

MINUTES OF THE IHSA DANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 7, 2021- Virtual Meeting

The IHSA Dance Advisory Committee meeting was held at the IHSA office in Bloomington. Committee members present were: Megan Fuechsl, Chicago (Walter Payton College Prep); Kristin Piekarski, Lincolnshire (Stevenson); 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Scoresheet/Rubric: SHOWMANSHIP/OVER ALL VISUAL EFFECT:-Costume &** Overall entertainment value.

Rationale: Offering points for costumes and therefore "appearance" of athletes puts those without resources for costumes other than school uniforms at a disadvantage. Further, for diverse teams with multiple ethnicities it is often difficult to unify styling and teams feel this is reducing their ability to score points which is outside of their control.

Approved by Consent

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 2020 Dance Advisory Committee Meeting. The committee recommendations from last year included: increasing to four (4) allowable coaches passes; time schedule adjustment; midriff definition revision; and modification to the state final floor marking received positive feedback. Not all changes were implemented due to the virtual format.
2. Tracie Henry shared how Competitive Dance was re-classified by IDPH to low risk with mitigations when the original classification per IDPH was high risk.
3. Tracie Henry expressed gratitude to the schools that hosted the virtual Sectionals & State Final. Virtual Sectional hosts were Minooka; Deerfield (H.S.); Orland Park (Sandburg); Naperville (North); and Lincolnshire (Stevenson). Minooka also hosted the virtual State Final.
4. Tracie Henry shared the [NFHS Spirit Rule](#) changes for 2021-22. Only two rule changes effect Competitive Dance: 4-1-21 and 4-2-8.
5. Tracie Henry recognized out-going committee members Megan Fuechsl, Chicago (Walter Payton College Prep) and Kristin Piekarski, Lincolnshire (Stevenson) for their service to the committee.