

BATTLE OF THE FANS – WINTER SEASON - HOW TO ENTER

The Battle of the Fans is back, and the RIIL is ready to highlight the best student cheering sections across Rhode Island. To get involved in the contest, follow these steps before the **end of the day Monday, February 20th**, deadline.

1. **FILM YOUR STUDENTS.** Film your school student section in action showing support for multiple athletic teams.
2. **POST TO YOUTUBE.** Edit your video to no more than 3 minutes, and post to YouTube. The deadline is end of the day February 20th. Remember: you must include at least :30 seconds of discussion about why your school should be named the winner.
3. **EMAIL US YOUR LINK.** Email your YouTube link to INFO@riil.org. We will add it to our Battle of the Fans playlist.
4. **FINAL JUDGING.** Finalists will be chosen and the winner will be announced on February 26th at 9pm via RIIL social media.
5. **#RIILBOTF.** Use the hashtag **#RIILBOTF** throughout the winter when you have a great student section idea or when you see an act of great sportsmanship.
6. **FOLLOW US.** Be sure to follow us on twitter @RIIL_sports

OVERVIEW:

Sportsmanship is an important part of education athletics, and student cheering sections can be a key factor in creating a festive high school event. The RIIL Student Advisory Board wants to see your student section in action, and see how you contribute to a fun and positive experience. The RIIL Battle of the Fans competition will let us all see who has the top student cheering section in Rhode Island.

Send us videos of your student section making noise at several game nights. We want to see videos that reflect enthusiasm and togetherness within cheering sections. We want to witness cheers that pump up the atmosphere without disrespecting anyone involved in the sporting event. We want to see a mixture of school spirit and positivity within student cheering squads. We want to see student support for multiple sport teams.

Anyone can create the Battle of the Fans video: Cheerleaders, Band Members, Student Section Leaders, members of the video production class, yearbook staff, student council or any other member of the student body. The best videos will probably be created through the use of teamwork from the entire student body!

JUDGING CRITERIA

Positive Sportsmanship
 Student Participation
 School Spirit
 Choreography and Originality of Cheers
 Organization of the Group
 Student Section Leadership
 Overall Impression / FUN

VIDEO CONTENT & LENGTH

Videos should be between 90 seconds and 3 minutes long, and each video should contain two components. First, you must include at least 30 seconds of a student (or students) explaining how your student section embodies the elements listed in the judging criteria and why your school should be named as the top student section in the state. Second, you must include at least 60 seconds of your student section in action. Show us how loud, organized, positive, and original you can be. And don't forget, SPORTSMANSHIP is a key component to having one of the top student groups in Rhode Island.

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Upload your video to YouTube, and then email the link to INFO@riil.org. Videos must be submitted **no later than end of the day February 20th**. The RIIL will create a YouTube playlist highlighting all of the videos.

THE FINALISTS

The RIIL Student Advisory Board, student ambassadors, and Staff will choose the Top Finalists.

DETERMINING A WINNER

The RIIL Student Advisory Board will determine a winner based on the judging criteria listed above.

BOTF CHAMPION

The winner will be announced via the RIIL twitter account @RIIL-sports on February 26th by 9pm.

TIMELINE

End of the day February 20th – Video submission deadline

February 26th by 9pm – Announce BOTF Winner

FINAL NOTE

Even if you don't think you can win or if you have only a few seconds of video, we'd love to see your student section in action! We want everyone to have fun with this contest!