

# 2023 Big 33 Cheerleading Tryouts

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Dear Cheerleading Coaches:

In January 2023, the Big 33 cheerleading program will be holding two in person tryouts to select our cheerleaders. This process has proven to be successful in selecting cheerleaders that are the best of the best, and we are looking to continue that success into 2023. **The 2023 Game is scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend, Sunday, May 28th at 7:00 p.m.**

## **Tentative Practice schedule:**

Friday April 28 4-8pm  
Saturday April 29 9-3pm  
Friday May 19 4-8pm  
Saturday May 20 9-3 or 4pm  
Sunday May 21 9-3 or 4pm  
Friday May 26 4-8pm  
Saturday May 27 9am-8pm  
Sunday May 28 GAME DAY  
Monday May 29 RAIN DATE

This year, we invite current Juniors and Seniors from Pennsylvania or Maryland who currently cheer for their high school and/or an all-star squad and are in good standing to tryout.

It is our goal to have the cheerleaders leave this game with such an experience that it serves as the pinnacle of their high school cheerleading career. We are asking for help from you, as the coaches, to help us find the talent.

All cheerleaders registering for tryouts must meet the qualifications listed below. There will be a maximum of 70 cheerleaders chosen for the Big 33 team. They will be divided evenly between the Pennsylvania and Maryland football teams. There will also be several alternates selected; in the event someone needs to resign their position. Please note that alternates may be called upon at the last minute. The 2023 Big 33 Cheer Team will be posted on the Big 33 website ([www.Big33.org](http://www.Big33.org)) as soon as the coaches have made their decisions, following the final tryout. Please do not call/email the Big 33 office asking if you made the team – we are a small office and are very busy.

## **The following is the list of requirements to tryout. Candidates **MUST:****

- Be current juniors or seniors, who currently cheer for their high school and/or an All-Star Squad.
- Be available for all practices on which are still being determined.
- It is the responsibility of the cheerleader to provide transportation to all practices. If the distance to travel each day is too far, we will do our best to provide a host family for you.
- Each cheerleader selected to a squad is required to raise money for a half page program advertisement.
- Be students who are in good standing, both academically and discipline wise. (i.e. academic probation or drug and/or alcohol infractions) Students who do not remain in good standing throughout the school year will be dismissed from the Big 33 cheer team.

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- Provide a letter of endorsement from their current cheerleading coach. This endorsement should be a short paragraph about the cheerleader's work ethic, and attitude that is written by the cheerleader's high school or All-Star squad cheer coach.
- Have at least a 2.5 grade point average.
- Not have a history or record of drug / alcohol infractions.
- Possess leadership qualities and teamwork ethic.
- Demonstrate respect for authority.
- Be willing to perform other stunt positions as needed.
- Provide a photocopy of a current report card.
- Provide an individual photo in their high school cheerleading uniform (no larger than 4x6 and no team pictures) – name printed on back!

**The following is a list of items for submission prior to tryouts. (Candidates MUST send or email all items listed):**

- Letter of Endorsement from current cheerleading coach
- Waiver/Release Form (completed and parent signed) – Cheer Candidate and Cheer Coach will receive this form via email once registration and payment is received.
- An individual photo in their high school cheerleading uniform (no larger than 4x6 and no team pictures) – name printed on back!
- A photocopy of a current report card.

**Minimum skills to tryout include:**

- A standing back handspring (preferred, but not mandatory).
- Must be willing to execute all tumbling and stunting on grass, track and turf in during game week.
- Advanced jumps technique.
- Strong dance and motion technique.
- The ability to execute extensions, liberties, and heel stretches (flyers must be standing on their right leg for all single leg stunts)

**Tryouts include:** jump execution, tumbling demonstration, and stunt demonstration with other tryout candidates and the performance of a cheer and dance. Video links with the cheer and dance will be sent upon registration/payment and in advance of tryout. It will NOT be taught in person. Each cheerleader will have to learn the cheer and dance from the video and perform them at tryouts. The tryout will include only a brief review.

Each cheerleader trying out is required to pay a \$50.00 *non-refundable* registration fee to help defray the incurred costs associated with the Big 33 cheerleading program. **Tryouts will be held on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm OR Saturday, January 21st at 8am** at Cheer Tyme (200 Lambs Gap Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050). Once registered for one of these two dates, an email will be sent with details for in person tryout. Registration will be from 15 minutes prior to the tryout time. If inclement weather, please check our website – [www.big33.org](http://www.big33.org).

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## How to register for Tryouts:

- Click on the 2023 Big 33 Cheerleading Registration Form - <https://big33.org/information-and-forms/cheerleaders/2023-tryouts/>
- Complete the entire form on-line.
- You will be asked to pay the registration fee of \$50.00 through paypal if you have an account and if not with a credit card, upon completing the form.
- Cheer Candidate and Cheer Coach will receive an email containing the Waiver/Release Form prior to attending their tryout. Print the Waiver/Release form. This form is to be completed and signed by a parent, for the Cheer Candidate to bring to tryouts. Cheer Candidates must also bring a photocopy of a current report and an individual photo in their high school cheerleading uniform (no larger than 4x6 and no team pictures) – name printed on back!

All necessary cheerleading materials and information will be posted on our website or emailed as soon as it becomes available – please check it often! We do not mail information to cheerleaders and coaches. Please check the website ([www.big33.org](http://www.big33.org)) and your email for updates!

Please remember the selected cheerleaders will need to be available in Harrisburg for all practices prior to game day for promotional work and practice – no exceptions! A more detailed schedule will be released closer to game day. The cheerleaders will cheer the entire game as well as entertain the crowd with a halftime show.

We are very excited about the 2023 Big 33 game. We hope that you will share in our excitement and help us with the tryout process. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [big33cheer@gmail.com](mailto:big33cheer@gmail.com)

Best regards,

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