



2025 SPIRIT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

DECEMBER 13, 2025 | WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY

GAME DAY FORMAT

In the Qualifying Round, each team will showcase its best crowd-leading material in Band Chant, Crowd Leading, and Fight Song routines that will be performed individually and scored separately during a single trip to the competition floor.

Each routine has a one-minute time limit. Music used for Band Chant and Fight Song must be recorded marching band music. The use of crowd leading tools such as signs, poms, flags and/or megaphones is encouraged. Sideline practicality and effective leadership should be considered in all parts of the routine.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Teams advancing to the State Championships will be determined by Qualifying Round scores, which do not carry over. Each team competing in the State Championships FINALS will showcase its best leadership skills and sideline crowd-leading material in a three-minute Game Day presentation that will include the elements from the Qualifying Round and a definitive response to an announcer-led situational cue describing a game day offense or defense situation.

BAND CHANT

- Emphasis on crowd effectiveness, appeal, technique and practicality
- No stunts or tumbling permitted

CROWD LEADING

- Time begins with buzzer sound with the team already on the floor following the Band Chant. Performance should have an emphasis on crowd involvement.

FIGHT SONG

- In addition to Fight Song motions and movement, up to three consecutive eight counts should be incorporated with stunts, jumps and/or tumbling.

SKILL RESTRICTIONS

- No basket, sponge or elevator tosses allowed
- No inversions
- No twisting release dismounts
- Single-leg extended stunts are limited to liberties and liberty hitches
- No running tumbling
- Standing tumbling is limited ONE SKILL at a time. A back tuck is the most elite tumbling skill allowed.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONS:

Division placement is based on the school enrollment reported (EMIS) and used for classifying the seven (7) OHSAA Football Divisions.

DIVISION	PARTICIPATION	FEE
Division I	Maximum of 30 Participants	\$350
Division II	Maximum of 30 Participants	\$350
Division III	Maximum of 30 Participants	\$350
Division IV	Maximum of 30 Participants	\$350
Division V	Maximum of 30 Participants	\$350
Division VI	Maximum of 30 Participants	\$350
Division VII	Maximum of 30 Participants	\$350
Junior High	Maximum of 30 Participants	\$350

**The OHSAA reserves the right to add or combine divisions based on final event registration. Mascots and flag runners are welcomed but cannot be involved in the execution of technical cheer skills. All participants on the floor except mascots count toward total number. Teams in the Junior High Division must be comprised of students in the 7th and/or 8th grades at/from member schools.*

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Spirit>



Stay informed and updated by referencing the links on the OHSAA Spirit website. The website will include all SPIRIT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS details including:

- Registration Link
- Championship Info
- Venue Maps and Details
- Hotel Accommodations
- Score Sheets
- Order of Performance
- Required Forms
- Spectator Information
- Championships Results