



IESA CHEERLEADING

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS & MINUTES

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.**