

**Minutes of the 2020-21 IHSA Competitive Cheerleading
Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 21, 2021**

The IHSA [Competitive Cheerleading Advisory Committee](#) met virtually. Voting committee members present were IHSA Division 1 Coach - Tamario Jones, Chicago (Brooks); IHSA Division 2 Principal – Audra Christenson, St. Charles North; IHSA Division 3 Coach - Christine DiVenti, Oak Forest; IHSA Division 4 Coach – Kim Pillman, Farmington; IHSA Division 6 Athletic Director – Eric Matthews, Galesburg; IHSA Division 7 Coach – Julianne Jacob, Breese (Central). Division 5 Representative Pia Krieger was unable to attend. Angie Wilmington, IHSA Officials Representative; Sara Flanigan, CCOI; Cindy Rueter, ICCA; Amy DiForti, IHSCCO, Nadege Beauvois and Shon Henry, CPS Cheer Administrators also attended the virtual meeting. IHSA Assistant Executive Director, Susie Knoblauch, conducted the meeting.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Scoresheets will be released electronically to coaches.

Approved by Consent

2. The new Scoresheet, Rubric and Execution Descriptors will be launched for the 2021-22 school year. The new scoring instrument was put on hold during the pandemic.

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ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. The committee heard updates from [ICCA](#), [IHSCCO](#) and [CCOI](#).
2. The committee reviewed the virtual competitive cheer state series. Knoblauch acknowledged and thanked the sectional hosts and commended Buffalo Grove High School and their administration for offering to host the Virtual State Final.
3. Submitted items from various post season coaches' meetings were discuss.
4. The committee reviewed a recommendation to increase the number of contests from 6 to 7. Knoblauch explained that this needs to be submitted in October for the [IHSA Legislative Commission](#) to review for the 2022-23 school year.
5. Knoblauch explained that schools can continue with virtual competition in 2021-22 if they wish. Schools can submit video for virtual competitions and attend an in-person competition on the same date which would constitute 1 date of the maximum allowable dates.
6. The committee did not pass a proposal to set a minimum number of allowable “bench” athletes to no more than four. This proposal was addressing the concern that some teams are leaving some athletes on the bench so the team can max the required majority skills.

7. The committee did not pass a proposal that sets a minimum number of participants required on the competition floor.
8. No action was taken on a proposal to reclassify a coed team as 1 male on the competition floor.
9. The committee reviewed the awards structure and state final venue concerns.
 10. Knoblauch explained the IHSA media policy that allows a school to request a media pass for students to videotape routines for the school's program.
 11. The committee reviewed the parameters of officials' assignments.
 12. The committee discussed scoring inconsistencies – focused on tumbling and jumps.
 13. The committee discussed the utilization of the head official.
 14. The committee discussed officials training.
 15. The committee discussed the scripting of routines.
 16. The committee requested that all communication regarding scoring interpretations that go out to officials should also be made available to coaches.
 17. The committee recommended that when a team drops out of rubric range the official must offer an explanation.
 18. Knoblauch provided an update of the [2021-22 NFHS Spirit Rules Changes](#).
 19. Knoblauch acknowledged and thanked the following outgoing committee members for their service on the [Competitive Cheer Advisory Committee](#) and for their support of the IHSA:
 - A. Coach Tamario Jones – [IHSA Division 1](#) – Chicago Brooks
 - B. Coach Kim Pillman – [IHSA Division 4](#) – Farmington