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13th ANNUAL PIAA COMPETITIVE SPIRIT CHAMPIONSHIPS

MECHANICSBURG - The 2025 PIAA Competitive Spirit Championships will be a two-day event beginning Thursday, January 30th and concluding on Friday, January 31st. The competition will take place at the Santander Arena in Reading, Pa. This is the 13th PIAA Competitive Spirit Championship. Teams will compete in the 2A Small Division, 2A Large Division, 3A Small Division, 3A Large Division and Co-Ed Division. The championships are set to have 120 squads competing for a title. General admission tickets for the Competitive Spirit Championships can be purchased through HomeTown Ticketing on the PIAA website. For the fastest entry, please purchase tickets ahead of time using this link: https://www.piaa.org/sports/tickets.aspx?from=mobileNav. General admission ticket prices are \$8.00 plus processing fees. Tickets can be purchased on site, card only. The Santander Arena is a cashless facility. A breakdown of past champions and returning finalists can be found below.

2A SMALL DIVISION

The 2A Small Division will have 26 squads take the mats during the competition. Only two schools were crowned PIAA champions, with the 2A Small Division being established in 2021. Greater Johnstown High School from District VI will return to the championships and will look to defend their 2024 title. Greater Johnstown has won two PIAA titles. Four schools have been crowned PIAA champions, with the 2A Small Division being established in 2021: Bishop McCort HS (2023) has previously won three 3A Medium Division titles before the 2A Division was established, Lansdale Catholic High School (2021 and 2022) and Greater Johnstown (2024).

Returning Finalists: Central Valley HS, Forest Hills HS, Landsdale Catholic HS, Milton Area HS, Ambridge Area HS, Elizabeth Forward HS, Southern Columbia HS, Bishop McCort HS and United HS.

2A LARGE DIVISION

The 2A Large Division will see 15 teams battle for a title. With the 2A Large Division established, also in 2021, last year Archbishop Ryan HS became the third school to be crowned as a PIAA champion. The other two schools that have won titles are Neshannock HS (2022 and 2023) and Bishop McCort HS (2021).

Returning Finalists: Neshannock HS.

3A SMALL DIVISION

The 3A Small Division will have 40 squads compete during the competition. The returning champions, Cumberland Valley HS, have qualified for the 3A Large Division so a new champion will be crowned. Eight schools have won 3A Small Division PIAA Championships: Cumberland Valley HS (2024) Garnet Valley HS (2022, 2023), South Fayette HS (2020, 2021), Bethel Park HS (2017, 2019), Shaler Park HS (2018), Butler Area HS (2013 and 2016), Pine Richland HS (2015), and Greater Johnstown HS (2014). Returning Finalists: Central Dauphin East HS, Dallastown HS, Easton Area HS, South

Fayette HS, Ridley HS, Garnet Valley HS, Thomas Jefferson HS, and Northern York HS.

3A LARGE DIVISION

The 3A Large Division will see 21 squads competing for a PIAA title. Saint Huberts Catholic HS will return and look to defend their 3A Large Division title. Eight teams have won 3A Large Division championships: Cumberland Valley (2013-15, 2017, 2020 and won a 3A Small title in 2024), Hempfield Area (2022-23), Saint Hubert HS (2021 and won back-to-back 3A Medium titles in 2018-19), with Bishop McCort HS, Garnet Valley HS, and Springfield HS all with one title.

Returning Finalists: Saint Hubert Catholic HS, Hempfield Area HS, Haverford HS, North Allegheny HS, and Baldwin HS.

CO-ED DIVISION

The Co-Ed Division will see 18 squads competing for a PIAA title. McDowell HS will look to defend their Co-Ed Division title, after again winning the championship in 2024. Eight schools that have won championships: Butler Area HS (2023), McDowell HS (2017-18, 2021-2022), New Oxford HS (2014-16 but also won a 3A Medium Division title the inaugural season in 2013), Bulter Area HS (2019, 2023), and Downingtown West HS (2020).

Returning Finalists: McDowell HS, Conrad Weiser HS, Bulter Area HS, Strath Haven HS, and East Stroudsburg South HS.

The Championship schedule can be found here: Championship Schedule

For a full list of the championship results, follow this link: http://www.piaa.org/sports/championship details.aspx?sport=cheer

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