

## MINUTES OF THE IHSA DANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 3, 2022- Virtual Meeting

The IHSA Dance Advisory Committee meeting was held virtually. Committee members present were: Tonay Tucker, Chicago (Whitney Young); Mollie Kaufman, Deerfield; John Engelman, Gardner (G.-South Wilmington); Emily Roberts, Elmwood; Nicole Meyer, Bloomington (H.S.); Tiffany Hickox, Jacksonville (H.S.); Todd Hannaford; Bethalto (Civic Memorial); Lynn Gelatka (IHSA Official). IHSA Assistant Executive Director Tracie Henry conducted the meeting.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. B. Coaches State Final Meeting: Recommendation:** A State Final coaches' meeting will be conducted prior to each division of competition. **pre-recorded and emailed to coaches prior to the State Final.** A coach (or their school representative) from each school qualifying a team for the State Final ~~must attend that meeting.~~ **is responsible for the information in that meeting.**

**Rationale:** The continuation of a pre-recorded and emailed coaches' meeting allows for coaches to have flexibility to watch the meeting at their convenience. This allows coaches to prepare their teams during the week of the State Finals and to remain with their team at State. In addition, this gives teams flexibility for their arrival on the day of State Finals depending on their performance time.

Approved by Consent

- 2. D. State Final School Packets: Recommendation:** At the State Final, school packets which include state final passes and programs may be picked up Thursday evening, January 27, 2022, from ~~6:30-8:30~~ **6:00-7:00 pm** at the VIP entrance.

**Rationale:** The current pickup times are underutilized; teams rarely arrive after 7:30 pm. Programs are no longer printed and now are provided to teams in a digital format. The adjusted language will be a better and more efficient use of personnel and will still provide the opportunity for packet pickup for those teams that want get their passes the night before the State Final.

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### ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- Tracie Henry reviewed the proposal process. **IHSA Advisory Committees** communicate information about their area of interest to the [Board of Directors](#) and staff. She clarified which committees make recommendations for changes in policy, administration, and terms and conditions. The Terms and Conditions recommendations are reviewed by the [IHSA staff](#) and then either approved or rejected by the Board of Directors. The committee reviewed the minutes of the 2021 Dance Advisory Committee Meeting.
- The committee provided general feedback on the IHSA Dance Season including Sectionals and the State Final. Feedback for improvement at Grossinger Motors Arena included: opening more concessions, making sure the parking deck is reserved for those with passes and committee members shared comments regarding some of the hotel properties. The committee asked if it was

possible to send music in a digital format for the State Final. Tracie Henry said she would contact the DJ to get their feedback on modifying the music submission process.

3. Tracie Henry expressed gratitude to the schools that hosted Sectionals. Sectional hosts were Sycamore; Deerfield (H.S.); Geneva; Mascoutah; and Minonk (Fieldcrest). Schools interested in hosting a 2023 Sectional should contact Tracie Henry via email.
4. The committee reviewed a proposal to modify the number of dancers on the floor for each team depending on a school's enrollment size and classification. The committee discussed that reducing the number of dancers on the floor did not align with the IHSA Mission for interscholastic participation. Coaches were not in favor of making cuts and flooring fewer dancers than what is currently allowed.
5. The committee reviewed a proposal to announce the placement of all twelve finalist teams before or after the awards ceremony for the top three teams on the Saturday of finals. The committee discussed that the top twelve teams are announced and receive their opportunity for celebration and recognition on Friday. The committee thought it was important to keep the focus on the teams making podium on Saturday.
6. The committee reviewed a proposal to have a live drawing for Saturday's performance order with the top twelve coaches advancing to finals at the conclusion of the prelim performances. The coaches submitting the proposal believed that the live drawing would add transparency to the process. Tracie Henry showed the committee the process for generating the performance order on Saturday. In addition, Tracie shared with the committee that teams advancing to Saturday's finals are announced at random on Friday. The committee did not support the live drawing but did encourage Tracie that more information be shared in the prerecorded coaches meeting regarding the process of generating the performance order for Saturday's finals competition.
7. The committee reviewed a proposal to add a 6th panel official at State and drop the low and high scores of the 6 panelists, averaging the remaining 4 panelist scores. The committee discussed using the current panel of officials and dropping the high and the low as well as tightening the scoring range for officials. The committee discussed this proposal at length but believed it was important to average all scores to validate all officials' perspectives on the panel.
8. Tracie Henry informed the committee about how to submit a NFHS Rules change. The committee reviewed a proposal to allow a footwear exception for kip-ups and headsprings. However, IHSA must follow NFHS rules. The NFHS changed the definition for airborne and headspring which will not allow these two skills to be exceptions to the footwear rule.
9. Tracie Henry recognized out-going committee members Principal John Engelman, Gardner (G.-South Wilmington); Tiffany Hickox, Jacksonville and Official Lynn Gelatka, Beecher for their service to the committee.