

MINUTES OF THE IHSA DANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at the IHSA Office

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); Tina Fortner, Minonk (Fieldcrest); Noreen Acton, Villa Grove; Gina Dryden (IHSA Official). Todd Poelker, Lincoln; Marion Castillo, Blue Island (Eisenhower); and Keith Johnson Centralia were unable to attend. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Tracie Henry conducted the meeting.

TERMS & CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS X. AWARDS B. State & C. Team Awards

Recommendation: A trophy will be awarded to teams finishing first, second, third and **fourth** in the State Final competition in each respective division.

Recommendation: Medallions will be presented to the schools of the first **three four** placing teams in each respective division at the state final tournament.

Rationale: Aligns recognition awarded for dance teams with other team sports and would create equity with the number of trophies presented at cheer.

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2. III. ONLINE ENTRIES, WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE, ELIGIBILITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND ONLINE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS F. Online List of Participants

Recommendation: Each school must complete the Online List of Participants by the deadline date of ~~January 7, 2019~~ **December 10, 2020. (Tuesday, Week 23)**

Rationale: Moving up the required date for the List of Participants will assist with teams committing to the State Series prior to Sectionals Assignments being released Week 24.

Approved by Consent

3. VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES C. State Final Time Schedule

Recommendation: SESSION 1- ~~1A Preliminaries~~ **1A/2A Preliminaries- Alternate 1A/2A Performances at 10:15 am- 2:30pm** SESSION 2- ~~2A/3A Preliminaries~~ **3A Preliminaries- First Performance 4:00pm- 6:30pm**

Rationale: Alternating 1A/2A performances followed by 3A performances will provide a better venue flow and atmosphere at the State Final.

Approved by Consent

4. VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES C. State Final Time Schedule

Recommendation: SESSION 3- 1A, 2A & 3A Team Finals- 11:00 am First Performance (1A, 2A, and 3A) alternating performances

Rationale: Creates a championship Saturday of constant action featuring all top 12 finalist teams in back to back to back action.

Note: G. Should this Saturday Final time schedule be approved the State Final Tournament pay will need to be adjusted as an additional panel of officials per XI. OFFICIALS A. Number of Officials Assigned will need to be assigned for Session 3 only.

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ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. **Transparent Scoring:** Judges scores within each competition category will be provided online after the Sectional and State contests.

Rationale: Transparent scoring will better allow coaches to use the rubric as an education tool with their athletes. It will also enable coaches to have a better understanding of how to interpret their scores across each scoring range category on the rubric.

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2. **SCORESHEET REVISION Recommendation**

15	Difficulty /Transitions	13-15 Excelling 11-12.9 Applying 9-10.9 Developing 7-8.9 Lacking
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Rationale: Revising the difficulty box by striking the word **Transitions** will provide clarity for coaches and will be consistent with the rubric language.

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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 2018 Dance Advisory Committee Meeting.

2. Tracie Henry shared IHSA Policy 17. Classification System, Policy 18. Grouping and Seeding State and Policy 19. Criteria for Increasing Classes. Tracie explained classification and sectional assignments. Tracie Henry explained that it is not within the jurisdiction of the Advisory Committee to make a recommendation for a fourth classification. The committee discussed releasing assignments later (Week 24 reflected in the recommendations above) with the intention to have more balance in the teams actually competing at Sectionals and to avoid teams withdrawing after the LOP date.
http://www.ihsa.org/documents/forms/current/IHSA_Policies.pdf
3. Tracie Henry informed the committee that the current State Final venue contract with Grossing Motors, which includes the Marley floor, extends through 2021-22. Tracie will contact the BNCVB and Ross Athletics to see when new Marley strips will be purchased.
4. The committee discussed the Competitive Dance Checklist for Managers and determined that 2 stopwatches operating for timing are no longer necessary. Per IHSA Terms and Conditions A. Competition Guidelines official time is being kept by the Head Official and two Technical Officials.
5. The committee discussed having more Special Olympic Unified Teams exhibition at the State Finals. The committee liked the placement of Unified Teams performing prior to awards.
6. 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 publicly for educational purposes. All clips that are sent must allow one week for review. Clips will be reviewed during the Competitive season October 28- January 20. The committee was in support of the IHSA not reviewing clips until after October 28 to deter coaches from working on competitive choreography outside the season limitations. The committee discussed updating the online resource for coaches and officials with the new 2019-2020 NFHS Rules.
7. The committee discussed having a coed division within the competitive dance state series. However, the coed discussion item did not receive support for a formal motion.
8. The use of Tourneywire was discussed, specifically voice to text, which is not currently a feature of the online scoring program. Tracie will continue conversation with software developer. The committee also reviewed information regarding the algorithm used to determine the sectional and state final random draw. The committee reviewed a recommendation for coaches to pull live for the finals order at State, the recommendation did not receive support.
9. The committee discussed inclement weather during the State Series and many options/scenarios for postponement. One option presented was to move up Sectionals up one week to allow for a Saturday between Sectionals and State for a inclement weather reschedule date, the option did not receive support.
10. Tracie Henry informed the committee that conference competitions count as one of a teams allowable six (6) dates per IHSA By-law 5.352. The committee will work through their Principals to submit a recommendation to the Legislative Commission to increase By-law 5.352 to seven (7) dates.

11. The committee reviewed the State Final warm-up schedule, report time vs. full floor. The committee also reviewed a recommendation for Marley Floors at Sectionals and the desire for a hardwood basketball court to perform on at State. **It was also unanimously recommended that a 1.5 ft marking by (1 ½) tape be placed on the Marley floor at State to indicate the top of the key. Tracie anticipates being able to make this happen at State but was concerned it could roll up and come off. The additional marking will be attempted but cannot be guaranteed until after the 2020 trial. The new marking is not a Terms and Conditions or Administrative Recommendation which is why the change is being reflected in the discussion.**
12. Judging was discussed, and official's education was examined. **The committee unanimously favored increasing the range between officials to .8 or .9. Ranges are teaching tools used by the clinicians. The increase will be communicated in the 2020 Dance Officials Clinics.**
13. 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 28, 2019.
<http://www.ihsa.org/documents/dac/2016-17/Dance%20FAQ.pdf>
14. The committee discussed the elimination of Missed Skills. The committee believed that current practice assists coaches in teaching progression and performer readiness.
15. Oak Forest High School will be hosting a Coaches Conference August 18, 2019. Fieldcrest will host a Coaches Conferences in the fall. Additional information will be posted on the IHSA website as the dates approach.
16. The committee recognized out-going committee members Coach Marion Castillo and Official Gina Dryden for their service to the committee.