

Minutes of the 2017-18 IHSA Competitive Cheerleading

Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

The IHSA Competitive Cheerleading Advisory Committee met at the IHSA office in Bloomington. Committee members present were Coach - Gina Alatzakis, Chicago (St. Ignatius); Coach - Jeff Siegal, Buffalo Grove; Coach - Amy DiForti, Joliet (West); A.D. - BJ Luke, Danville (H.S.); Coach - Stacey Killion, New Berlin; Coach - Heather Kirkley, Troy (Triad); and Angie Wilmington, IHSA Officials Representative. Sara Flanigan, Spirit Officials Association Representative; Betty Moore, Coaches Association Representative; Miranda Cerny, Chicago Sports Administrator; Shaunda Brown, IHSA Head Clinician and NFHS Spirit Rules Chair; and Leslie Alappattu, IESA also attended the meeting. IHSA Assistant Executive Director, Susie Knoblauch, conducted the meeting. Principal Leslie Showers, Stillman Valley, was unable to attend.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Item VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES

Recommendation:

SESSION 1

Small and Medium Team Preliminaries

8:00 a.m. - Coaches Meeting (Location: Club Level Restaurant)

8:00 a.m. - Doors of the Arena Open to Public

8:55 a.m. – Welcome & National Anthem

9:00 a.m. - First Performance

(Small and Medium team performances alternate)

1:10 p.m. - Last Performance

1:15 p.m. - Announcement of Small Division Finalists

1:30 p.m. - Announcement of Medium Division Finalists

SESSION 2

Large and Coed Team Preliminaries

2:15 p.m. - Coaches Meeting (Location: Club Level Restaurant)

2:30 a.m. - Doors of the Arena Open to Public

3:25 p.m. - Welcome & National Anthem

3:30 p.m. - First Performance

(Large and Coed team performances alternate)

7:40 p.m. - Last Performance

7:45 p.m. - Announcement of Large Division Finalists

8:00 p.m. - Announcement of Coed Division Finalists

SESSION 3

10:00 a.m. - Doors of the Arena Open to Public
10:55 a.m. - Welcome & National Anthem
11:00 a.m. - Small and Medium Team Finals
(Small and Medium team performances alternate)
12:45 p.m. - Small Team Awards
1:15 p.m. - Medium Team Awards
2:30 p.m. - IESA Exhibition
2:55 p.m. - Announcements & National Anthem
3:00 p.m. - Large and Coed Team Finals
(Large and Coed team performances alternate)
4:45 p.m. - Large Team Awards
5:15 p.m. - Coed Team Awards

Rationale: Minor adjustments to the time schedule will assist in venue crowd flow.

Approved

2. Item VIII Tournament Rules A. 1. Competition Guidelines

Recommendation: 1. Timing

- a. Competition will consist of a three (3) minute time limit.
- b. No penalty for time violations will be assessed until three (3) seconds beyond the specified time limit. For example, if the time limit is three (3) minutes, no penalty will be assessed until the performance has exceeded three minutes and 3 seconds as verified by two (2) stopwatches.

Rationale: The three second allowance takes in consideration human error when starting and stopping the watches and does not penalize teams until the violation is confirmed on two timepieces.

Approved

3. Item VIII Tournament Rules A. 1. b. Competition Guidelines – Timing

Recommendation: The team may use a maximum of ~~one minute and thirty seconds (1:30)~~ two minutes of the three-minute time limit for music.

Rationale: The 30 second addition of music still maintains the overall time limit for the routines at three minutes but allows teams two full minutes with music to safely minimize risk when incorporating rubric skills during the music portion of the routine. Additionally, most cheers (without music) can accomplish crowd leading skills in 1 minute – which also aligns with the typical 60 seconds used for sideline time outs.

Approved

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Knoblauch reviewed the IHSA website and schools center
2. Reports and updates were presented by the NFHS Rules Chair, Head Clinician, ICCA and ISOA
3. Committee members presented reports from division meetings.
4. Proposals that were tabled for further review:
 - Minimum number of participants on the competition floor
 - Adding a student manager
 - Ability to speak to contest officials
5. Clarifications & Interpretations for Timing - 1. VIII. A. 1. b Timing
 - Timing begins with the team's first movement, voice, or note of music, whichever comes first, on the competition floor.... All participants must start in the competition area with at least one foot on the floor.
 - Interpretation: Timing begins, including but not limited to, when the following situations occur: a team member yells 5, 6, 7 8; 6 athletes kicking up to hand stands; once on the floor, a stunt group's top person loads into a basket. None of the above listed situations or situations like these would be a terms and conditions violation, however the routine time should begin at that point.
6. Sectionals
 - 2018 sectional host sites reviewed
 - Future sectional hosts discussed – schools interested in hosting sectionals are encouraged to complete the host facility survey in their schools' center or contact the IHSA
 - Discussed sectional balance
 - Reviewed consistency in sectionals (set up, team rotation, exit packet material, posting of scores, etc...)
 - A sub committee was formed to review and update the manual for managers
7. State Final
 - Reviewed moving state final pictures over to half the space so team have more room for static stretching
 - Reviewed Pepsi Ice Center logistics
 - Discussed transparent scoring – Rating Officials
 - Add option for Head Official to write comments in tourneywire
 - Reviewed warm up time schedule
8. Officials Education
 - Examined & discussed: Transparent scoring used for education, separate training for panel & tech, skills camps, head official training, officials' comments, inconsistencies, rubric ranges, ratings & assignments
 - IHSA Officials Conference - July 20 & 21, 2018
9. Scoresheet and Rubric
 - Reviewed and discussed concerns with scoresheet & rubric

- Examined performance error vs. legalities (clarification in officials ed.)
- Evaluated splitting baskets & pyramids
- Discussed “Routine Composition” items
- Examined interpretations of jump scores
- Reviewed the “Sport Scoring” scoresheets

10. Coaches Education

Fall Coaches Conference - Oak Forest High School – Sunday, August 12th

Training videos in IHSA School Center – Coaches/Officials can view training videos

11. Other

Discussed Game Day competition format to encourage emphasis on sideline cheer

Reviewed an idea for a mascot training/challenge at IHSA march madness experience

12. Dates and Reminders

Last day for competitive cheer summer contact July 29th, 2018

Competitive Cheer Season Begins - October 22, 2018 (Competitive tryouts may begin)

1st Contest - October 29, 2018

Sectionals - January 26, 2019 State – February 1 & 2, 2019

Advisory Committee Meeting Date – Wednesday, March 6, 2019

The committee recognized out-going committee members: IHSA Division 1 Coach Gina Alatzakis, Chicago St. Ignatius and Division 6 Coach Stacey Killion, New Berlin for their service to the committee. Individuals interested in serving on the committee can express their interest through the IHSA schools center or by contacting the IHSA.