

2017 New England Regional Championship  
Saturday November 18th  
Dunkin Donuts Center  
Providence, RI

Hello Coaches and Coordinators,

Congratulations to you and your team on your advancement to the 2017 New England Regional Cheer Championship! Blackstone Valley is pleased to host your team(s) this year.

It is important that you read and understand the information provided. Please pass the spectator information to your families. Everyone will have a much better day if they are well prepared for the flow.

We will be having 3 sessions and running 2 competition floors. We will have an “A” side and a “B” side of the arena (both will be facing the same way).

We will have maps of the venue within the next few days on the website. Please print and bring a copy with you. Copies will not be provided at check in.

**When should you check in?** Check in at least 30 minutes before your warm up time. Teams that perform between 8:30am and 8:45am, please be ready to check in at 8:00am, when check in opens. If you perform after 8:45am please give the teams performing before you access to the front of the line at 8:00am.

Session I check in 8:00 – 9:30am

Session II check in 10:00am – 1:30pm (please do not arrive before 10:00)

Session III check in 2:00pm – 5:30pm (please do not arrive before 2:00)

**All Teams will check in and warm up at the Convention Center located at 1 Sabin Street, Providence Rhode Island. Check in as well as warm ups are located in Exhibit Hall A.**

**Please arrive competition ready, the fewer items the cheerleaders arrive with, the fewer things you have to be responsible for. A suggestion is for the parents to keep the athletes coats, pants, etc in the car.**

**ONE BAG PER TEAM! Don't forget your team book.**

Please check in as a team. You will not be able to be seated until your entire team is has arrived.

**2017 music instructions are on the website.**

Your team music can be uploaded in advance.

Please ensure you include your conference name, team name, division, size and level.

Example: Blackstone Valley, East Providence Jr Townies, Division 10 Small White.

Let the DJ know if your consist of one track or two, if your routine starts with cheer or music or if your team is all music.

The DJ needs to be able to match it up to the OOA so make sure you have all the information included in your email.

Send music to:  
Jbianchi6632@gmail.com

Include your contact info consisting of your name and phone number so if John our DJ has any issues he can reach out directly to you or the individual sending in the music.

Please share this info with all your advancing teams and let me know if you have any questions.

### **Warm-up flow:**

**You will not be able to begin warm ups until your entire team is present! If you are late 10 minutes or more for warm ups you will perform as is!**

Once at the convention center, teams will line up in order of performance and cycle through warm ups. You should be in the warm up area 10 minutes before your warm up time.

There are two stations per panel A and panel B. For each panel all teams will have 6 minutes for tumbling with two panels and 6 minutes to practice routine on 7 panels. The Exhibit hall A's waiting area is large enough for all teams to utilize the area to stretch.

**After your warm ups are complete your team will be escorted over to the Dunkin Donuts Center to line up to perform!**

Teams will be taking the mats quietly while the other team is performing; they are not announced at that time. Please remind your spectators NOT to shout out to them when they take the mat. After the other team is finished, the DJ will introduce the team; this is when the crowd will cheer for them. The DJ will then say "you may begin" all of this takes less than 30 seconds. Please let your athletes know; they do not have to set and wait the minute they are on the mat. They should wait for the DJ to introduce them, and then they should set.

Please do the call back cheer from the coaches seats but refrain from saying all of the cheer, we want the focus on the athletes.

After your performance is completed, please move your team along so the team waiting on the other mat can start.

Only one coach/coordinator will be allowed at score check.

**Award ceremony: Don't forget to bring your book with your regional/national paperwork**  
Before coming down to awards please make sure all trash has been picked up in your area. Good citizens first, great athletes second!

We invite ALL team members and coaches down on the floor for awards. This is, after all, a "team" effort. Please sit/dance on the mat you performed on. **Please do not bring anything other than your athletes on the mats.** No flowers, bags, food, water bottles, etc. leave them off to the side. **No stunting, tumbling or jumping during award ceremony.**

The route you took off the mat is the route you will take down to awards. Please clear the floor right after awards. Please don't stop and look over your score sheets while we are trying to clear the floor, take a few pictures sure, but don't overstay your welcome.

Score sheets will be available at the end of each session after all awards are handed out. Teams placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> will need to meet with Keesha Dickey, our regional cheer director. (Location to be announced) You need your book and/or regional/national paperwork with you. You will also need to confirm if your team will be moving on to nationals.

Best of luck to all teams!

**Please pass along the following information to the parents, fans, spectators, cheerleaders, and other coaches:**

**Everyone will have to go through a metal detector before entering the arena!**

No Saving seats

No food or drink brought in from spectators – bags may be checked

No hand held signs -No Balloons -No Artificial noise makers -No Laser Lights

No detachable Lens cameras, Pocket size only

No banners or hanging signs

No flash photography

No cell phone use – this includes using your phone to video and then playback while another team is on the mat.

Doors open to the public at 7AM. Ticket price is \$25.00. Children 3 and under are free.

**Re-entry is allowed as long as your hand is stamped! If you do not have your hand stamped you will have to purchase a ticket to re-enter!!!**

Spectators are not allowed in the cheer sections

Cheerleaders are not allowed to sit in the spectators section

Please remind the spectators NOT to cheer as your team takes the mats, they are coming out while another team is performing.

Please ask all fans to participate in the crowd cheers, this doesn't help the team on the mat get more points but it does help keep the spectators quiet. Cheer teams should also be doing the call back part for other teams.

Let's show great sportsmanship for all teams, clean up after ourselves and make 2017 the best regional event it can be!!