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14th ANNUAL PIAA COMPETITIVE SPIRIT CHAMPIONSHIPS

MECHANICSBURG - The 2026 PIAA Competitive Spirit Championships will be a two-day event beginning Friday, January 9th and concluding on Saturday, January 10th. The competition will take place at the [1st Summit Arena at Cambria Country War Memorial](#) in Johnstown, Pa. This is the 14th 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: [here](#). General admission ticket prices are \$8.00 plus processing fees. Tickets can also be purchased on site. A breakdown of the past champions and returning finalists can be found below.

2A SMALL DIVISION

The 2A Small Division will have 24 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 has won the last two PIAA titles. Winning back-to-back titles in 2024 and 2025. 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 and 2025).

Returning Finalists: Forest Hills HS, Milton Area HS, Ambridge Area HS, Southern Columbia HS, United HS and Richland HS and Hampton HS.

2A LARGE DIVISION

The 2A Large Division will see 14 teams battle for a title. With the 2A Large Division established in 2021, Archbishop Ryan HS became the third school to be crowned as a PIAA champion winning back-to-back titles in 2024 and 2025. The other two schools that have won titles are Neshannock HS (2022 and 2023) and Bishop McCort HS (2021).

Returning Finalists: Neshannock HS, Montoursville HS, Karns City HS and Hickory HS.

3A SMALL DIVISION

The 3A Small Division will have 41 squads competing during the competition. The returning champion, Thomas Jefferson, will look to defend its 2025 title. Nine 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), Greater Johnstown HS (2014), and Thomas Jefferson (2025).

Returning Finalists: Central Dauphin East HS, Dallastown HS, Easton Area HS, South Fayette HS, Garnet Valley HS, Thomas Jefferson HS, Pennsbury HS, Springfield (Delco) HS, Central York HS, Greater Johnstown HS, Penn-Trafford HS and Northampton HS.

3A LARGE DIVISION

The 3A Large Division will see 19 squads competing for a PIAA title. Cumberland Valley HS won the last title in 2025. Eight teams have won 3A Large Division championships: Cumberland Valley (2013-15, 2017, 2020, won a 3A Small title in 2024, 2025), 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, Norwin HS and Seneca Valley HS.

CO-ED DIVISION

The Co-Ed Division will see 22 squads competing for a PIAA title. Butler HS will look to defend their Co-Ed Division title, after winning the championship in 2025. Four schools have won championships: McDowell HS (2017-18, 2021-2022), New Oxford HS (2014-16 but also won a 3A Medium Division title the inaugural season in 2013), Butler Area HS (2019, 2023, 2025), and Downingtown West HS (2020).

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

The Championship schedule can be found here: [Championship Schedule](#)

A full list of the championship results can be found [here](#).

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