

# Maryland Public Schools State Cheerleading Committee Sanctioning for 2026- 2027 Invitational Events

**DEADLINE: Fall- August 1<sup>st</sup> / Winter November 1<sup>st</sup>**

Sanctioning Committee Chairs  
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**\*Please read the ENTIRE document as policies have changed. No requests will be accepted if sent to Robin or Lisa's individual emails. All paperwork MUST be submitted to [MDSanctioning@gmail.com](mailto:MDSanctioning@gmail.com).**

In order for your Invitational Cheerleading Competition event to be sanctioned by the MPSSC committee, please complete the following:

1. All coaches must comply with the following COMAR rule: 13A.06.03.03.B.2 –All school athletic schedules shall be established before the first contest of each sport's season.
  - a. This means that coaches must have your competition on their schedule at the beginning of each season to participate/compete.
2. Be sure to indicate on the intent form if you are **ONLY inviting teams from the MPSSCC** (Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery and Queen Anne's Counties), please complete the **intention form** and return to [MDSanctioning@gmail.com](mailto:MDSanctioning@gmail.com) by the deadline of: **August 1st or November 1st**.
3. If you are **inviting teams from outside the MPSSCC** you need to send them our rubrics and bulletin so they are aware of the scoring system and rules.
4. Your completed sanctioning form and a copy of your event flyer/registration form must be submitted before the deadline of **August 1st or November 1st** to be considered.
5. **Requests that include required signed paperwork can be submitted as early as June 1st for fall and September 1st for winter seasons.**
6. We will not accept incomplete requests.
  - a. Keep in mind that your sanctioning form must be signed and dated by the hosting schools cheerleading coach and principal. The invite flyer/registration form must comply with all MPSSCC, NFHS, and MPSSAA rules, or your event will not be approved.
  - b. Sanctioning forms that are not approved will be returned to the host with an explanation why (Example: change date/change time/does not comply with the MPSSCC rules).

- c. If a hosting school wishes to make the necessary changes; a new sanctioning form and invite flier/registration form must be completed and resubmitted before the deadline.

**\*\*\*Sanctioning Note:** There is a **two**-invite limit per day during the work week and a **three** invite limit on Saturday's. The three sanctioned invites on Saturday must also have different start times.

7. Once your sanctioning form has been submitted and approved, the sanctioning committee will post the date and time of your competition/event; along with the flier on the MHSCCA website. Lisa Elliott & Robin Yates will also send you an email to let you know it has been approved along with Hosting Guidelines and Resources on how to run a successful invite.
8. Sanctioned competitions/Directors responsibilities:
  - a. **2 weeks** before your competition, contact the judging coordinator, Angie Feehly at [judges.maryland@gmail.com](mailto:judges.maryland@gmail.com) to discuss the number of panels you will need for your competition (i.e. 1 panel/up to 22 teams and/or 2 panels/23 teams or more)
  - b. **5 DAYS** prior to your sanctioned competition, submit by email to [MDSanctioning@gmail.com](mailto:MDSanctioning@gmail.com), a copy of your competition schedule, including ALL teams that are attending. If there are revisions made to the schedule, please submit the revised schedule **within 24 hours** of the competition.
  - c. **24 hours** after the completion of your sanctioned competition, please submit the competition results/breakdown of scores so that they can be posted on our state website.
  - d. **IF YOU CANCEL YOUR COMPETITION EMAIL** [judges.maryland@gmail.com](mailto:judges.maryland@gmail.com) AND [MDSanctioning@gmail.com](mailto:MDSanctioning@gmail.com) IMMEDIATELY.