



2027 PSFCA Big 33 & East-West Cheerleading Tryouts

Dear Cheerleading Coaches,

The PSFCA Big 33 is pleased to announce that **2027 Cheerleading Tryout registration is now open**. This October, we will hold two in-person tryouts to select cheerleaders for the 2027 Big 33 Football Classic and PSFCA East-West All-Star Game. Our tryout process has consistently helped us identify outstanding athletes, and we look forward to continuing that tradition in 2027.

The **PSFCA East-West All-Star Game** is scheduled for **Sunday, May 23, 2027**, followed by the **70th Big 33 Football Classic** on **Sunday, May 30, 2027, at 6:30 p.m.**, at Cumberland Valley High School in Cumberland County.

Tentative 2027 Cheer Schedule

- **May 15:** FREE Cheerleader Heart Screenings & PSFCA Big 33 Youth Clinic (Big 33 & East-West)
- **May 21–23:** Practice Weekend (Big 33 & East-West)
- **May 23:** PSFCA East-West All-Star Game
- **May 28–30:** Big 33 Practice & Game Weekend
- **May 30:** 70th Big 33 Football Classic
- **May 31:** Big 33 Rain Date

Who Can Try Out?

We invite **current high school juniors and seniors from Pennsylvania and Maryland** who cheer for their high school and/or an All-Star squad and are in good academic and disciplinary standing.

Our goal is to provide every selected cheerleader with an experience worthy of being the pinnacle of their high school cheerleading career.

A maximum of 70 cheerleaders will be selected for the Big 33 team, divided evenly between the Pennsylvania and Maryland squads. Alternates may also be selected and may be called upon at any time if a selected cheerleader is unable to participate.

Candidate Requirements

Candidates must:

- Be a current high school junior or senior.
- Currently cheer for their high school and/or an All-Star squad.
- Maintain at least a 2.5 GPA and remain in good academic and disciplinary standing.
- Demonstrate leadership, teamwork, respect for authority, and a strong work ethic.
- Be willing and able to perform all required tumbling and stunting positions.
- Be available for all required practices, promotional activities, and game commitments.
- Provide a coach endorsement describing their work ethic and attitude.

- Provide a copy of their current report card, progress report, or grades.
- Provide required physical and participation forms.
- Provide an individual 4x6 or smaller photo in their high school cheer or all-star uniform —no team photos; name must be printed on the back.
- Understand that selected cheerleaders will be responsible for raising funds for a half-page or full-page program advertisement.
- Provide their own transportation to practices. If distance makes daily travel difficult, the Big 33 must be told immediately and will make every effort to arrange a host family.

Tryout Skills

Candidates should demonstrate:

- Standing back handspring (preferred, but not required)
- Advanced jump technique
- Strong dance and motion technique
- Extensions, liberties, and heel stretches
- Strong tumbling and stunting ability
- Ability and willingness to perform on grass, track, and turf during game week

Tryouts will include jumps, tumbling, stunting, cheer, and dance. Registered candidates will receive video links for the required cheer and dance in advance. These will not be taught at the in-person tryout, so candidates should learn and practice them beforehand.

2027 Tryout Dates

Saturday, October 17 | 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 18 | 4:00–9:00 p.m.

Location: Cheer Tyme (200 Lambs Gap Road Mechanicsburg, PA 17050)

There is a **\$50 non-refundable registration fee** to help offset program expenses. Candidates should arrive 30 minutes before their scheduled tryout time.

Once registered, candidates will receive additional tryout information by email. All forms and required materials will be available through the Big 33 website or provided electronically. We do not mail information, so please check www.big33.org and your email regularly for updates. ***Any questions, reach out to Whitney Rutherford at wrutherford@big33.org (Big 33 Cheer Tryout Coordinator).***

Selected cheerleaders must be available in the Mechanicsburg area for all required practices and promotional activities. A detailed schedule will be provided as we get closer to game week. Cheerleaders will perform throughout the entire game and participate in a halftime performance.

We are extremely excited to begin preparations for the 2027 Big 33 Football Classic and PSFCA East West All-Star Game. Thank you for your continued support of the PSFCA Big 33!

Sincerely,

PSFCA Big 33 Football Classic Cheer Staff