

MINUTES OF THE IHSA DANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 31, 2016 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 Brilowski, Vernon Hills; Dave Stephens, Plainfield (Central); William Lapp, Minonk (Fieldcrest); Margaret Miller, Mahomet (M.-Seymour); Steve Cannedy, Pinckneyville; Gina Dryden (IHSA Official). Sue Venturi-Johnson of Pekin was unable to attend. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Tracie Henry conducted the meeting.

TERMS & CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES A. Competition Guidelines

Recommendation: VIII. A 6. Apparel can be manipulated as long as it is attached. Apparel can be removed and discarded.

Rational: This recommendation clarifies how apparel can be manipulated and when it becomes a prop. This information was previously communicated in the online rules meetings, however, adding it to the Terms and Conditions makes it more accessible for coaches.

Approved

VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

Recommendation: A. A. The first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth place teams in each dance competition division from the Sectional shall advance to the state final and compete in the division in which they qualified. The top ~~ten~~ **twelve** teams in each division will advance to Saturday's finals competition.

Rational: Allows more teams the State Final experience to advance to Saturday's finals. Allows a potential team who misses an execution or receives a deduction the opportunity to advance to finals, if their score falls within the top twelve.

Approved

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: MISSED SKILL = -1.0 per infraction.

Examples include: missed tumbling skill, missed pom pass, missed rubber band skill, incomplete lift/stunt, missed/dropped partner lift/stall, etc.

Rational: Performer readiness must be achieved before the addition of tricks/lifts/tumbling/etc. can be added to a competitive dance performance. Skills that are included in a competitive dance performance need to be executed properly to insure dancer safety. Clarifies a specific deduction for teams with missed execution versus leaving it up to official's abstract assessment of a team's overall visual effect on the scoresheet.

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. 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 2015 Dance Advisory Committee Meeting.
2. Tracie Henry reviewed the 2016 Competitive Dance State Series. 234 schools participated in Sectionals an increase in 13 schools from 2015. 87 Dance officials licensed with the IHSA for 2016.
3. Discussed the by-law changes that will take effect on July 1 which will effect competitive dance specifically, Proposal 6. Proposal 6, clarifies the current by-law and establishes when students can and can't attend a coaching school, camp, or clinic during two distinct periods during the calendar year. At the end of summer contact after July 31, a competitive dancer can independently choose to attend a technique camp but a high school coach cannot organize their entire competitive team to attend a camp after the end of summer contact.
4. Tracie Henry informed the committee that the current State Final venue contract with the U.S. Cellular Coliseum expires next year in 2017. The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors voted on Monday, January 11, 2016, to open up state final hosting bids in three sports, including competitive dance. Competitive Dance request for proposals will be posted July 1, due Oct. 31. The committee discussed a hardwood competition surface vs. Marley floor.
5. The committee discussed recommendations submitted by the North Suburban Conference. The recommendations include: revisions to the scoresheet/rubric, discussion of IHSA By-law 5.352 Contest Limitations and IHSA By-law interpretation #58 pg. 35 Scrimmage as a contest referenced, By-law 2.090. Tracie Henry informed the committee that any by-law changes had to be proposed through the IHSA Legislative Commission process.
<http://www.ihsa.org/AbouttheIHSA/LegislativeCommission.aspx>
6. The committee discussed a proposal to advance the top seven teams in each division from each geographic sectional site to the State Finals. The proposal did not receive support.
7. 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 16. The committee discussed updating the online resource for coaches and officials with the new 2016-2017 NFHS rule reference numbers once the new books are received.
8. 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>
9. Tracie Henry reviewed with the committee the changes to the Dance FAQ's. **All** Competitive Dance teams must conduct a tryout on or after October 24, 2016.
<http://www.ihsa.org/documents/dac/2016-17/Dance%20FAQ.pdf>

10. Oak Forest High School will be hosting a Coaches Conference August 7, 2016. Fieldcrest High School will host a Coaches Conference on Wednesday, October 5th. Additional information will be posted on the IHSA website as the dates approach.
11. Tracie Henry reviewed the NFHS Spirit Rules changes for 2016-2017. The online rules video for coaches and officials to review in the schools and officials center sites will be available on August 9, 2016. <http://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/spirit-rules-changes-2015/>. The committee discussed music for IHSA Competitions. There were no changes to the NFHS rules book or IHSA Term and Conditions regarding music. All music must be appropriate for the educational environment and approved by the local schools administration.
12. Tracie Henry updated the committee on Senate Bill 7. All coaches will be required to review a new concussion training program located in the schools center prior to September 1, 2016. This information will be available through the IHSA Schools Center in the next couple of months.
13. The committee recognized out-going committee members, Steve Cannedy, Sue Venturi-Johnson and Candace Gadomski for their service to the committee.