

**2026 Wood County Fair Cheerleading Competition**  
**Sponsored by Penta Career Center**

6:00 pm Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Check-in: 4:30 - 5:00 pm near annex building next to gate B

Coaches Meeting: 5:00 pm near annex building

Open Tumble: 5:30 -6:00 pm

Competition: 6:00 pm in front of grandstands

Spectator Fee (into grandstand): Adults 19 and older \$5.00, all others free

**Two** coaches and the competition cheerleaders will be admitted into the fairgrounds on the day of the competition free of charge. All other spectators with your squad will be general admission to the fair. Youth under the age of 9 are admitted for free.

Competition Divisions:

Non-Tumbling

- Large Varsity Division -12 or more squad members (grades 9-12)
- Small Varsity Division-11 or fewer squad members (grades 9-12)
- Junior Varsity Division (grades 9-11)
- Freshman Division (grade 9 only)
- Junior High / Middle School Division (grades 7-8)
- Youth School Division (grades 6 and under)
- Mini School Division (grades 3 and under)
- Tiny School Division (grades 1 and under)
- All- Star Senior Division (grades 12 and under)
- All-Star Junior Division (grades 9 and under)
- All-Star Youth Division (grades 6 and under)
- All-Star Mini Division (grades 3 and under)
- All-Star Tiny Division (grades 1 and under)
- Spirit (Special Olympian)

Tumbling

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## General Rules

Each member competing in any Varsity, Junior Varsity, Freshman, or Junior High/Middle School division must be a current enrolled student for the 2026-2027 school year with the school's team they are representing. The submitted list of competitors must have the signature of the school's building principal or athletic director verifying each cheerleader's enrollment. Any such team without a principal or athletic director's signature will be entered in the All-Star division.

Combined squads must compete at the higher level.

Each team must be accompanied by a coach or an adult 21 years old or older.

Each team will have a three minute and thirty second time limit to perform at least one cheer, one chant and one dance routine. These requirements may be used more than once and in any order within the time limit.

The competition will take place on the track in front of the grandstands. You may use as much of the 42'x42' mat as you need. There will be no "out of bounds". However, we suggest all tumbling be performed on the mat for safety reasons.

Squads will enter the competition area from the west and exit to the east.

Team may spirit while being introduced next to the mat. They will then be told to take their positions, at which point they will walk quickly onto the mat, place their props and go to their starting positions.

Time begins with the first motion, word, cheer, or dance after the announcer says "You may now begin your competition". Time stops with the last of all of the above. Entrance and exit are not included in the performance time. Penalties will be given for extra seconds. You may enter and exit from anywhere on the mat.

No pyramids or mounting of any kind is permitted. A pyramid/mounting is when a person is supporting another person who has both feet off the ground.

No springboards or mini trampolines will be permitted. Pom-poms and props are permitted.

In the non-tumbling divisions, teams cannot perform any gymnastics where the performer's feet go above or over the performer's head at any time. However, forward, backward, hip, or shoulder rolls, and heel stretches and kicks are permitted in this division.

All moves and music must be in good taste, suitable for family viewing, and age appropriate.

No jewelry with the exception of stud earrings will be permitted.

There will be no assigned practice time on the competition mat other than for open tumbling. There is plenty of room elsewhere on the track for your squad to practice.

One representative from each squad will be responsible for running your music during the competition. Please provide two CDs of your music. Some custom made CDs may not play on some sound systems so you should bring some other form of backup (ipad, iphone, etc). Our sound system is

located behind the competition mat. It is the responsibility of each squad representative to meet with the sound system person prior to the competition.

In the event your routine is interrupted because of failure of equipment you will be permitted to restart your routine from the beginning or continue where you stopped – your choice. In the case of serious injury and your routine needs to completely stop, you may continue from the stopping point or stop completely.

There will be qualified judges scoring the competition.

Penalties: Any entry which does not adhere to any or all of the rules may be disqualified and automatically give up any rights to any awards.

Deductions: 10 points for inappropriate moves or music requirement violations  
2 points (per violating cheerleader) for the wearing of jewelry.  
2 points (per violating cheerleader) for stepping or tumbling on signs or pom-poms.  
1 point for each second over allotted time.

In the event of a tie, the squad with the highest points in showmanship will be declared the winner. The decisions of the judges – including any penalties, are issued at their sole discretion and are final.

Judges rating sheets will be distributed immediately following the awards ceremony. Trophies will be presented to the top two squads in each division. Members of the first place squads will receive neck ribbon medals in addition to the team trophy.

We are looking forward to you participating in this annual competition! If you have any questions please contact Deanne Corken at 419-806-6997 or [dcorken@amplex.net](mailto:dcorken@amplex.net), or call the Wood County Agricultural Society, 419-352-0441

Once you have submitted your registration, you will receive more information including a sample score sheet and schedule.

**ALL WAIVER FORMS, PARTICIPATION LIST AND REGISTRATION FORMS can be found at [www.woodcounty-fair.com](http://www.woodcounty-fair.com).**