

2012 IHSA Dance Advisory Committee Agenda

Tuesday, January 24 10am

The IHSA Dance Advisory Committee meeting was held at the IHSA Office in Bloomington on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Natalie Rodriguez, Chicago (Lane) Coach Division 1, Gary Stieger, Palatine, Division 2, Rich Piatchek, Tinley Park (Andrew) Athletic Director Division 3, Dan Wieczorek, Minonk (Fieldcrest) Athletic Director Division 4, Olivia Newbold, Normal (Community West) Coach Division 5, Wendy Koehler, Riverton Coach Division 6, Michelle Deets, Highland Coach Division 7, Calvin Soong, Bethalto (Civic Memorial) Coach At-Large, Officials Ad Hoc Representative Gina Dryden, Downers Grove (South), Officials Ad Hoc Representative, Sara Flanigan, Wauconda and Susie Knoblauch IHSA Assistant Executive Director. IHSA Coordinator of Special Programs Tracie Henry conducted the meeting.

Terms and Condition Recommendations

None at this time

Administrative Recommendation

None at this time

Discussion Items

1. Tracie Henry presented an overview of the IHSA mission, purpose, general function, advisory committee structure, role & service to IHSA.
2. Reviewed the dance proposals on the ballot in the annual Illinois High School Association (IHSA) member school referendum that were approved in voting by the membership last month. Practice limitations and contest limitations, proposals 20 & 21. These proposals take effect on July1, 2012.
3. The committee reviewed the dance team site proposal specifications that are currently online for interested state final hosts. Deadlines for submitting proposals are April 2, 2012 and the anticipated date of action by the Board of Directors to accept proposals for Competitive Dance is June 11, 2012.
4. Tracie Henry presented the results and comments from the IHSA Competitive Dance School survey.
5. Sara Flanigan and Gina Dryden gave a report from the Officials Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

6. The committee discussed at length and reviewed the Ad Hoc Committee's pros and cons of having each team perform once in an open dance format. After much deliberation, the committee revised its Sweepstakes State Final format to a One Open Routine State Final format.
7. The Advisory Committee reviewed the scoresheet and rubric recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee: Program Concept 10 points, Degree of Difficulty 10 points, Category Elements 10 points, Technique 20 points, Musicality 10 points, Formations/Transitions 10 points, Synchronization 20 points, Overall Effectiveness 10 points. The Advisory Committee recommended the following changes: Degree of Difficulty changed to 20 points and Technique changed to 10 points. The Advisory Committee also recommended that the Ad Hoc committee develop a technical sheet, add additional information to the rubric and develop descriptors for the 0-6 point range.
8. The process for the rules of competition was discussed. IHSA Dance Terms and Conditions, which are the rules governing the competition and competition manual drafts will be developed by the IHSA. Target date is February 2012.
9. The committee discussed judging. It was recommended that Dance judges become a part of the IHSA officials department and begin licensing in May of 2012. The desired target date for officials training to begin is July 20 & 21. The officials training would include the development of a rules meeting, rules exam and officials clinic.
10. Tournament structure and advancement to an IHSA state series was reviewed. The committee is anticipating that there will be 5 sectionals in each division. The committee recommended the following advancement.

Sectional Advancers – one routine regardless of category or dance style

Top 6 schools in 1A advance from each sectional

Top 6 schools in 2A advance from each sectional

Top 6 schools in 3A advance from each sectional

State Final Friday Prelims

30 schools perform in 1A with the top 10 advancing to Saturday Finals

30 schools perform in 2A with the top 10 advancing to Saturday Finals

30 schools perform in 3A with the top 10 advancing to Saturday Finals

11. The committee reviewed the following divisions and recommended revising the minimum number of competitors on the floor be changed from an 8 participant minimum to a 5 participant minimum for all divisions.

1A, 2A and 3A classifications would be based on school enrollment

- 1A Roster - 28 participants on roster no more than 24 on competition floor and no less than ~~8~~ **5**
- 2A Roster - 28 participants on roster no more than 24 on competition floor and no less than ~~8~~ **5**
- 3A Roster - 28 participants on roster no more than 24 on competition floor and no less than ~~8~~ **5**

12. Tracie discussed developing a frequently asked questions link on the IHSA Competitive Dance webpage. Committee members were encouraged to forward any questions they are receiving to Tracie, at the IHSA. Susie discussed the process of working with the Board of Directors to create by-law interpretations.

13. Future Dance Advisory Committee Meeting – April 10- 10AM - IHSA Office