



IESA CHEERLEADING

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS & MINUTES

April 20, 2006

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches; Sue Wait, Bloomington Holy Trinity; Jennifer Knauer, Forrest Prairie Central; Christy Gardner, Spring Bay Riverview; Camille Munson, Lockport Oak Prairie; Alisha Bromberek, Homer Glen Homer; Mandy Pierce, East Peoria Central; Dana Isackson, Macomb, Board of Directors Liaison; and Steve Avgerinos, UCA Illinois Director

The IESA Cheerleading Advisory Committee, in its meeting of April 20, 2006, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their June 9, 2006 meeting:

1. To send a flyer to all schools announcing the date of the competition. **Rationale: The committee believes that a stand-alone flyer is necessary to inform the schools of the competition. A flyer was sent the first two years of the competition but has not been sent the past three years. The number of schools participating has dropped the past three years and so the committee would like a flyer sent once again to hopefully generate additional entries.**
2. To create a third division for those groups who enter the routine division with the following participant cut-offs: Small Group: up to 8 performers; Medium: 9-16 performers; Large 17-25 performers. Our current set-up is two divisions with the Small being up to 12 performers and the Large 13-25. **Rationale: Everyone on the committee believes that a group of 13,14,15 cheerleaders performing in the competition cannot be judged fairly against a squad of 22-25 because the larger number of performers is more visually appealing and makes judging a bit more bias to the larger squads, By creating a third squad and getting more like sized groups together, judging becomes more equitable. Note: No changes are recommended to the Cheer Division.**
3. To add to the Terms and Conditions that a team must move down to the next applicable division if due to illness, ineligibility, injury or other circumstance the number of cheerleaders participating in the competition does not make them eligible for the division in which they originally entered. For example, a school registers for the Large Team Cheer Division and plans to have 13 girls in the performance. The week before the competition, three girls are dismissed from the squad. This school must now participate in the Small Team Division since they would only have 10 squad members. **Rationale: Provides clarity in the Terms and Conditions for the participating schools.**
4. To add to the Terms and Conditions that signs used during the competition may be placed on the competition mat prior to the performance and such signs may be placed on or off the mat during the mat without penalty. **Rationale: Provides clarity in the Terms and Conditions for the participating schools.**
5. To conduct a cheerleading workshop in the spring of 2007. Tentative date is Friday, April 27 Note: This date is different than the April 20 date the committee recommended. That date will be the date of the 2007 Scholar Attitude Award luncheon.

Items discussed without recommendations to the Board were various ways to promote the competition, the set-up of the arena and the performance area, and the announcement of the team places.