



## CHEER PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What does the cheerleading tournament include?

1. Cheerleaders are provided with a Cheer Spirit Pack. The pack consists of a Shirt, Shorts and bow. Cheer teams can choose from a variety of colors and the FSYFL Cheer Logo is placed on the shirt and shorts. Please see the cheer pack promo document for this information.
2. Cheerleaders can cheer for ANY of the football teams from their organizations that are participating in the FSYFL football tournament.
3. Cheer teams can present “practice” their routines at the half times at game fields.
4. A cheer competition that will be held during the same weekend as the FSYFL State Championship. Teams can enter multiple levels of the tournament.
5. A chance to do their cheer routine at the FSYFL state championship event, regardless of if their football teams make the championships.
6. A chance to do their cheer routine at the FSYFL Pro Bowl tournament.

### Tell me about the Spirit Cheer Pack.

Please review the Cheer Pack promo document online to view this information.

### What are the divisions that cheerleaders can participate in?

Division allocation is determined by the "league age" of a child. A child's "league age" is determined by whatever the child's age was on July 31st of the previous year. (*Example: if season is in 2017 then age is determined by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016*)

#### Cheerleader Divisional Ages:

##### Age Division

- Tiny Mite 5 – 6 year olds
- Mitey-Mite 7 - 8 year olds
- Peewee 8 - 10 year olds
- Supers 10 - 12 year olds
- Midgets 11 - 13 year olds
- JV 12 - 14 year olds
- Varsity 13 - 15 year olds

##### Open Divisions

- Junior Open 5 - 12 year olds
- Senior Open 11 - 15 year olds
- Open 5 - 15 year olds

### Can teams be made up of multiple ages of cheerleaders?

Yes. If Cheer Coordinators do not have enough cheerleaders to make a full division they can combine their cheerleaders into “open” teams and enter the open divisions. Therefore if a group of cheerleaders from an organization wants to combine all their cheerleaders together to cheer for their football teams as a group they can.

**Can Cheer teams enter the Cheer tournament into multiple divisions?**

Yes. *For example:* If a cheer coordinator has say 10 peewee cheerleaders and only a few of the Mitey Mite and/or Supers age cheerleaders then the 10 peewee cheerleaders can team up and enter the cheer competition in the *Peewee* division tournament competition, AND then all the cheerleaders can combine together and enter again into the Junior Open division tournament competition. Teams and cheerleaders that are signed up to participate in the FSYFL Cheer program can enter as many routines divisions as they like.

**What are the trophies offered for the tournament?**

In the event many cheer teams enter the FYSFL tournament the FSYFL may increase these parameters, by providing performance levels and/or regional divisions etc. There will be a winner and multiple levels of place trophies for each of the 10 divisions. In addition all cheerleaders will receive a small participation trophy or medal.

**If an organization enters into multiple divisions of the cheer tournament do the routines have to be the same for each division?**

No. Teams can enter multiple divisions with multiple routines.

**Do cheer teams have to cheer for the football teams at their games?**

No. Cheer teams can pick and choose which games and when they want to cheer for their football teams. Cheerleaders are not required to travel with their football teams on their travel week.

**How much does it cost per cheerleader?**

The cost is \$75 per cheerleader.

**What is the registration Deadlines?**

Cheer teams can sign up for participation up to and including the 4<sup>th</sup> week of games of the FSYFL tournament i.e. March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**When do cheerleaders have to be paid by?**

All cheerleaders must be paid in full prior to receiving their certification stamp. All teams must be paid in full by March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**Do cheerleaders have to check in at the fields for every football game?**

No. However prior to participation in their FIRST game and/or in the cheer tournament, cheerleaders will be required to have received their certification stamp. Teams may add cheerleaders up to the 4<sup>th</sup> week of games of the FSYL season. In order to get certified Cheerleaders can attend any of the pre-season Certification office events as well as going to the Game Field Certification offices which are situated at many of the football games fields during the season.

**How many presentation spots will be provided for cheer teams to do their routines at the State Championships?**

There are 6 divisional football games at the State Championships. The FSYFL will provide cheer presentation spots both in between games and at the half times of the tournament games. Two teams will present at each opportunity. Therefore there a total of 24 presentation spots available.

**Will there be sound systems available at the State Championships?**

Yes. The cheer routine music can be played through the main sound system.

**What are the basic rules for the cheer tournament?**

The FSYFL operates under high school cheerleading rules.

**Is there a minimum or maximum amount of cheerleaders allowed per team?**

There is no minimums, however the FSYFL suggests a maximum of 35 per squad due to the size of mats used during competitions.

**What uniforms do cheerleaders have to use?**

Cheer teams can use any uniforms they wish to cheer in. The FSYFL does not provide cheer teams with uniforms as part of the program. Cheer teams are advised to use their own organizations uniforms or provide their own.