follow 2026-27 USASF rules as presented to members by USASF at www.usaf.net.
- Please note the following new rule for school teams. USA Cheer Rule 2.5.11: Only straight-ride basket tosses, sponge tosses, and J-tosses to a cradle catch are permitted for Middle and Junior High cheer teams. All tosses to a cradle remain entirely illegal for Elementary School teams.
- During the CV Cheer Classic, there will be no penalty for stepping out of bounds. However, any element such as a tumbling pass, a basket toss, or pyramid/partner stunt that occurs or lands out of bounds (marked by white lines) will be assessed a 5-point deduction.
- Deductions for jewelry, time violations, safety guideline violations or inappropriate choreography will be subtracted from the subtotal to acquire the final score. The emphasis is on a clean routine.
- Deductions/penalties are assessed at the sole discretion of the judges. All judges' decisions are final. Ties will not be broken. Teams that place in a tie will both receive awards.
- Judges will use PIAA score sheets for traditional school routines and UCA scoresheets for gameday routines.
- Judges will be qualified, impartial individuals representing various styles of cheerleading.
- Decisions made by the judging panel are final. Under no circumstances is a coach, parent, participant, or fan permitted to question or approach a judge on score sheet decisions.

Questions

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