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2026-27 GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER TOURNAMENT

KEY POINTS OF REVIEW

- The MHSAA Competitive Cheer Tournament is conducted in four equal Divisions by enrollment.
- Schools sponsoring Competitive Cheer teams will be assigned to one of six District sites in each Division.
- Four teams per Division, per tournament site will qualify from the District tournament level to the Regional tournament level.
- Four teams per Division, per tournament site will qualify from the Regional tournament level to the Finals tournament level.
- Tournament Opt-Out Due Date is Friday, January 22, 2027.
- District draw dates are January 22 – January 29, 2027.
- District tournaments will be held on Friday, February 12 or Saturday, February 13, 2027.
- Regional tournaments will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2027.
- The Finals Tournament will be held on Friday, February 26 and Saturday, February 27, 2027.
- Admission for Districts is $8 and Regionals is $10 per person and for Finals $13 (includes ticket processing and parking) per person each session.
- The MHSAA assigns judges at the District, Regional and Finals levels.

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER TOURNAMENT MANAGER'S MATERIALS

(Alphabetical by topic)

ADMISSION: Ticket prices for the MHSAA Competitive Cheer Tournament are $8 per person at the District level, $10 at the Regional level and $13 per person (per session) at the Finals. Digital tickets will be sold via GoFan at the District and Regional rounds of the tournament. The cost for Competitive Cheer finals is $13 for each Division. All spectators are expected to pay an admission charge at all levels of the tournament.

It is suggested that a separate area be set up to allow entrance and registration of competing teams and coaches. All team members who are eligible to compete with their qualifying team at all levels of the tournament must enter the facility together with their coach in order to be considered part of that team for admission purposes.

The policies of the local host site shall prevail with respect to pets/animals. In the absence of local host policy, animals or pets shall not be permitted to enter MHSAA tournament venues; including spectator and team areas. However, properly marked or documented service animals which are leashed or harnessed at all times may accompany a spectator paying admission or attending with other approved team or school personnel. Individuals who bring service animals are asked to bring their own waste disposal bags and request special seating in advance of the event if this is needed.

ANNOUNCER: At Districts and Regionals, each Tournament Manager shall secure his/her own personnel for announcer duties. Among other duties, the announcer will use team "commands" throughout the meet, which are: "Team C" you are holding, "Team B" you are on deck, "Team A" you may take the floor and begin when ready. At this time, the team must move without delay to the area.

ASSIGNED SCHOOLS: Only those schools assigned to your District Tournament are allowed to compete. Any other requests for entry must be referred to the MHSAA Office before competition is granted. Please notify the MHSAA if a school fails to attend the competition without notification. The Master Eligibility List and Roster constitute entry into the Competitive Cheer Tournament Series. Additions or updates to the Master Eligibility List (except transfer students who enroll after the dates in Regulation I, Section 9F – February 1, 2026 for winter sports) may be accepted by the Tournament Manager if submitted and received prior to the start of competition for any team in the first level of that tournament to which the school is assigned. All players on the Master Eligibility List submitted are eligible for tournament play even if the individual names are not on the roster.

To be eligible for MHSAA sponsored tournaments, a school must have a bona fide Competitive Cheer team with an actual schedule and have participated in four or more meets in which the competition consists of the Round 1, 2 and 3 MHSAA Competitive Cheer format. By completing the Roster and Master Eligibility Form, the school is attesting to meeting this requirement.

AWARDS PRESENTATION: District and Regional Managers shall make arrangements for a brief awards presentation. Presenters may be school administrators, tournament managers or Representative Council members. Only MHSAA approved awards are to be presented to student athletes at MHSAA tournaments. Award presentations at the Finals will be conducted after each division champion is determined. Presentations at the Finals will be arranged by MHSAA staff.

COACHES TABLE: A coaches table in close proximity to the score table is recommended. One coach may approach the score table area to review scoresheets any time after the routine is completed, but no later than 10 minutes after all scores are recorded for that round.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS: All District and Regional tournament managers shall provide information packets to participating teams including time schedule, location of facility, locker room assignments, parking policies, restaurant, and hotel information. In addition, information regarding the size and surface of the mat to be used as well as a warm-up schedule and locker room assignments should be provided. Include in your information the fax number where the Round 1, Round 2 and Round 3 scoresheets, all penalty sheets and Round 3 routine description must be sent as well as the date and time this information must be received. Managers may request the information early however, may not penalize a school unless they do not meet the 2 p.m. prior to the day of the meet deadline.

The MHSAA, in conjunction with the event center, will prepare packets of the listed information for each Regional Manager to share with all schools which will be represented in the Finals Tournament.

CONCUSSION PROTOCOLS: "Any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the contest and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health care professional."

This protocol is intended to provide the mechanics to follow during the course of contests when an athlete sustains an apparent concussion.

1. The officials will have no role in determining concussion other than the obvious one where a player is either unconscious or apparently unconscious. Officials will merely point out to a coach that a player is apparently injured and advise that the player should be examined by a health care professional for an exact determination of the extent of injury.
2. If it is confirmed by the school's designated health care professional that the student did not sustain a concussion, the head coach may so advise the officials during an appropriate stoppage of play and the athlete may reenter competition pursuant to the contest rules.
3. Otherwise, if competition continues while the athlete is withheld for an apparent concussion, that athlete may not be returned to competition that day but is subject to the return to play protocol.
    a. The clearance may not be on the same date on which the athlete was removed from play.
    b. Only an MD, DO, Physician's Assistant or Nurse Practitioner may clear the individual to return to activity.
    c. The clearance must be in writing and must be unconditional. It is not sufficient that the M.D., D.O., Physician's Assistant or Nurse Practitioner has approved the student to begin a return-to-play progression. The medical examiner must approve the student's return to unrestricted activity.
    d. Individual school, districts and leagues may have more stringent requirements and protocols including but not limited to mandatory periods of inactivity, screening and post-concussion testing prior to the written clearance for return to activity. Following the contest, an Officials Report shall be filed with a removed player's school and the MHSAA.
4. Following the contest, an Officials Report shall be filed with a removed player's school and the MHSAA if the situation was brought to the officials' attention.
5. Member schools are required to complete and submit the forms designated by the MHSAA to record and track head injury events in all levels of all sports.
6. In cases where an assigned MHSAA tournament physician (MD/DO/PA/NP) is present, his or her decision to not allow an athlete to return to activity may not be overruled.

RETURN TO ACTIVITY & POST-CONCUSSION FORM

DATES/TIME SCHEDULE: Twenty-four Districts will be held on either Friday, February 12 or Saturday, February 13, 2027 at the posted sites and times. Regional competition will be held at four sites (2 per Division) with twelve teams competing at each site on Saturday, February 20, 2027.

Tournament Opt-Out Due Date:	**Friday, January 22, 2027**
District Draw Dates:	**Jan. 22 – Jan. 29, 2027**
District Tournaments:	**Friday, February 12 and Saturday, February 13, 2027**
Regional Tournaments:	**Saturday, February 20, 2027**
Finals Tournament:	**Friday, February 26 and Saturday, February 27, 2027**

DRAW FOR TOURNAMENT ROUNDS: After team rosters and Master Eligibility Lists are due and received, the Host Manager will conduct a blind draw for each round of competition to determine the order in which teams perform. The following guidelines shall be used when conducting the draw.

- **No team shall compete first more than once and no team shall compete last more than once in the three rounds.**
- **No team which competed last in the previous round should be first to compete in the next round.**

Schools should be contacted regarding the time and date of the draw. This draw should be held between the dates of Jan. 22 – Jan. 29, 2027 and the order as drawn shall be printed and made available to each school prior to the day of the event. It is also appropriate for the order to be placed in a souvenir program and/ or be made available in the form of a handout to spectators.

Regional and Finals order will be drawn by the Competitive Cheer Committee.

FINALS TOURNAMENT QUALIFIER: Teams which are defeated by an ineligible opponent or teams which allowed one or more ineligible students to participate; or teams or individuals found to be in violation of contest limitations or maximums do not advance in MHSAA tournaments. If placements in MHSAA tournaments are vacated as a result of an individual being ineligible or a team allowing one or more ineligible students to participate, other individuals or teams neither advance to those placements or receive awards for those places.

FINANCES/EXPENSES: The Financial Report Form must be returned to the MHSAA as soon as possible following the completion of the tournament. All revenue and approved expenses should be included in the report. Payment by check or money order should be made payable to the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc. and sent to 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing, Michigan 48823.

Approved expenses of member schools which host MHSAA Competitive Cheer Tournaments will be reimbursed, plus the site will receive $300 or 10% of gross ticket sales, whichever is greater. The site will also retain a portion of revenue from MHSAA merchandise sales and 100% of revenue from concessions. No additional rental fee is appropriate. Hospitality rooms, lunches at drawings for order of competition, refreshments for teams, etc., are not to be included in tournament expenses to the MHSAA. The MHSAA does not reimburse workers who are hired by the local tournament manager for any activity which produces revenue for the local site. This includes concession workers, sellers of programs or merchandise and parking attendants.

By Representative Council action, the MHSAA is not permitted to reimburse tournament hosts for refreshments served to coaches and other invited guests. Such hospitality is generous and recommended, however the host school will assume the financial responsibility.

All MHSAA tournament sports sites are subject to audit. These sites are to be randomly selected and require documentation of all income and expenses. Tournament expenses different from regular season host site expenses in that same sport will require justification before expenses are approved for payment to or retention by the host site.

FORFEITURE: Failure to be ready for competition 30 minutes after the scheduled starting time of the tournament will result in forfeiture, unless the team in question has communicated with tournament management of a delay due to unforeseen circumstances. Please also refer to the Inclement Weather Policy.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: Prior to the tournament date, the tournament manager should have the home phone/cell phone number of each coach or school personnel and should also know the time each team will depart from their home school to travel to the tournament site. This information will assist the tournament manager if he/she must contact competing teams to notify them of a later starting time or of a rescheduled date.

If weather is inclement, management is encouraged to consider delaying competition for a few hours. If, after a reasonable delay, fewer than 60% of the scheduled teams/individuals have not arrived, the tournament must be rescheduled. If 60% or more of the scheduled teams/individuals are present, the tournament is to be conducted on the day scheduled. Managers must also contact judges if there are delays or if the tournament is rescheduled.

If a MHSAA tournament meet or contest is postponed or suspended because the facility becomes unusable as a result of acts of person or nature, and the playing rules require that the meet or contest must be played or resumed, the meet or contest must be played or completed on the first available subsequent date, at the same facility. If that facility is unavailable at any future time within the tournament schedule, MHSAA staff shall determine if other facility options are available.

INJUNCTION, RESTRAINING ORDER, PROTESTS: Managers are reminded of the following statement adopted by the Representative Council and which is in effect for all MHSAA Tournaments: “In the interest of fairness to all participants, if an injunction or restraining order is served or presented at an MHSAA tournament site and such purports to require the eligibility of or participation by a student or team which a school and/or the MHSAA has ruled to be ineligible under MHSAA regulations, the on-site tournament manager is to suspend the entire competition (team competition) or events in which that student is intending to participate (individual competition).” If the meet has begun, it shall be completed. Protests will not be reviewed by the MHSAA. All disputes must be decided at the site before the contest proceeds. The judges will make the final decision regarding meet events. The Tournament Manager will resolve all next contest concerns.

INQUIRIES BY COACHES: A coach is allowed to question the addition or scores and check areas left blank on the scoresheet. If a penalty is imposed that needs to be addressed, the steps to follow are: (1) Approach the safety judges (at the safety judge’s table) respectfully after they have judged the last team in the round; (2) Inquiries may only be made regarding the coach’s own team; (3) The final outcome of the inquiry will be made by the judge.

INTERNET STREAMING: Teams participating in MHSAA Tournaments are prohibited from streaming live video of any portion of an event over the Internet - including using social media platforms like Periscope and Facebook – or any other method. Likewise, individual spectators are also prohibited from streaming video through any means.

Tournament Managers are to remind participating teams of this policy; ensure that team video equipment is not being used to stream live video; read the public address announcements and post the signage provided by the MHSAA; and enforce the policy if a member of a participating team party or a spectator is suspected of streaming video.

JUDGES / ASSIGNMENTS & PROCEDURES: The MHSAA Competitive Cheer Judges Selection Committee will use athletic director’s/coach’s recommendations and judge’s schedules to assign judges to each District, Regional and Finals site. Each manager will be emailed a copy of the contracts sent to judges. Should a judge decline a contract, the manager should contact the MHSAA so a replacement can be found.

Tournament Managers must notify judges of the location of the tournament, parking availability, entrance to the facility and location of the judges’ room. The judges’ room should be available at least 2 hours in advance of the start of the event in order to review Round 1 and 2 scoresheets and Round 3 routine descriptions.

The judge's fees are set by Representative Council and are as follows:

- District tournament judges will be paid by the District Manager on the day of the tournament a $125 fee. Mileage is paid to officials traveling at distances over 50 miles (round trip). For each mile traveled over 50 miles (round trip), an official will receive $.40 per mile.

- Regional tournament judges will be paid by the Regional Manager on the day of the tournament a $135 fee. Mileage is paid to all officials traveling at distances over 50 miles (round trip). For each mile traveled over 50 miles (round trip), an official will receive $.40 per mile.

- Final tournament judges will be paid by the MHSAA a $150 fee the day of the tournament. Mileage is paid to all officials traveling at distances over 50 miles (round trip). For each mile traveled over 50 miles (round trip), an official will receive $.40 per mile.

Judges of Competitive Cheer are required to wear a white blouse/shirt or top and black skirt or dress slacks. Any additional garments such as a blazer shall be black. Judges must wear their MHSAA Officials Emblem in the area of the left pocket of the blouse or jacket/blazer or display the emblem in a clear vinyl badge holder suspended by a black lanyard around the neck. Judges may wear a designated quarter-zip with the MHSAA horizontal logo in place of a jacket/blazer.

The main MHSAA Arbiter group (#107891) will be used for postseason assignments. If you have not had access to this group in the past, you will see an invitation to be added in the upper righthand corner of your page in the dropdown menu once you've logged in. Please accept that invitation in order to view and pay the officials assigned to your games.

LOCKER ROOM PRIVACY POLICY: Using devices of any kind to capture or transmit images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, dressing areas, training rooms, weigh-in rooms, showers, restrooms, or other areas where there is an expectation of privacy during MHSAA tournament events. Tournament managers or athletic directors that discover such use should move immediately to have the device removed and inform the head coach or athletic director of the identity and nature of the activity of the person involved.

MATS: All routines performed at MHSAA Competitive Cheer tournaments will be on a matted surface. The performance area shall be padded with mats of uniform thickness which must cover a minimum area of 38' X 38". The matted area surface must be at least the thickness of a mat which has the shock absorbing qualities of a one-inch PVC vinyl-covered foam. Gymnastics landing mats or spring-loaded floors are not considered appropriate for competitive cheer competition.

MEDIA/MULTIMEDIA: Providing accommodations and services to the media covering MHSAA tournaments is the responsibility of the host tournament manager.

The tournament manager shall communicate the results of the draw and game results at the conclusion of each contest to the MHSAA and the local media outlets of the participating schools. Draw results shall include the dates, locations and starting times. Game results shall include the final score or team standings, team records (when applicable), individual event results (by weight, distance, discipline, etc.), who qualifies to further play and the upcoming schedule.

News media representatives are encouraged to call managers in advance of the events they desire to cover. Gate attendants should be alert for MHSAA Tournament Media Pass holders. A complete list of credentialing guidelines can be found in the MHSAA Multimedia Regulations, available on the Media page of the MHSAA Website.

Media should also be provided information about the participating teams (usually in the form of a program for team sports, or heat/flight sheets), and printed results as available. Photographers (still and video) may be granted appropriate access to shoot (i.e. sidelines, baselines), if they are from an accredited media outlet, or an

individual identified by a school administrator to the Tournament Manager who is authorized to capture such content exclusively for the school's publication, promotional, educational or public relations uses.

Electronic flash/strobe equipment is prohibited at competitive cheer, gymnastics and diving. Some venues and events will have designated areas where photographers may shoot from. Game officials and host management have the authority to remove any member of the media for not staying in their designated area in any sport.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY POLICY: Host school Tournament Managers should follow all local school district policies regarding medical emergencies for participating athletes, coaches, student and adult spectators for competition conducted in school facilities. It is advised that AED devices be readily available during tournament competition. In addition:

- Trainers are an allowed expense for the tournament host and are encouraged, but not required.
- If your school requires immediate and continuous attention, you are encouraged to bring your own certified athletic trainer (at your school's expense) to cover your team's needs and to also assist in the event if called upon. Your school's certified medical professional may not overrule certified medical professionals provided by tournament management.
- All MHSAA concussion protocols will be followed.
- MHSAA policy on tornado watches and warnings shall be followed.
- MHSAA policy on managing heat and humidity shall be followed.

When MHSAA tournament contests are conducted at non-school facilities, plans should be developed for the following needs and/or circumstances:

- Student, coach and spectator shelter for outdoor events
- Host facility emergency equipment such as AED's, fire escapes, etc.
- Emergency communications, i.e. phone numbers, school administration contact
- Coordination with facility management regarding evacuation, first aid, on-site responsibilities
- Medical transport or first responder contact procedures
- Proximity/directions of nearest medical facility
- If your school requires immediate and continuous attention at post season TEAM competitions, you are encouraged to bring your own certified athletic trainer (at your school's expense) to cover your team's needs and to also assist in the event if called upon. Your school's certified medical professional may not overrule certified medical professionals provided by tournament management.

IMPORTANT NOTE: For all MHSAA tournaments conducted at either school or non-school facilities, an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is required to be within visible distance of the event.

TOURNAMENT MEDICAL INCIDENT REPORT

MERCHANDISING: Concession stands, whether operated by school or non-school groups, must confine sales to non-alcoholic beverages, edible items and general school spirit items that were available at regular-season home contests. The selling of tournament-related merchandise is limited to programs offered by the MHSAA and its authorized vendors, which may be in contact with you regarding their availability. Such programs may include, but are not limited to, the following categories: T-shirts, DVDs and photograph. DVDs of the MHSAA Cheer Finals will be available at the mhsaa.tv website. Regardless of the availability of such authorized programs, schools may not produce their own tournament-specific merchandise items to sell at MHSAA tournament sites. Raffles and 50-50 drawings are not allowed.

NOISEMAKERS: Use of artificial noisemakers is prohibited at MHSAA indoor tournament competition. Tournament managers have the authority to restrict use of any devices which in their judgment disrupt the integrity of the competition, compromise judge's rulings or cause significant problems for other spectators. Body paint, bare chests and helium filled balloons are not allowed. Smoking is not allowed at the site.

OPT OUT DUE DATE/ENTRY MATERIALS: The Tournament Notification Form will be posted online and the Opt-Out Due Date deadline is **Friday, January 22, 2027**. Any entry received after the deadline date and time, but received before the event schedules have been drawn up, may be accepted only when accompanied by a $50 late entry fee. All late entry fees will be retained by the host school. No late entries will be accepted after 4 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2027.

PARTICIPATING TEAM/SPECTATOR INTERNET STREAMING: The broadcast and streaming rights of MHSAA post-season tournament events belong exclusively to the N-F-H-S Network, Bally Sports Detroit, the M-H-S-A-A, and those media outlets which have pre-arranged to secure those rights. Managers: Please post the sign (found at the end of these materials). Teams participating in MHSAA Tournaments are prohibited from streaming live video of any portion of an event over the Internet – including using social media platforms like Periscope and Facebook – or any other method. Likewise, individual spectators are also prohibited from streaming video through any means. Participating schools are responsible for informing their students, parents and other fans of this policy and to assist the MHSAA upon requires in enforcing it. Participating schools are asked to help promote where their particular game may be viewed when being streamed by the MHSAA, one of its television partners, or a media outlet which has pre-arranged to secure such rights.

PROGRAM: Managers must provide a program listing names of teams and competition schedule. If local advertising is used, it should not mention tobacco, liquor or gambling. Locally produced programs must identify the MHSAA as the sponsor of the tournament, using the camera-ready materials provided by the MHSAA at mhsaa.com. Please forward a copy of the program to the MHSAA.

Teams competing in MHSAA District and Regional tournaments shall provide, upon request, team rosters, photographs and other information as necessary to local tournament managers so that a souvenir program may be assembled for the event.

50-50 RAFFLE POLICY: MHSAA tournament hosts can conduct 50/50 raffles provided the host site manager requests and receives the appropriate license from the State of Michigan. https://www.michigan.gov/cg/raffles

REPORTING QUALIFIERS: Each District Manager will complete the District Manager's Summary Report and the computer-generated Master Tally and email it to kwestdorp@mhsaa.com immediately following the District Tournament. Each Regional Manager will submit a Regional Manager's Report and the computer-generated Master Tally and email it to kwestdorp@mhsaa.com immediately following the Regional Tournament.

SCORE TABLE: A coach may approach the score table to review scoresheets anytime after the routine scores are verified, but no later than 10 minutes after all scores are recorded for Round 3. Coaches are allowed to see team scores of all other teams. Each round score will be visible to all coaches. Coaches are allowed to review previous round scoresheets up until 10 minutes after Round 3 is completed. Scores that are the result of a clerical error made by the scoring table may be reviewed for correction. All scores are final 10 minutes after posted and judges have signed the master scoresheet.

SCORER AND TIMER: At Districts, Regionals and Finals, each Tournament Manager shall secure his/her own personnel for scoring duties. When possible, the head scorer should wear a badge or item of clothing for identification purposes. Score table personnel usually consists of 3 people. One person receives the scoresheets from the runner and peruses the scoresheets for score boxes that have been missed, and/or scoresheets with no identification. If a coach writes an incorrect skill multiplier on the Round 2 scoresheet, score table personnel will correct the error and calculate the score properly. The second person communicates the score and the third person enters the total score into the computer tally system. The MHSAA reimbursement fees are listed on the District, Regional and Finals Financial Report forms.

The District scorekeepers should use the high school 3-judge panel scoresheet which is found on mhsaa.com (Competitive Cheer). The Regional and Finals scorekeepers should use the high school 5-judge panel scoresheet which is found on mhsaa.com (Competitive Cheer). Scores should not be posted for spectators until the completion of the competition in each round. A "P" for penalty may be placed next to a score to indicate that a penalty was assessed. When possible, the score should be shown (only after each round of competition).

It is the responsibility of the safety judge to provide the official time for Rounds 1, 2 and 3 routines. Safety judges will provide their own handheld timing devices. Back-up handheld timing devices will also be provided by the host school. The safety judge will begin timing Rounds 1, 2 and 3 with the first word of the routine by a team member on the competition floor and judging begins. (The ready-set call is part of the routine). The safety judge will end timing the routine when the last team member steps off the competition mat; at which time judging is completed.

There must be at least 10 minutes of intermission between each round of competition to allow coaches to check scoresheets and have time with their team. This also allows coaches to make substitutions in case of illness or head injury and to change the routine.

SPORTSMANSHIP: When a student is disqualified during a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, that student shall be withheld by his/her school for the remainder of that day of competition and for at least the next day of competition for that team. When a coach is disqualified during a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct, that coach shall be prohibited by his/her school from coaching for the remainder of that day. competition and from coaching at or attending at least the next day of competition for that coach's team. Failure of the school for any reason to enforce this regulation will prohibit the school from entry in the next MHSAA tournament for that sport, or from the remainder of the current tournament if the disqualification occurs during an MHSAA tournament or during the last regular season contest.

Disqualifications from one season carry over to the next season in that sport for undergraduates and coaches, or the next season in any sport for seniors. If the playing rules for a sport specify an additional penalty or more rapid progression, or use of such a progression for other violations, the playing rules apply.

Any coach who is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct two or more times during a season, any player who is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct three or more times during a season, and any coach or player who is ejected for spitting at, hitting, slapping, kicking, pushing or intentionally and aggressively physically contacting an official at any time during that season, is not eligible to participate in the MHSAA tournament for that sport that season. If the tournament disqualifying ejection for that individual occurs during the MHSAA tournament, that player or coach is ineligible for the remainder of that tournament.

If a team is removed from competition in protest, the contest is forfeited to the opponent and the coach and principal of the removed team must appear before the Executive Committee to indicate why additional action should not be taken. The Executive Committee may also require the appearance of personnel from other schools and game officials.

If the coach is ejected from the contest and an assistant coach, or an assigned school representative is not available to continue as the coach the event is terminated and forfeited to the opponent. When a contest is interrupted or it ends prematurely because of breakdown of proper sportsmanship and whether or not the on-site officials forfeit the contest to one team, one or both schools may be subjected to any or all, but not limited to, the following: censure, probation with competition, probation without competition, forfeiture, loss of privilege of revenue sharing, expulsion. In addition, it may be required of one or both schools that their coaches and administrators appear before the Executive Committee to indicate why additional action should not be taken.

TAPING/FILMING: Media credential requests for District and Regional meets are processed by local managers. Credential requests for the Competitive Cheer Finals will be handled by the MHSAA. Competing schools may videotape games in which that school competes. The tape is not to be used to second-guess decisions made by meet officials. Schools wishing to videotape games at other sites may do so without securing advanced permission, but must tape from the stands unless press box space is available. Spectators may tape games from their normal seating area but are not to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the activity. A manager is not required to provide electrical hook-ups; or tripod space and may arrange spectator videotaping from a designated location(s). Video shot by schools and spectators may not be distributed on the Internet; nor may it be otherwise distributed, sold, rented or loaned from commercial purposes.

The filming/taping of MHSAA events must be cleared through the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Members of the media may, without paying a fee, arrange with the local Tournament Manager to take clips of MHSAA events for public showing. A MHSAA event may not be filmed or taped for showing in its entirety without advance clearance through the MHSAA.

Spectators must receive permission from the Tournament Manager for any live action taken of athletic events other than snapshots. If permission is granted for spectators to film the entire event or take clips, it is to be with the understanding the tape/film may not be sold, leased, borrowed, or rented for commercial purposes or shown on television. The Tournament Manager should not permit spectators to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the activity. The Tournament Manager may require spectator

videotaping from a designated location, and if there is any question as to the purpose of filming or taping, the request will be denied by the local tournament management. Video shot by schools and spectators may not be distributed on the internet; nor may it be otherwise distributed, sold, rented or loaned for commercial purposes.

TEAM CHECK-IN: Each coach is required to declare the number of competitors that will compete in each round. Each coach must email, FAX or send the Round 1, Round 2, and Round 3 scoresheets, all penalty sheets and the Round 3 Description Form by 2 p.m. the day prior to the competition or the time designated by the tournament manager. Although the tournament manager may request an earlier time to receive the tournament materials, there is no penalty to the team unless the Round 1, Round 2, and Round 3 scoresheets, all penalty sheets and the Round 3 Description Form are not received by 2 p.m. the day prior to the event. After the information is sent, changes on previously submitted round sheets or the routine description may be changed the day of the event one half hour prior to the start of the meet.

TEAM SPECTATORS SPORTS CELEBRATIONS: During contests, officials will penalize under applicable sportsmanship or playing rules those student-athletes or coaches who leave the field of play and contact or approach spectator areas for celebration. Each school shall assign an acceptable number of adult crowd control supervisors to be stationed in front of its student cheering sections.

At the conclusion of contests, prior to or after awards are presented, athletes shall not enter spectator areas or physically contact spectators in the stands. Similarly, spectators shall not run on the floor. Athletes shall not enter spectator areas and physically contact spectators in the stands. Any cost for repair or replacement to facilities damaged as a result of celebrations shall be paid by the school involved directly to the host facility within 30 days of the bill being submitted to the school. MHSAA reimbursement or revenue sharing will be withheld until paid by the offending school. Future tournament hosting privileges or school reimbursements to offending schools may be withheld if payment is not made.

TIES: Should there be a tie for fourth place at District or Regional tournament competition, both fourth place teams will qualify for the next tournament level. Should there be a tie for first place at Finals tournament competition, a tiebreaker procedure will be instituted. A tie will be broken by checking the final score of Round 3. If a tie still remains, co-champions will be named.

TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL POLICY: Use of alcohol or tobacco, including e-cigarettes or other smoking devices, is prohibited at MHSAA tournament events by players, coaches and spectators. Managers should stress in coaches meetings that they are not to use tobacco at the tournament venue.

TROPHIES/MEDALS: MHSAA tournament trophies and medals are provided by one company, ESCO of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Tournament managers will receive both trophies and medals together in one shipment from ESCO. The box containing the trophies and medals should be opened immediately upon delivery and inspected for accuracy in quantity and engraving. Tournament managers should contact ESCO directly at 1-800-852-4266 with any questions or problems regarding trophy and medal shipments.

One District and one Regional trophy will be awarded at each site per Division. A Champion and Runner-up trophy will be awarded per Division at the MHSAA Finals. Twenty team medals will be awarded to each District and Regional winning team at each site. At the MHSAA Finals, twenty eight team medals will be awarded to the Champion and Runner-up team at each Division. Only MHSAA approved awards are to be presented to student-athletes at MHSAA tournaments. If a school wishes to purchase additional Regional or Finals medals, they can be ordered by using the Additional Medal Order Form.

EXTRA MEDAL ORDER FORM

UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE (DRONE) POLICY: The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (“UAV”), also known as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at MHSAA tournament venues. Tournament management shall refuse admission or entry to anyone attempting to use a UAV; and if necessary, tournament management shall remove anyone attempting to use a UAV and/or confiscate the UAV until the event has been completed. For purposes of this policy, a UAV is any aircraft without a human pilot aboard the device.

An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases for MHSAA broadcast partners, provided the management of the tournament facility permits the presence of UAVs for broadcast purposes under the control of the MHSAA.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY: Tournament management is to contact the MHSAA office if a school withdraws or fails to show for scheduled competition after the Opt Out Due Date for team sports or the pairings, heat assignments or flights are determined for individual sports of the first level of the MHSAA tournament in that sport. The MHSAA staff person responsible for the sport will request from the school principal a written explanation for the no-show/withdrawal. If the reason is determined to be unacceptable by MHSAA Staff, the MHSAA Executive Director will place the school on probation for the next two school years. A second offense within the two-year probationary period will cause the school to be prohibited from tournament play in that sport for the two years following the second offense.

YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY: During the MHSAA Tournament events, the MHSAA expects all designated managers, volunteer or paid staff assisting in the event, officials or any other personnel to follow local school district policy and state statute regarding the mandatory reporting of child abuse, bullying, hazing and sexual harassment. A report of such activity shall be made to legal authorities and to the MHSAA Executive Director or his designee.

PLEASE ALSO SEE THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

2027 COMPETITIVE CHEER
DISTRICT MANAGER'S SUMMARY REPORT

TOP FOUR TEAMS QUALIFY FOR REGIONALS

Division_____ District No. _____

1. _____
School Score Head Coach

2. _____
School Score Head Coach

3. _____
School Score Head Coach

4. _____
School Score Head Coach

5. _____
School Score

6. _____
School Score

7. _____
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School Score

11. _____
School Score

12. _____
School Score

13. _____
School Score

14. _____
School Score

15. _____
School Score

16. _____
School Score

Date_____(Signed)_____
(Tournament Manager)

PLEASE INCLUDE THE ELECTRONIC MASTER TALLY AND THIS FORM.

Send by email to (kwestdorp@mhsaa.com) following the completion of tournament.

2027 COMPETITIVE CHEER
REGIONAL MANAGER'S SUMMARY REPORT

TOP FOUR TEAMS QUALIFY FOR FINALS

Division_____ Regional No. _____

1. _____
School Score Head Coach

2. _____
School Score Head Coach

3. _____
School Score Head Coach

4. _____
School Score Head Coach

5. _____
School Score

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School Score

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School Score

12. _____
School Score

Date_____(Signed)_____
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2026-27 COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM ROSTER

The following information is to be sent to the District Tournament Manager. The Manager will forward the Winning Teams' Roster and Master Eligibility List to the Regional Tournament Manager. It is the responsibility of the coach to correct and update any team changes made during the Tournament series. A minimum of four (4) and a maximum of sixteen (16) team members will be allowed per team to compete in the rounds.

Team Roster For_____ **High School Coach**_____

Cell Phone Number of Coach_____ **Home Phone Number of Coach** _____

Time and Date the Team is Departing for Tournament Site _____

Please list the cheer competitors who will more than likely compete in any of the three rounds at District Tournaments. This information will be helpful to the tournament manager for program purposes. Please list the information alphabetically.

	NAME				NAME		
	LAST	FIRST	GRADE		LAST	FIRST	GRADE
1.				17.			
2.				18.			
3.				19.			
4.				20.			
5.				21.			
6.				22.			
7.				23.			
8.				24.			
9.				25.			
10.				26.			
11.				27.			
12.				28.			
13.				29.			
14.				30.			
15.				31.			
16.				32.			

The **TEAM ROSTER** and **MASTER ELIGIBILITY LIST MUST** be in the hands of the District Tournament Manager **BY 4 P.M. FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2027**

Your Cooperation Please. . .

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