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Dear Cheerleading Coach:

The Tournament Committee would like to welcome you and your squad to the 2026 Girls' and Boys' Kentucky All "A" Classic State Basketball Tournament. In conjunction with these two basketball tournaments, we will be hosting a cheerleading competition for both Girls' and Boys' Divisions. The "in-game" competition will be held during the first-round games that are being played on Wednesday and Thursday, January 21st and January 22nd.

The competition will be divided into two categories—Spirit and Execution. The Tournament Committee has hired, past or present, National Federation Certified, non-partial judges to adjudicate all of the competitions. Awards will be presented to first and second place winning squads in both Girls' and Boys' Divisions.

Prior to January 18th all Girls' and Boys' cheerleading coaches must confirm their participation by contacting Mike Reeves via e-mail at mike.reeves@clinton.kyschools.us. This e-mail should contain coach's cell phone number.

We are looking forward to meeting each one of you and your squads. We are excited that you are a part of this outstanding event for students from Kentucky's smaller high schools.

Sincerely,

Kentucky All "A" Classic Committee

CHEERLEADING COMPETITION

Who is the competition for?

The cheerleading squads of all 32 teams participating in the Kentucky All "A" Classic.

What are the eligibility requirements?

All cheerleaders who meet the eligibility guidelines and covered by the catastrophic insurance policy as outlined in the KHSAA Handbook. A maximum of sixteen (16) cheerleaders may be in uniform and participate during any tournament game not including one mascot.

Where and when will the competition be held?

"In-game" competition will be judged during the first round of the Kentucky All "A" Classic State Tournament on Wednesday and Thursday. Winners of the cheerleading competition will be announced on Friday.

Must we register in advance?

Yes. Please e-mail mike.reeves@clinton.kyschools.us by no later than 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 18th to confirm your attendance at the event. Please provide coach's cell phone number in this e-mail.

Are there awards?

Awards will be awarded for first and second places in both girls' and boys' divisions.

What about props?

Props such as flags, etc. that may potentially obstruct crowd view may not be used during the game and must be kept out of the arena floor area while the game is in progress. Props such as poms, signs, megaphones may be used during the game.

Who to contact for information?

Information is available from the Kentucky All "A" Classic via e-mail: mike.reeves@clinton.kyschools.us

CHEERLEADING INFORMATION SHEET

- ◆ Cheerleaders are required to sign-in for each session in which their team is participating. No dressing room will be available due to restrictions and all cheerleaders must be in uniform and enter and sign at the pass gate at the Owensboro Sportscenter. There is a maximum of sixteen (16) cheerleaders who may be in uniform and participating during any tournament game not including one mascot. Cheer coaches, maximum of two per squad, are also required to sign in at the pass gate. Non-uniformed cheerleaders and other adults traveling with the squad will be required to have a ticket to enter with the squad. One bus driver will be permitted to sign in at the pass gate. Cheerleaders must have a ticket to enter when their team is not participating.
- ◆ Each cheerleading sponsor should check-in at the cheerleading table at least 30 minutes prior to their first game to receive further instructions on competition guidelines.
- ◆ Cheerleading squads must cheer in their designated area of the Owensboro Sportscenter. The home team cheerleader area will be on the end of the floor nearest their bench. The visiting team cheerleader area will be on the end of the floor nearest their bench. Any violation of this requirement will result in disqualification of the squad.
- ◆ Cheer squads must remain off the gym floor during pre-game warmups.
- ◆ The floor cheer time limit is 90 seconds and must be performed at the beginning of halftime as directed by Kentucky All "A" Classic personnel.
- ◆ Safety rules will be National Federation. All cheerleading squads will be held to the limits regarding number of competitors and regarding the performance of stunts within the National Federation Spirit Guidelines.
- ◆ Awards will be given to first and second place winners in both the girls' and boys' divisions.
- ◆ Only hand-held sign and banners may be used by fans. Balloons are not permitted in the Owensboro Sportscenter.

CHEER RULES

1. Judging begins 15 minutes before the start of the game and continues throughout the game.
2. There is a maximum of sixteen (16) cheerleaders who may be in uniform and participating during any tournament game not including one mascot.
3. Floor cheer must be performed at halftime facing the judges who are located on the side of the court opposite of the team benches. A maximum of 90 seconds is permitted for the floor cheer. Visiting squad will execute floor cheer at the beginning of half-time and the home squad will execute their floor cheer immediately thereafter.
4. Cheer squads must remain off the gym floor during pre-game warmups.
5. National Federation rules apply for all tumbling, partner stunts, and mounts.
6. All hair must be off shoulder in a pony tail.
7. Advance registration is required via e-mail to Mike Reeves at mike.reeves@clinton.kyschools.us

Kentucky All "A" Classic

In Game Cheer Competition

January 21 – 22, 2026

Name of School: _____

Judge: _____ Date: _____

Type of Competition: _____ Girls _____ Boys

Player Introduction	Points	Score
Crowd Leading—connection to crowd, energy, visual	5	
Effectiveness of Skills—spacing, stability, synchronization, technique	5	
POSSIBLE	10	

Pregame	Points	Score
Crowd Leading/Effectiveness-connection to crowd, energy, visual, pace	10	
POSSIBLE	10	

Sideline	Points	Score
Crowd Leading—connection to crowd, energy, visual, proper use of megaphones, poms, signs	10	
Effectiveness—pace, spacing, voice	10	
Motion Technique—placement, sharpness, synchronization	10	
Variety—creative movements, level changes, ripples	5	
Overall impression	5	
POSSIBLE	40	

Cheer	Points	Score
Crowd Leading— creativity, energy, maximum coverage, use of megaphones, poms, signs	5	
Execution of Skills—motion technique, spacing, synchronization, transitions	10	
Jumps	5	
Stunts/Pyramids: Execution-proper technique	10	
Difficulty-level of skill	5	
Tumbling	5	
POSSIBLE	40	

Combined Totals	
Deductions	
FINAL SCORE	

This judging sheet is intended for use during competitions who intend to provide and adhere to the rules and regulations as stated in National Federation. Scoresheet courtesy of KAPOS/KHSAA.

DEDUCTIONS ARE PER OCCURRENCE as defined by UCA – a Varsity Spirit Brand

Individual Athlete	Points	Penalty
Minor Fall	-1	
Major Fall	-2	
Comments:		

Stunts/Pyramids	Points	Penalty
Bobble	-1	
Minor Fall	-2	
Major Fall	-3	
Comments:		

	Points	Penalty
Unsportsmanlike Behavior -failure to maintain professional conduct by coaches/athletes	-3	
Comments:		

	Points	Penalty
Exceeding Time Limit -halftime cheer cannot exceed 90 seconds	-3	
General Safety Violation -performing a skill in an illegal manor, however the skill itself is not illegal	-2	
Specific Safety Violation -performing an illegal skill as defined by the NFHS Spirit Rules	-5	
Comments:		

Total Deduction	
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