



**2020 CHEERLEADING ADVISORY MEETING
Minutes and Recommendations - February 25, 2020**

The following members were present for this meeting:

Leslie Albee - IESA Assistant Executive Director
Brian Allen – Coach, Peoria Holy Family
Abygayle Hampton – Coach, Girard North Mac
Gay Johnson – Athletic Director, Dunlap Middle School
Autum Jones – Coach, Eureka
Erin Locke - Coach, Shorewood Troy
Brianna Paczkowski - Coach, Lemont Old Quarry

Not present:

Shaunda Brown – IHSA Official, Kaylin Dietrich – UCA Illinois State Director, Susie Knoblauch - IHSA Cheer Administrator and Sarah Rafalowicz – Coach, Mundelein Carl Sandburg

The IESA Cheerleading Advisory Committee, in its meeting on February 25, 2020 has no recommendations for the IESA Board of Directors for their April 3, 2020 meeting.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH NO RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Terms and Conditions will be updated to reflect that the warm-up time in Exhibit Hall B on Saturday is approximately 10 minutes on the tumbling strip and 10 minutes on the full-size mat; this is the current practice and simply a correction to the language.
2. The committee would like to continue the option for advisory committee coaches to serve as mentors for IESA Cheer coaches throughout the state. Coach mentors shared they spoke with coaches about rules clarifications and the availability of participating in competitions outside of IESA. The IESA Cheer administrator will provide coaches with the Illinois High School Cheer Coaches Organization’s list of competitions. Brian Allen, Erin Locke, Brianna Paczkowski, Autum Jones and Abygayle Hampton agreed to serve as coach mentors next school year and the IESA Cheer administrator will provide coaches with their contact information in the fall.
3. The committee discussed various costs associated with school cheer programs – this included the cost of purchasing music/licenses and uniforms. Schools shared they are usually on a uniform purchase rotation with other activities at the school. Some schools require athletes to purchase their own uniforms and some schools make a concerted effort to make sure competition uniforms would also work as a sideline cheering uniform to keep costs down. The IESA Cheer administrator emphasized that the cost of participating in interscholastic cheer should be monitored and excessive costs shouldn’t exclude students from being members of the squad.
4. The Friday practice times will be from 5-7:30 pm beginning next school year. The school administration or the coach can contact the IESA beginning on December 1 to reserve a spot.
5. The committee discussed rating officials after the state competition. Coaches expressed the desire to have additional feedback and comments included as part of their results sheets. This will be a point of emphasis for officials that will be communicated by the IESA Cheer administrator.

The IESA Cheerleading Advisory Committee would like to thank Sarah Rafalowicz for her service to the IESA Cheer advisory committee.

The IESA Cheerleading Advisory Committee's next meeting date is Thursday, February 11, 2021 (weather backup date will be Thursday, February 18, 2021).

IESA CHEER ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Send IHSCCO/ICCA competition list and UCA camps list to schools
2. State finals preview video for teams new to the IESA Cheer state competition – record in 2021 to distribute in 2022
3. Provide training piece to IHSA officials/coaches – official analyzes routine performance using the IESA scoresheet and rubric
4. Talk to AV crew regarding strobe lights, overlap of music and emcee
5. Refill water station in post-competition area throughout the day
6. Cost of playback monitor in post-competition area