

**Minutes of the 2021-22 IHSA Competitive Cheerleading
Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 2, 2022**

The IHSA [Competitive Cheerleading Advisory Committee](#) met virtually. Voting committee members present were IHSA Division 1 Coach - Jordan Miller, Chicago (Marist); IHSA Division 2 Administrator - Audra Christenson, St. Charles North; IHSA Division 3 Coach - Christine DiVenti, Oak Forest; IHSA Division 4 Coach - Joey Stanforth, Taylor Ridge (Rockridge); IHSA Division 6 Athletic Director - Eric Matthews, Galesburg; IHSA Division 7 Coach - Julianne Jacob, Breese (Central), and IHSA Officials Representative -Tiffany Michaels. Division 5 Representative Pia Krieger was unable to attend. IHSA Officials Representative; Sara Flanigan, Competitive Cheer Officials of Illinois (CCOI); Cindy Rueter, Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association (ICCA); and Tim Babin, Illinois High School Cheerleading Coaches Organization (IHSCCO) also attended the virtual meeting. IHSA Assistant Executive Director, Susie Knoblauch, conducted the meeting.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Recommendation: VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedules H. State Final School Packets** At the state final, school packets, which include important state final information, updates, state final credentials, and state final qualifiers pins may be picked up Thursday, February 3 from ~~6:30~~ 6:00 p.m. to ~~8:30~~ 8:00 p.m. at the Arena VIP south entrance and after 7:00 a.m. on Friday, February 4, at the Bloomington Ice Rink main entrance located on the south of the Arena.

Rationale: This minor adjustment in time for school packet pick up best reflects the timeline when most schools attend and allows for a more efficient use of staff and arena personnel's time. This schedule still provides ample time for schools to arrive for packet pick up after the school day.

Approved by Consent

2. **Recommendation: VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedules E. Warm-up Time 2.** Schools entered in the competition will only be allowed warmup/practice time as scheduled by the IHSA. Mats should be provided for all three warm-up stations: stretching – ~~4~~ 2 mats, tumbling – ~~2~~ 3 mats, full warm-up – 9 mats.

Rationale: By increasing 1 mat for static stretching and 1 mat for tumbling, teams will be provided more area for warmups.

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ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

1. In lieu of an in-person coaches meeting prior to competition at the state final, A virtual coaches meeting will be conducted at 8 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the State Final.

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2. Recommended that the standard practice of care is the 2” mat.

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3. Recommended partnering with [Clean Mat’ers](#) – The Mat Cleaning Specialists as the official provider of mats for the IHSA Cheer State Final and continue to have on site cleaning and disinfecting services.

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ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. The committee heard updates from [ICCA](#), [IHSCCO](#) and [CCOI](#).
2. The committee reviewed the 2021-22 competitive cheer state series. Knoblauch acknowledged and thanked the sectional host sites. Any school interested in hosting an IHSA cheer sectional can contact Knoblauch at the IHSA and/or complete the Host Availability Survey/Facility Survey via their school admin. in the IHSA Schools Center.
3. Submitted topics from post season coaches’ meetings were reviewed and discussed.
4. The committee discussed the process for video review submission of stunts.
5. The committee recommended that all sectionals conduct small, medium, large, and coed divisions in that order.
6. The committee reviewed state final venue concerns.
7. The committee discussed the need and location of athletic trainers in both warm-up areas and on the competition floor.
8. Knoblauch will work with the B/N CVB to secure more hotel rooms.
9. IHSCCO/Tim Babin will update the host venue requirements for sectional and state final managers.
10. The committee reviewed the awards structure.
11. The committee noted that the year was not stamped on the state final awards.
12. The committee expressed interest in having hard copies of the state final programs on site.
13. Judging, scoresheet, and rubric interpretations were discussed. Items for clinicians/officials points of emphasis and clarifications were reviewed.
14. Category scoring was discussed.
15. The committee discussed the coach’s roster and list of participants. The committee reviewed the credentialing requirements for coaches, athletic trainers, and student media.
16. The committee discussed the use of participants.
17. The committee discussed the contracting timeline for officials and efforts to include 1st-3rd year officials into judging and mentoring at invitational level competition.

18. The committee reviewed a recommendation to move the competitive cheer season to the fall. Knoblauch explained that this needs to be submitted in October for the [IHSA Legislative Commission](#) to review for the 2022-23 school year.
19. Knoblauch provided a timeline for the [2022-23 NFHS Spirit Rules Changes](#).
<https://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/spirit-rules-changes-2022-23/>
20. 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 Christine DiVenti - [IHSA Division 3](#) - Oak Forest High School
 - B. Athletic Administrator Eric Matthews - [IHSA Division 6](#) - Galesburg High School
 - C. Coach Julianne Jacob - [IHSA Division 7](#) - Breese (Central) High School