

## MINUTES OF THE IHSA DANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 28, 2015 at the IHSA Office

The IHSA Dance Advisory Committee meeting was held at the IHSA office in Bloomington. Committee members present were: Paula Novak, Chicago (Hope); Beth Richards, Vernon Hills (H.S.); Dave Stephens, Plainfield (Central); William Lapp, Minonk (Fieldcrest); Margaret Miller, Mahomet (M.-Seymour); Sue Venturi-Johnson, Pekin; Steve Cannedy, Pinckneyville; Candace Gadamksi, (IHSA Official). IHSA Assistant Executive Director Tracie Henry conducted the meeting.

### TERMS & CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

#### 1. VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES -- A.-Competition Guidelines:

**Recommendation: VIII. A-5.** Masks, hats, sunglasses or other head/face coverings are allowed. Hats, masks, sunglasses or other head/face coverings are not allowed for any stunting or tumbling. Masks must be totally removed or discarded for any dancer (base or top person) involved in stunting or tumbling.

**Rational:** This recommendation clarifies when hats, masks, sunglasses or other head/face covering can be worn. It also clarifies that hats, masks, sunglasses or other head/face covering **must be removed or not worn by any dancer that will be stunting or tumbling.**

Approved

#### 2. VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES -- A.-Competition Guidelines:

**Recommendation: VIII. A.-6.** When standing at attention, apparel must cover the midriff. The midriff is defined as the three inches from the belly button up all the way around the body including the back.

**Rational:** Provides a clear and accessible definition of midriff.

Approved

#### 3. III. ONLINE ENTRIES, WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE, ELIGIBILITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND ONLINE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS:

**Recommendation: C.-Breach of Contract By-law 6.041 (Withdrawal Procedures): 2.** If a school withdraws after the List of Participants due date, the school will be charged a **\$100 (\$250)** penalty, and if applicable, the school may be charged for any additional financial loss sustained by the offended school(s) or the Association as a result of such breach. If a school does not withdraw and does not show up for competition, the school will be charged a **\$100 (\$250)** penalty and if applicable, the school may be charged for any additional financial loss sustained by the offended school(s) or the Association as a result of such breach.

**Rational:** Increasing the penalty will create a stronger commitment to the State Series upon entry. Teams withdrawing cause a significant imbalance in the number of teams competing at the sectional sites and cause inequity amongst the sites for advancement to state.

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#### 4. VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES:

**Recommendation: F. Warm-up Time:** ~~A seven (7) minute~~ Warm-up time at the Sectional and State Final tournament shall be posted online at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org) prior to competition. Teams will report to warm-up forty (40) minutes prior to their performance with twenty (20) minutes designated in the warm-up area and three (3) minutes of warm-up on the designated full warm-up floor.

**Rational:** This language clarifies that teams will receive 20 minutes in the warm-up area for general stretching but only three (3) of those minutes will be designated to the full warm-up floor.

Approved

#### 5. XI. OFFICIALS:

**Recommendation: A: Number of Officials Assigned:** In each Sectional level of competition , three (3) panel officials and one as the head official; and ~~one (1)~~ **two (2)** technical official shall be provided. State Final: At the State level of competition, five (5) panel officials, one (1) head official; and ~~one (1)~~ **two (2)** technical official shall be provided.

**Rational:** Increasing the number of technical officials from one to two at Sectionals and State will allow for one technical official to be placed on the floor and one with the panel to watch for all legalities. Placing a technical official on the floor allows that official to see the routine at a different angle than the official placed on the panel. Allowing for two technical officials will assist in the consistent application of NFHS Rules.

Approved

#### ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

##### 1. **Recommendation:** Revise all rubric subcategories to the following:

~~9-10 Excelling~~  
~~8-9 Applying~~  
~~7-8 Developing~~  
~~6-7 Lacking~~

9-10 Excelling  
8-8.9 Applying  
7-7.9 Developing  
6-6.9 Lacking

**Rationale:** A current score could fall within two rubric ranges. The current rubric ranges are confusing for teams who receive a score of an 8 since it falls within the Applying and Developing rubric ranges. This change clarifies if a team scores an 8 they are within the Applying rubric range.

Approved

## ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. Tracie Henry reviewed the proposal process. **IHSA Advisory Committees** communicate information about their area of interest to the [Board of Directors](#) and staff. Committees make recommendations for changes in policy, administration, and terms and conditions. The 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 2013-14 Dance Advisory Committee Meeting.
2. Tracie Henry reviewed the 2015 Competitive Dance State Series. 221 schools participated in Sectionals, an increase in 3 schools from 2014. Upon the November 1 entry deadline 247 schools had entered the IHSA State Series. 83 officials licensed with the IHSA for 2015.
3. Tracie Henry discussed the Sectional geographical assigning process per IHSA Policy 18 Group and Seeding State Tournament Series. Tracie reviewed IHSA Policy 19 Criteria for Increasing the Number of Classes in IHSA Sports and Activities on pg. 99 of the IHSA Handbook.
4. Discussed the by-law changes that will take effect on July 1 which will affect competitive dance specifically Proposals 1 & 5. Proposal 5 removes the summer "dead week". **Please note: Due to the passage of a new by-law proposal, the mandatory "Dead Week" will not be implemented** *Additionally, there may be no contact during the mandatory "Dead Week" for either Week 52 or Week 1 (whichever week encompasses the July 4th holiday) of the IHSA Standardized Calendar. This "Dead Week" would be determined annually by the IHSA. Calendar (whichever date is earlier) in the spring each year and Sunday of Week 5 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.* The italicized language will not be implemented for 2015.  
<http://www.ihsa.org/NewsMedia/Announcements/tabid/93/ID/530/Text-of-Amendment-Proposals-Announced--UPDATED-11-20-14.aspx>
5. The committee reviewed the results of the dance survey that was sent to all member school coaches. The purpose of the survey was to collect data and feedback from coaches. 145 coaches completed the survey, feedback and data was discussed at length.
6. The committee discussed a recommendations submitted by the North Suburban Conference. The recommendations include: revisions to the scoresheet/rubric, adding an official to the warm-up gym, adding an at-large team qualifier criteria based off of sectional scores, creating categories for competition, and reviewing the practice of the head judge setting scoring ranges. The committee discussed using the submitted rubric as an educational tool through the coaches and officials associations for new coaches and officials training regarding difficulty.
7. The committee reviewed proposals from Bonny Czerkies on behalf of the Illinois Dance coaches Association. The proposals included: revisions to the scoresheet/rubric and changing the judging panel assignments from prelims to finals.
8. The committee discussed submitting video clips for review. The IHSA Office will direct the coach to the appropriate rule reference when a clip is submitted. All clips can be posted publically for educational purposes. All clips that are sent must allow for a week for review. Clips will not be reviewed after January 18. The committee discussed creating a resource for coaches to view clips and the applicable spirit rule online.

9. Tracie Henry reviewed that any school can host an invitational. An invitational is conducted by the member school and becomes that member school invitational, not an IHSA Invitational. Current invitationals with openings for teams can be found at Open Dates.  
<http://www.ihsa.org/Schools/OpenDates.aspx>
10. Tracie Henry reviewed the NFHS Spirit Rules changes for 2015-16. The online rules video for coaches and officials to review in the schools and officials center sites will be available on August 11, 2015. <http://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/spirit-rules-changes-2015/>