



Dear Coaches and Cheerleaders:

The Cheerleaders and Staff of POLYTECH High School Cheerleading would like to thank you for choosing to participate in our **11th Annual POLYTECH High School Spirit Jam Cheerleading Competition!** The Competition will be held at POLYTECH High School 823 Walnut Shade Rd. Woodside, DE on **Saturday, February 21, 2026**. We have a large gymnasium that will comfortably accommodate all spectators and athletes, as well as ample space for parking, great vendors and delicious concessions.

The POLYTECH High School Spirit Jam is a qualifying event for the Delaware Spirit Coaches Association State Championship. Rules and regulations regarding all divisions are attached. The attached Liability Release Forms can be submitted as individual forms or a team form. Either form can be used and copied provided each form has an original signature of a coach. ***No team can compete without the appropriate release forms.***

There is an admission fee payable at the door for all spectators – Cash Only The fees are:

\$10.00 – Adult

\$5.00 – Student

Free – Children under 5

Team Registration	On Time Pricing (Received on/or before 1/17/26)	Late Pricing (Received after 1/17/26)
<i>Rec/All Star/School</i>	\$175	\$200
<i>Game Day</i>	\$175	\$200
<i>Exhibition</i>	\$100	\$125
<i>Cheer Abilities</i>	Free	Free

Specialty Awards will be given during each awards ceremony

Best Dance ~ Best Partner Stunts ~ Grand Champions

Checks should be made payable to POLYTECH High School Cheerleading (*Registration is non-refundable*).

All registrations and fees should be sent to:

POLYTECH High School

Attn: Jen Carpenter

823 Walnut Shade Rd Woodside,

DE 19980

If you have any questions, please contact Coach Jen Carpenter at: **Jendaia.Carpenter@polytech.k12.de.us**

Participants

Coaches must maintain proof of grade or age documentation for their athlete. For all star/Rec the age of an athlete for the season will be based on the guidelines in place by USASF/varsity. For schools, the age or grade of an athlete for the season will be their age or grade as of August 31, 2024. If a coach wishes to challenge another athlete's age or grade, the challenging coach must submit the challenge in writing accompanied by a payment of \$150.00 for each challenge to the Host Qualifier (or DSCA if the challenge occurs at the State Competition.) Challenges will be accepted before, during or after the competition. The coach who has been challenged is required to submit verification of grade or age within 3 days of receiving notice of the challenge. If, after reviewing proof of grade or age, the challenge is upheld, the \$150.00 payment will be returned to the challenging coach. If, based on proof of grade or age, the challenge is not upheld, the \$150.00 payment will be retained by the Host Qualifier (or DSCA if the challenge occurs at the State Competition.) Any falsification of grade or age may result in disqualification from the Qualifier or loss of Title from the States. Please see the attached form for registration.

To compete for a first place trophy at the DSCA State Championship a Delaware team must have competed in the same division at two DSCA approved Qualifiers. In order for a team to receive credit for competing at a DSCA Qualifier, the participating team must have paid their DSCA **dues prior to competing at the DSCA Qualifier.**

Any team of a Host or Co-Host may compete at their own Qualifier however, they must compete in two additional DSCA approved Qualifiers in order to be eligible to compete at the DSCA State Championship.

A team roster must be filled out and submitted along with a check by **1/17/25 to POLYTECH High School Cheerleading Attn: Jen Carpenter 823 Walnut Shade Rd. Woodside, DE 19980.**

School teams including CYM, High, Middle/Junior High and Elementary Schools must provide the grade level (e.g. 5th, 6th, etc.) of all athletes participating on the roster and have an administrator sign the team roster for accuracy. All members of the competing team must be bona fide members of the school they are representing.

All-Stars, Dance, and Recreational teams must provide ages of all athletes participating on the roster and maintain copies of Birth Certificates, Passports or Driver's License.

Liability Forms may be submitted as either an individual form for each participant or as a single group form for each team. Copies of either style can be submitted provided each form has an original signature of the coach. \

Spectators

Spectators will be allowed to videotape a routine provided they use hand held cameras, **remain in the stands**, and do not block the view of other spectators or interfere with the tournament. Only the performing team's coaches are permitted to sit directly in front of the performance floor, to prevent distractions. The performing team's parents, spectators, and other athletes from the organization may sit on the sides of the performance floor, unless there is a designated VIP viewing area provided by the event host.

Sportsmanship

The Delaware Spirit Coaches Association believes that good sportsmanship is essential to foster the growth of our sport. At every DSCA approved and/or sponsored event any participant, coach, parent or spectator displaying unsportsmanlike conduct may be subject to a sportsmanship penalty, as outlined below. This Sportsmanship Clause is in effect from the time of arrival until the time of departure from each event. This includes, but is not limited to: arrogant, aggressive, suggestive behavior, hand gestures, or body movements towards any member of another team, the entire team, or the organization. Additionally, T-shirts must not have any inappropriate words, slogans, or pictures relating to any member of another team, the entire team or organization, or falsifying/mockng the results of the event. No team, team member, coach, parent or spectators should negatively talk about another athlete, the entire team, or organization (including but not limited to: engaging in negative or argumentative encounters with spectators). Any DSCA Member can email a report or complaint of unsportsmanlike conduct to the DSCA Secretary, and at that time the DSCA Board will review every report and render a decision that may include a penalty as outlined below.

Infraction #1- A penalty of up to \$250.00 will be assessed for violation of the DSCA Sportsmanship Clause. Until this obligation is met, the violating team/program participating at Qualifying Events may participate in the competition, however, it will not count towards States Qualification until this obligation has been met. If the violation occurs at the Delaware State Championship, the financial obligation will roll over to the following season (meaning, Qualifiers will not count towards State Championship Qualification until the obligation has been fulfilled.)

Infraction #2- After the first infraction has been founded, and penalties have been assessed, a subsequent infraction within 12 month period will result in the violating organization/program being suspended from the upcoming Delaware State Championship tournament.

