



IESA CHEERLEADING

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS & MINUTES

March 15, 2011

The following members were present for the meeting: IESA Board Liaison, Dana Isackson; Coaches Lindsey Frazier, Eureka; Wendy Malone, Pekin Rankin, Becki Deater, Yorkville; Lisa Carlson, Frankfort Summit Hill; Julie Muskievicz, New Lenox Martino; IHSA licensed cheer judge, Shaunda Brown, Florissant, MO; UCA Coordinator, Steve Avgerinos.

The IESA Cheerleading Advisory Committee, in its meeting of March 15, 2011, makes the following recommendation to the Board of Directors for their April 8, 2011 meeting:

1. Due to the unavailability of the Peoria Civic Center on Saturday of week #29 in 2014 the committee recommends that the cheer competition be held on Saturday of week #28 (January 18) in 2014 at the Peoria Civic Center.
2. To change the time requirements of the cheer division from 1:30 - 3:00 minutes to 1:30 - 2:00 minutes and the routine division from 1:00 -3:00 minutes to 1:30 -3:00 minutes.
3. To approve the hiring of an extra judge for the head table who would be responsible for monitoring the judge's score sheets and checking for discrepancies in the individual scores given.

Several items were discussed without any action. The divisions of the competition were discussed in great detail. A few suggestions were received that wanted the division in which a squad competes to be determined by the enrollment of the school rather than the actual size of the squad. After reviewing the enrollments of the competing schools, discussing the pros and cons of basing it on enrollment rather than squad size, the committee decided that squad size is the best option. Coaches will be surveyed at the coach's meeting next year regarding the issue.

Suggestions from the committee for the set-up of the competition room included creating a space for the coaches to kneel directly in front of the mat, making sure the DJ is placed in the front corner of the mat, adjusting the first row of chairs that the spectators use so it does not interfere with the judges ability to see the mat. It was decided that an "X" will be placed in the center of the mat and a short vertical strip will be placed in the front center as well.

The committee decided to change the order of events to help alleviate the space issue. The cheer division will continue to go first in the morning alternating between small and large squads. Then the routine division with the fewest number of entries will perform before lunch. In past years, just the cheer entries performed before lunch and all of the routine entries performed after lunch.



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March 16, 2010

The following members were present for the meeting: IESA Board Liaison, Dana Isackson; Coaches Alisha Bromberek, Homer Glen Homer; Laura Duesing, Orland Hills St. Bernardin; Lindsey Whorten, Eureka; Wendy Malone, Pekin Rankin, IHSA licensed cheer judge, Shaunda Brown, Florissant, MO; UCA Coordinator, Steve Avgerinos.

The IESA Cheerleading Advisory Committee, in its meeting of March 16, 2010, makes the following recommendation to the Board of Directors for their April 9, 2010 meeting:

1. To change the time limit on the cheer performance from a 1-3 minute time limit to 1:30-3 minute limit. **Rationale: With only a one minute minimum, judges have a very difficult time recording scores and comments for those squads who only perform the minimum. The extra 30 seconds on the minimum side of the performance will help give the judges enough time to fully evaluate the performance.**
2. To change the judging sheet for the routine division performances so Communication is worth 10 points instead of 15 by eliminating the 5 points for Practicality of Material and making the Fundamental Skills section worth 50 points instead of 45 by making each of the items worth 10 points apiece. **Rationale: Will make for a more uniform and equitable judging system.**

Many items about the state competition were discussed. A school asked that we reduce the size of the mat from 9 strips to 7 strips since that is the size of mat that is used by the IHSA. The committee was not in favor of changing the mat size because they believe the extra space is beneficial to jr. high cheerleaders. Additionally, the IHSA cheerleading advisory committee continues to recommend to the IHSA Board of Directors to move to the 9 strip size and they use the rationale that the IESA is using 9 strips so they should move to our size. It was decided to leave the "X" that is in the front center of the mat to help squads determine where the center of the mat is in the front center. A suggestion was received to move it to the middle of the mat. The placement of the "X" will be added to the Terms and Conditions. The committee felt that there needs to be at least 3 spotters for the competition. This year, there were only 2 spotters for the squads.

Due to the large crowds this year, much discussion was held concerning the lack of seating and what can be done to alleviate the problem. Items to be discussed with the Peoria Civic Center staff will be adding another section of bleachers, removing some of the tables in Hall C to make more room for chairs, the possibility of a live video feed in Hall A which may cause some to watch the performance in Hall A rather than seeing it in Hall C, request more tables in Hall A, emphasize that those in attendance cannot reserve seats and that the Civic Center staff has to help enforce this, and looking at the least number of routine performances in a given division and have them all perform and then distribute awards to help disperse some of the crowd.

Committee members are asked to email Wendy Malone, colemalone1@yahoo.com with cheerleading safety reminders that Wendy will organize so the information can be posted on the IESA website.

Laura Duesing and Alisha Bromberek were recognized for their service to the committee although there is a possibility Alisha may stay on the committee for an additional year. The next meeting of the committee was set for March 15, 2011.



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January 9, 2009

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches; Sue Nevius, Bloomington Holy Trinity; Jennifer Vaughan, Forrest Prairie Central; Rosemary Keenan, Dunlap MS; Alisha Bromberek, Homer Glen Homer; and Laura Duesing, Orland Hills St. Bernardin, and Dana Isackson, IESA Board Liaison, Macomb. Also present was IHSA licensed cheer judge, Laurie Wager, Mascoutah.

The IESA Cheerleading Advisory Committee, in its meeting of January 9, 2009, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their January 23, 2009 meeting:

1. By 3.140 currently reads as follows: Limits on free passes to the IESA state tournament series shall be two managers, two statisticians, one scorekeeper, and 12 cheerleaders for all athletic activities, except volleyball. Cheerleaders must be in uniform to be admitted free. There shall be a maximum of 12 cheerleaders cheering on the floor at one time. Due to space restrictions, cheerleaders are not permitted on the floor during the state series in wrestling. No cheerleaders are allowed for the IESA state series in volleyball and none may be admitted free. The recommendation is to change it so it reads as follows:

Limits on free passes to the IESA state tournament series shall be two managers, two statisticians, one scorekeeper, and 12 cheerleaders for all athletic activities, except volleyball. Cheerleaders must be in uniform to be admitted free. ***There shall be a maximum of 12 cheerleaders performing sideline cheers on the floor at one time, provided the facility can safely accommodate this number. A game official may always ask for the sidelines (endlines) to be kept clear and reduce this number for the safety of the players.*** Due to space restrictions, cheerleaders are not permitted on the floor during the state series in wrestling. No cheerleaders are allowed for the IESA state series in volleyball and none may be admitted free.

In addition, to add the following Q & A to the Handbook:

Q: My cheer squad consists of 16 cheerleaders. When may they perform?

A: During play, only 12 can be cheering at one time provided the space can safely accommodate 12 cheerleaders. During full timeouts, between quarters, and at halftime, all 16 may perform provided the squad can complete their performance without stopping play.

2. To update the "Vault" section of the Cheerleading Terms & Conditions so it is in compliance with NFHS rule 2-14.
3. To change the point deductions for a major violation from 10 pts. per judge to 5 points per judge and a boundary infraction from 2 pts. per judge per incident to a 1 pt. per judge per incident.

Many items about the state competition were discussed. The score sheets will be distributed in a different manner in future years due to a problem that was encountered this year. The score sheets will only be given to the head coach in a location away from the competition area after the results have been announced. IESA staff will work with the Civic Center staff to create a 3 ft "no seating zone" around the competition mats. This is for the safety of the performing cheerleaders as well as the fans. Staff will also coordinate a better entrance/exit flow after the morning performances when the afternoon crowds begin to arrive. Discussion was held concerning a defined start and finish to the competitive season. The committee was not in favor of mandating a starting and ending season for the competitive squads because many teams only enter one or two competitions per year. Additional discussion was held about positioning of the technical judges, the perceived funding amounts some squads receive/don't receive, the possibility of conducting competition based on stunting levels (which received no support) and additional medals (no recommendation).

Sue Nevius and Jennifer Vaughan were recognized for their service to the committee. The next meeting of the committee was set for January 8, 2010.



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January 8, 2008

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches; Sue Wait-Nevius, Bloomington Holy Trinity; Jennifer Vaughan, Forrest Prairie Central; Camille Munson, Lockport Oak Prairie; Alisha Bromberek, Homer Glen Homer; Hilarie Clevenger, Pekin Rankin, and Laura Duesing, Orland Hills St. Bernardin, and Dana Isackson, Macomb. Also present was IHSA licensed cheer judge, Laurie Wager

The IESA Cheerleading Advisory Committee, in its meeting of January 8, 2008, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their January 18, 2008 meeting:

1. To require all judges at the IESA competition to be licensed with the IHSA. **Rationale: When the IESA first started a cheer competition, there were no IHSA licensed cheer judges. Now that the IHSA has started a competitive cheer competition, there are over 70 licensed cheer judges. Since all of the other activities use licensed judges, we should use licensed judges in our cheer competition now that they are available.**
2. To add to the Terms and Conditions that schools may not bring their own mats to the Civic Center on Saturday to warm-up on or practice on. **Rationale: Issue of fairness if schools have more warm-up time than other schools. Additionally, we have had schools bring their own mats forcing us to regulate this.**
3. To establish a schedule that will allow schools the opportunity for a 1 minute 30 second "walk-through" on Saturday morning prior to the competition beginning. This opportunity would not be given to those schools that take advantage of the Friday night practice mat availability. **Rationale: This is common practice at other competitions so the competitors can see the layout of the mat adjust spacing on the mat, and view the competition area.**
4. To add information to the Terms and Conditions that any correction in scoring will not affect the placement of teams as reported the day of competition. For instance, a team that was announced at the competition as finishing in 15th place goes home and notices that an addition error in their scoring would have placed them in 6th place. After notifying the IESA Office of this error, that school would be placed in 6th place and the team that was previously awarded 6th place would retain their 6th place finish. **Rationale: Provides clarification as to the procedure that should be used to correct team scoring errors.**
5. To add an IHSA licensed judge a member to the advisory committee. **Rationale: Now that judges are available, provides consistency with other committees as well as valuable judge assistance.**
6. To add a technical judge to the panel of judges. **Rationale: This judge will be responsible for "technical issues" that the scoring judges do not often see or may not be aware of a specific rule. Technical judges are used at the IHSA competition.**



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April 27, 2007

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches; Sue Wait, Bloomington Holy Trinity; Jennifer Knauer, Forrest Prairie Central; Camille Munson, Lockport Oak Prairie; Alisha Bromberek, Homer Glen Homer; Mandy Ellis, 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 27, 2007, makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their June 8, 2007 meeting:

1. Each school that enters the competition shall receive two wristbands. **Rationale: Coaches wearing wristbands are allowed access to all areas of the competition. These can be easily seen by workers and will alleviate problems of non-coaches entering restricted areas.**
2. To award a trophies in the cheer and routine divisions based on the following formula: When there are 1-9 teams entered, only a champion trophy will be awarded; when there are 10-14 teams entered, 1st and 2nd place trophies will be awarded, when there are 15-19 teams entered, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies will be awarded, and when there are 20 or more teams entered in the division, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place trophies will be presented. **Rationale: Under current rules, each division, regardless of the number of teams entered in the division received two trophies. Since there is no control over how many teams might enter each division, this formula will insure that trophies are given in a more equitable manner. Last year, we had one division that only had 6 teams entered while we had another one with 33 teams. Yet, each division had two teams receive trophies.**
3. To eliminate the Novice Division. **Rationale: No schools entered the novice division in 2006, only 5 entered the novice division in 2005, and only 3 entered in 2004.**
4. To create a new division that will only allow Level 1 cheerleading skills. There would be both a routine and a cheer division and the team winner would receive a plaque instead of a trophy. A school would be allowed to enter a squad in the Level 1 division and in the regular divisions but an individual would not be allowed to participate in a Level 1 performance and a regular performance. **Rationale: The committee feels as though some squads have no chance whatsoever of placing in the regular division yet are more advanced than a novice squad. This "Level 1" division will give squads a chance to compete but not necessarily in a novice division or against our stronger, more competitive teams in the regular divisions.**
5. To change the squad numbers for the routine division to the following: Small Squad 5-12; Medium Squad 13-16, Large Squad 17-25. **Rationale: Current numbers are as follows: Small Squad 1-8; Medium Squad 9-16, Large Squad 17-25. This past year we had 6 teams enter the small routine division, 33 in the medium team routine division and 14 in the large team routine division. The new numbers should help even out the number within the divisions.**



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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.



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The Committee makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its June 10, 2005 meeting:

1. To allow a school to enter one squad in a given division and an entirely different squad team in the same division. If this were to occur, each squad would have to perform a separate routine. For example, a team could enter the 7th grade squad in small team routine and also be allowed to enter the 8th grade squad in the small team routine.
2. To allow a team to enter a small team and a large team in the same division as long as the performance is a separate routine.



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April 20, 2004

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches Sue Wait, Bloomington Holy Trinity; Jennifer Knauer, Forrest Prairie Central, Tera Dailey, Lake Zurich South. Christina Delzenero, Streator Northlawn, Christy Gardner, Spring Bay Riverview, Ledith Whitehall, Aledo, and UCA Representative, Steve Avgerinos. Introductions were made and a review of the advisory committee's role took place.

The Committee makes the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for its June 11, 2004 meeting:

1. Add an additional division that would be called a "Novice Division". **Rationale: This division would be judged but not rated and would be intended for those squads that want to perform at the IESA event but feel like they are not ready or simply do not want to compete against the squads that are there to be judged. Teams entering this Novice Division would still pay the \$30 entry fee as is required by schools entering the other divisions.**
2. For the IESA to contact a company that could videotape the performances and sell the videotape on site.
3. To change the awards given to the winning squads from plaques to trophies. The trophies would be similar to the ones given to athletic teams.
4. To give four team and individual awards in any competitive division that has eight or more schools entered and to give two team and individual awards in any competitive division that has less than eight teams entered.
5. To hold a cheerleading rules and safety clinic on Thursday, September 23.
6. To utilize the services of Royal Publishing for the preparation of the program. The program that has been sold at the competition has been produced "in-house" and has been simply pages copied and stapled using our copy machine.

Several items concerning the conduct of the current competition were discussed. The committee would like for the picture taken by the IESA Photographer to be done earlier and in a different location. They would like for the coach's meeting to be held again at the same time as this past year. The adjudication sheets were reviewed and slight changes were made to the judging criteria. The date of the 2004 competition is set for Saturday, December 11.

In attendance at the meeting were coaches Sue Wait, Bloomington Holy Trinity; Jennifer Knauer, Forrest Prairie Central; Tera Dailey, Lake Zurich South; Christina Delzenero, Streator Northlawn; Christy Gardner, Spring Bay Riverview; and Ledith Whitehall, Aledo. Also in attendance were Steve Avgerinos, UCA representative and Steve Endsley and Brenda Kingery from the IESA Staff.

MEMORANDUM

TO: IESA Cheer Advisory Committee

FROM: Steve Endsley

RE: Meeting Date

Just a quick note to inform you that the next meeting of the IESA cheerleading advisory committee has been set for Thursday, April 20, 2006. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be held at the IESA Office in Bloomington.

If you have any items that you want included on the agenda please submit those to me. You may send them to me via e-mail, steve@iesa.org.

I look forward to seeing everyone.

IESA CHEERLEADING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dana Isackson, Macomb, Board of Directors Liaison

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