



IESA CHEERLEADING

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS & MINUTES

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.