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# Competitive Cheerleading Manual for Managers





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## Revision History

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# 2015-2016 Competitive Cheerleading Series Terms and Conditions

In accordance with Section 1.450 of the IHSA Constitution, the IHSA Board of Directors has approved the Terms and Conditions governing the 2015-2016 IHSA Competitive Cheerleading Tournament Series.

## I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Competition in the IHSA 2015-16 Cheerleading Tournament Series will be determined on an enrollment basis.

**A.** The classification of a school shall be determined on the basis of its total student enrollment figure reported to the Illinois State Board of Education in its Fall Housing Report on September 30 of the preceding school year. Non-boundaried schools will have their total student enrollment multiplied by 1.65.

**B.** For classification purposes, the total student enrollments for one-year high school, two-year high schools, three-year high schools and high schools which enroll boys only or girls only shall be calculated as follows:

1. For one-year high schools, the total student enrollment figure reported shall be quadrupled.

2. For two-year high schools, the total student enrollment figure reported shall be doubled.

3. For three-year high schools, one-third of the total student enrollment figure shall be added to the student enrollment figure reported.

4. For schools which enroll boys only or girls only, the total student enrollment figure reported shall be doubled.

**C.** A multiplier of 1.65 will be added to all non-boundaried schools. Member schools shall be categorized for participation in competitive cheerleading on the basis of the three divisions of allowable team size: Large Team with a school enrollment of 1640.01 and over (Up to 24 rostered participants with 20 allowed on the competition floor), Medium Team with a school enrollment between 600.01 to 1640.00 (Up to 20 rostered participants with 16 allowed on the competition floor) and Small Team with a school enrollment up to 600.00 (up to 16 rostered participants with 12 allowed on the competition floor). Coed (two males on the competition floor) shall be an open division (Up to 24 rostered participants with 20 on the competition floor). All Coed teams need to be announced to the IHSA by Nov. 1. Teams who miss this deadline may be penalized \$100. Request to play up a division may be made

through the IHSA by Sept. 1. A mascot is considered part of the team and will be counted as a part of the maximum number of cheerleaders allowed on the competition floor.

**D.** Classifications shall be determined on an annual basis.

## II. DATES AND SITES

**A. Sectional Tournaments:** The Sectional tournaments will be held on week 30 of the IHSA Standardized Calendar (Saturday, January 30, 2016) at five proportional sites per division which will be announced in November and posted on the IHSA website at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org).

**B. State Final Tournament:** The State Final tournament will be held on week 31 of the Standardized IHSA Calendar (Friday and Saturday, February 5 & 6, 2016). The U.S. Cellular Coliseum in Bloomington will host the state final.

## III. ON-LINE ENTRIES, WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE, ELIGIBILITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND ON-LINE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The policy for Original Entry Deadlines, Late Entries and Late Withdrawals shall be the policies and procedures regarding entry for all IHSA sponsored sports included in the 2015-16 Entry Policies and Procedures which can be found in the Schools Center on the IHSA website.

**A. On-line Entries:** All member schools must enter their school into the state series competition through the IHSA School Center on the IHSA Website at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org). The deadline for entry is November 1, 2015. The 2015-16 Entry Policies and Procedures outlining the on-line entry procedures for all IHSA-sponsored tournaments can be found in the Schools Center on the IHSA website.

**B. Late Entries:** Any attempt to enter a sport on-line after the established deadlines will be denied. Schools that wish to enter after the deadline will be considered late. To be considered for late entry, the Principal/Official Representative must contact the IHSA administrative officer in charge of that sport or activity to request late entry. The penalty for late entry shall be a payment of \$100.00 for that sport/activity by the school.

## C. Breach of Contract By-law 6.041 (Withdrawal Procedures):

1. To withdraw without penalty, the Principal must notify the IHSA Office, in writing, of the school's withdrawal from the respective sport prior to the date the List of Participants is due for that sport (January 11, 2016).

2. If a school withdraws after the List of Participants due date the school will be charged a \$100 penalty and if applicable, the school may be charged for any additional financial loss sustained by the offended school(s) or the Association as a result of such breach. If a school does not withdraw and does not show up for competition, the school will be charged a \$100 penalty and if applicable, the school may be charged for any additional financial loss sustained by the offended school(s) or the Association as a result of such breach.

**D. Eligibility:** All member schools in good standing may enter one team under the provisions of IHSA By-law 3.000.

**E. Affirmative Action:** Boys and girls shall be permitted to participate in the state series as provided in the IHSA Affirmative Action Policy.

**F. On-line List of Participants:** Each school must complete the On-line List of Participants by the deadline date of January 11, 2016.

If a school does not submit the On-line List of Participants by the deadline, coaches and/or participants are subject to penalties, which could include but not limited to being ruled ineligible to compete in the State Series and/or charged \$100.00. Confirmation of receipt of Online List of Participants: Schools should login to their School Center site on the IHSA website and go to the Activity Tracker. The Activity Tracker will show "Completed", if you have checked the button indicating you have finished with your report. If it doesn't indicate "Completed", then you must go back into your school's List of Participants and check the button on the Online List of Participants indicating you are finished with your report.

## IV. HOST FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

**A. Sectional Host School Expenses:** Sectional host schools shall receive a guarantee of \$540 and shall be reimbursed the cost of officials for hosting a sectional cheerleading competition. The host school shall pay for all local expenses and issue checks to officials.

After these guaranteed expenses are deducted from the gross income, including gate receipts, the host school shall retain 20% of the net income and submit the remainder to the IHSA. In the event of a negative balance, the host shall be reimbursed the entire deficit.

**B. Sites Other Than Member Schools:** When a Sectional tournament is held at a site other than an IHSA member school, the IHSA administration will determine the financial arrangements with the host using current financial arrangements as guidelines.

**C. Contestant Expenses:** Neither the State Association nor the local tournament management will assume responsibility for any contestant expenses of any kind.

**D. Admission Prices:** The Board of Directors has established the following ticket prices for Sectional and State Final Competition. Ticket Prices: Sectional: \$5.00, State \$10.00 per day general admission. Child in arms requires no ticket for all levels of competition.

**E. Tickets:** General seating tickets may be purchased in advance for the State Final Tournament by contacting the U.S. Cellular Coliseum ticket office at 309-434-2679. Tickets will also be available for purchase on-line at [www.uscellularcoliseum.com](http://www.uscellularcoliseum.com).

**F. Refunds:** Under no circumstances shall there be a refund of ticket money for tickets sold.

## V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS

**Sectional Assignments:** All IHSA member schools entered in the Competitive Cheerleading State Series will be assigned by the IHSA to one of the five (5) proportional divisions for Sectionals. These assignments will appear on-line at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org) after the Nov. 1 entry deadline. Assignments are made according to the IHSA Grouping Policy # 19. The number of competing schools, travel distance, geographical location and the number of entries shall be primary factors in the determination of number and boundary lines for these Sectionals. Sectional competition order will be randomly determined at the IHSA office and be posted on-line and provided to the sectional managers. No local manager shall be permitted to change the order in which the schools compete unless given permission by the IHSA office. The top five qualifying teams in each division from each sectional will advance to the state competition.

## VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES

**A. Tournament Structure:** The successive series shall be designated respectively, Sectional and State Final. The Sectional contest will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2016. Sectional competition times will be posted on-line at [IHSA.org](http://IHSA.org) on the IHSA cheer menu page. All schools entered in the IHSA Competitive Cheerleading State Series will be assigned to compete in proportional divisions of Sectional competition on a geographical basis. There will be a site manager at each sectional site. The top five (5) qualifiers in each division from the Sectional competition will advance to compete in the State Final.

**B. Coaches State Final Meeting:** A State Final coaches meeting will be conducted prior to each division of competition. A coach (or their school representative) from each school qualifying a team for the State Final must attend that meeting. The assistant coach, Athletic Director and/or Principal may attend in place of the head coach as the Official School Representative. The purpose of the meeting is to review policies, procedures and local rules governing the conduct of the state final. Coaches will be responsible for the information reviewed at that meeting regardless of their attendance or non-attendance at the meeting.

**C. State Final Time Schedule:** On Friday, February 5, 2016 preliminary rounds of competition will begin at 9:00 a.m. On Saturday, February 6, 2016 preliminary rounds may continue along with the final rounds of competition. The State Final time schedule shall be as follows:

### Friday, February 5, 2016

#### SESSION 1 Small and Medium Team Preliminaries

8:00 a.m.—Coaches Meeting (in The Club)  
8:15 a.m.—Doors of the U.S. Cellular Coliseum open to public  
9:00 a.m.—Welcome  
9:10 a.m.—Announcements & National Anthem  
9:15 a.m.—First Performance (Small and Medium team performances alternate)  
1:25 p.m.—Last Performance  
1:44 p.m.—Announcement of Small Division Finalists  
1:55 p.m.—Announcement of Medium Division Finalists

#### SESSION 2 Large and Coed Team Preliminaries

2:15 p.m.—Coaches Meeting (in The Club)  
3:15 p.m.—Welcome  
3:25 p.m.—Announcements & National Anthem  
3:30 p.m.—First Performance (Large and Coed team performances alternate)  
7:40 p.m.—Last Performance  
8:00 p.m.—Announcement of Large Division Finalists  
8:15 p.m.—Announcement of Coed Division Finalists

### Saturday, February 6, 2016

#### SESSION 3

10:00 a.m.—Doors of the U.S. Cellular Coliseum open to public  
10:55 a.m.—Announcements & National Anthem  
11:00 a.m.—Small and Medium Team Finals (Small and Medium team performances alternate)  
12:50 p.m.—Small Team Awards  
1:15 p.m.—Medium Team Awards  
2:15 p.m.—IESA Exhibition  
2:55 p.m.—Announcements & National Anthem  
3:00 p.m.—Large and Coed Team Finals (Large and Coed team performances alternate)  
4:55 p.m.—Large Team Awards  
5:20 p.m.—Coed Team Awards

**D. State Final School Packets:** At the State Final, school packets which include state final passes and programs may be picked up Thursday evening, February 4, 2016 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the VIP entrance and Friday, February 5, 2016 at the Pepsi Ice Rink Main Entrance located on the south entrance of the U.S. Cellular Coliseum. (Note: performance schedules will be posted on-line). A coach/school official is the only person permitted to pick up the schools' packet. The U.S. Cellular Coliseum in downtown Bloomington is tournament central.

**E. Time Schedules:** The IHSA office will determine the performance order for Sectional and State level competition. This order will be posted on-line on the cheerleading link at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org). A random sort by the IHSA office will determine the performance order for sectional. The following formula shall be used to determine the performance order for the State Final:

1. Each sectional is randomly assigned a letter code (A to E) prior to the start of the state series.
2. The chart below, and the sectional code, is published at the same time as the sectional performance order.

3. Each team's performance order within a particular division is determined by the place the team won at the sectional tournament, according to the table.

4. In case of a tie for 5th place at a sectional, an additional entry will be added at the end of the order.

5. In case of a tie for any particular place at a sectional, the teams will perform in the opposite order in the state finals. For example, at sectional A, two teams tie for 2nd (and 3rd) place. In the chart, the order assigned to A-2 is #14. The order assigned to A-3 is #18. Reversing the order, the team that performed first in the sectional is assigned order #18. The team that performed last in the sectional is assigned order #14.

Order	Sectional	Place
1	A	5
2	B	4
3	C	3
4	D	2
5	E	1
6	B	5
7	C	4
8	D	3
9	E	2
10	A	1
11	C	5
12	D	4
13	E	3
14	A	2
15	B	1
16	D	5
17	E	4
18	A	3
19	B	2
20	C	1
21	E	5
22	A	4
23	B	3
24	C	2
25	D	1

**F. Warm-up Time:** A seven (7) minute warm-up time at the Sectional tournament shall be posted on-line at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org), prior to competition. An eight (8) minute warm-up time at the State Finals will be posted online at [ihsa.org](http://ihsa.org). Competitors must report in person at the designated time to the warm-up site director at Sectionals and the State Final for warm-up check in.

1. At Sectional and State competition the host shall not make its performance area available earlier to the teams for practice sessions. When a part of the state series is played at a facility other than a member school's facility, none of the teams entered, including a hosting member school shall be permitted to practice at the facility.

2. Schools entered in the competition will be allowed warm-up/practice time as scheduled by the IHSA.

3. In the Sectional and State series uninterrupted clock minutes shall be provided for warm-up prior to competition. Teams may not be on the official warm up floor prior to the designated time.

4. Only competitors and coaches will be allowed in the warm-up area.

**G. Competition Disruption:** Tournament management reserves the right to cease competition under the following conditions:

1. a. At the Sectional and State prelims the IHSA Official reserves the right to stop a routine due to an obvious injury. In the event that an injury causes the team's routine to be interrupted during a performance, the head official and tournament management shall determine the time for the team to feed back into the warm up and competition order to complete their performance. This time should not exceed 30 (thirty) minutes for the team to perform their routine again. Judging will resume from the point at which the injury/interruption occurred as determined by the head official. The routine must be performed full-out from the beginning. All point deductions accumulated to the point of injury will carry over. If a team prefers not to re-work the routine, then at the coaches' discretion they may take the score they have received up to that point. If a skill has not been performed a "0" will be given in that category. If multiple injuries occur, the same process will be in effect.

b. In the event that an injury occurs during warm-up and the athlete is no longer able to participate, the head official and tournament management shall determine the time for the team to feed back into the warm up and competition order. This time should not exceed 30 (thirty) minutes from the time of injury in the warm-up area.

2. If, in the opinion of the tournament officials, a team's routine is interrupted because of failure of the tournament equipment, facilities, or other factors attributable to the tournament rather than the team the Head Official should stop the routine. The tournament officials will determine the degree and effect of the interruption. The team will be allowed to present its routine from the place in the routine where the interruption occurred.

3. In the event a team's routine is interrupted because of failure of the teams own equipment the team must either continue the routine or take the score earned to that point.

**H. Sectional Management:** In all cases in which a member school is selected as a competition site, the IHSA Official Representative of the high school shall automatically assume entire responsibility for the competition. The Official Representative may delegate the authority to manage the competition to another staff member. In case the site is not located at a member school, then the

IHSA Board of Directors shall appoint a local manager with like responsibilities.

**I. Sectional Manager:** The local manager shall have authority to take proper and appropriate action in any case of unusual situations arising during the competitions. However, no part of the terms and conditions may be set aside. In all cases involving an interpretation not specifically covered by the rules, the competition manager shall consult with the Head Official before the announcement of results or the presentation of awards.

The Sectional Manager or appointed manager shall conduct a meeting for coaches prior to each division at the sectional tournament on the Saturday morning of sectionals. The Sectional manager will introduce the Head Official and any other personnel that they deem necessary to introduce to the coaches. The Sectional manager will discuss items on the sectional agenda (tournament logistics) and answer any questions regarding the competition.

## VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

**A.** The first, second, third, fourth and fifth place teams in each cheerleading competition division from the Sectional shall advance to the state final and compete in the division in which they qualified.

**B.** Should a qualifying team withdraw or be disqualified before the state final tournament, the remaining qualifier from the same Sectional in that division shall be moved up.

**C.** A team moving up due to withdrawal or disqualification may be entered into the State Final up to the competition time. It is the responsibility of the principal or coach to notify the IHSA office at the earliest possible time that another advancing team may be necessary. The IHSA office is responsible for informing the school's administration/coach that they will replace a regular qualifier.

**D.** The school winner will be determined in accordance with the scoring system described in Article VIII.

**E.** A random sort at the IHSA office will determine the performance order for sectional and state. This order will be posted on-line on the cheerleading link at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org).

## VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES

The current National Federation Spirit Rules published by the NFHS are the official rules governing the competition in all state series competitions. The National Federation of State High School Association's Official High

School Spirit Rules Book is the minimum safety guide for the state series.

### **A. Competition Guidelines**

Each team will present one competitive routine.

#### **1. Timing**

a. Competition will consist of a three (3) minute time limit.

b. The team may use a maximum of one minute and thirty seconds (1:30) of the three-minute time limit for music. The timing begins with the team's first movement, voice, or note of music, whichever comes first, on the competition floor. Timing ends with the last motion, word, or beat of music. There will be an official timer at each level of competition. All participants must start in the competition area with at least one foot on the floor. Entrances and exits are not considered part of the routine and should not be organized.

c. All competition rules will apply until the team completely clears the competition floor.

#### **2. Competition Area**

a. The competitive cheering surface shall be a matted area of 54 feet wide x 42 feet deep (9 strips). The mats should cover the entire area, provide uniform thickness and be a flat, consistent surface with no cracks, obstructions, or untaped seams. The competition mats will run vertical to the panel officials at all competition sites.

b. Teams may line up anywhere inside the competition area. A participant can step on the white boundary line, but if he/she steps completely over the white boundary line during competition it is considered out of bounds.

c. Members of your competitive team must fulfill all spotting requirements as governed by the NFHS Spirit Rules.

3. Music can be on a CD or digital format with a back-up. In addition, it is the coach's responsibility to start and stop the music. Coaches will be allowed to check their music directly before performance. Music should not contain any suggestive lyrics.

4. Only appropriate poms, signs and school flags/banners used in a safe manner by competing teams to lead the crowd during their performance are allowed. Megaphones appropriately used by competitors will be permitted. (Teams shall be permitted to place the above listed items on the competition floor before timing begins). Teams should avoid stepping on poms, signs, school flags/banners and megaphones. After use, items must be placed safely on the floor. Glitter may be used on signs if laminated or sealed as per the NFHS Spirit Rules Book. No other props may be allowed.

**B. Scoring:** Refer to the score sheet and rubric in the competition manual.

1. Sectional: The official IHSA score sheet will be used for the scoring of all competitive cheerleading routines. The total accumulative point value of the officials score sheets will be averaged. There shall be one (1) IHSA head official, three (3) IHSA technical officials, and three (3) IHSA panel officials assigned by the IHSA for each Sectional site.

2. State: The official IHSA score sheet will be used for the scoring of all competitive cheerleading routines. The total accumulative point value of the officials score sheets will be averaged. There shall be five (5) IHSA hired panel officials for the State competition. There shall be one (1) head official for State. There shall be three (3) technical officials for State.

3. When five panel officials are used at the State Final, the high and low scores will be dropped. The remaining scores are averaged.

4. For both the Sectional and the State Final, Deductions/Penalties shall be subtracted from the total accumulative point value average.

**C. Team Ties:** Ties affecting advancement from preliminaries to finals: At all competitions, teams tied for a position which qualifies for advancement from preliminaries to finals shall be advanced without the tie being broken.

**D. Coaching:** At the Sectional and State Series, eligible high school coaches shall follow this procedure:

1. A maximum of four (4) competitive cheerleading coaches shall be allowed to coach on the competition floor. Only coaches whose names appear on the List of Participants will be allowed to coach unless written notification from the school's Principal verifies the eligibility of a coach. Schools may only submit the names of those coaches who are in compliance with IHSA By-law 2.070.

2. Eligible coaches shall receive four (4) coaching passes in their team packet for the State Final.

3. The eligible coaches shall wear the coaching pass on the outside of his/her clothes while coaching.

4. Only coaches wearing this pass will be allowed into designated areas to coach.

5. Violation of ineligible coaching or being inappropriately involved with a competing high school athlete during a Sectional or State competition may be considered gross misconduct, and could result in penalty deductions to dismissal from coaching at the event.

6. Coaches should remain in the designated areas at all times during warm-ups and competition and not disrupt the competition. Coaching should be limited to words of help and encouragement, and the ethics of good sportsmanship must be observed.

### **E. Unsportsmanlike Conduct:**

Managers and officials have the strictest instructions to disqualify any competitor, coach and/or person guilty of profane or indecent language or of gross unsportsmanlike conduct. The IHSA By-laws give the Board of Directors complete authority to penalize a school for any unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the principal, the coach, the athletes, the faculty, the board of education or any other official representative of any participating school. The Board of Directors will definitely exercise this authority.

**F. Videotaping:** The IHSA prohibits any taping for the purpose of video reviewing during the tournament.

**G. Substitutions:** After the List of Participants have been entered (after Jan. 11, 2016), competing schools may use any student whose name appears on the List of Participants as competitors. No substitution of names to the List of Participants shall be made after January 11, 2016. Alternates on this list may be used for competition at any time.

**H. Refusing to Participate:** If an IHSA member team refuses to compete after being assigned to a competition, the tournament manager shall report the incident to the IHSA office. The withdrawing team will be responsible for all applicable fees. (Refer to Article III-C in the terms and conditions regarding Breach of Contract)

### **I. Competitor's Apparel:**

#### **1. Team Uniform:**

All competitors shall wear only school issued uniforms for competition during the Sectionals and the State Final. All uniforms shall be devoid of commercial advertising except for the manufacturer's logo/trademark which shall not exceed two and one quarter (2 1/4) square inches with no dimension exceeding 2 1/4 inches. It may appear only once on each piece of wearing apparel. All briefs should be a solid color and devoid of any markings including but not limited to sequins, prints, wording, and symbols larger than NFHS specifications. Teams shall wear official school issued uniforms that are of similar color and/or marking. All uniforms, including footwear must be in compliance with the NFHS Spirit Rules Book. Participants will not be permitted to compete in illegal attire. Sectional and/or State Final site managers shall have authority to assess penalties for failure to comply with this requirement.

NOTE: All uniforms must have some school designation (i.e. school name, logo, mascot or monograms) visibly printed on the uniform.

2. Participant Limitations:

- a. The NFHS Spirit Rules Book governs all participant apparel/accessories.
- b. Fingernails, including artificial nails must be kept at an appropriate length (short, near the end of the fingers) to minimize risk for the participant.
- c. Hair must be worn in a manner to minimize risk to participants (away from the face and off of the shoulders).
- d. Glitter (that does not readily adhere on the hair, face, uniform or body) is illegal.
- e. Jewelry must not be worn except for religious or medical medals, which shall be taped to the body (without a chain) under the uniform.

**J. Disqualification:**

Any team that does not adhere to these terms and conditions may be subject to disqualification from the tournament and will automatically forfeit any right to awards received at the tournament.

**IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES**

**A. Tickets:** Tickets will be available one hour prior to the competition on the day of the event. Sectional ticket prices shall be \$5.00 per person (Child in arms requires no ticket). Ticket prices shall be \$10.00 per day for general seating at the State series (Child in arms requires no ticket). Limited luxury suites will also be available for purchase for each session of the State Final. Presale tickets will be arranged through the U.S. Cellular Coliseum (309-434-2679) for the State tournament only. Spectators are not allowed on or near the warm-up or competition areas.

**B. All-Star Teams:** No officers of the tournament, game official or anyone serving under the supervision of the Illinois High School Association may cooperate in any way in the selection of an All-Star Tournament team.

**C. Consolation Competition:** There shall be no consolation competition.

**D. State Final Passes:** State Final passes will be provided to all competing schools and eligible coaches and school officials/administrators. All participants are required to wear their passes at all time. Competitors' passes can be kept with the coaching staff while the team is in uniform and competing. Competitors must have their passes visible to be allowed entry into the Coliseum. State Final passes allow entry into the State Final at any time during the competition.

**E. Artificial Noisemakers:** All artificial noise-making devices shall be excluded from the performance area. Tournament managers should not permit spectators to use air horns at the competition venue. Cheerleaders may use megaphones during competition only.

**F. Signs and Banners:** The displaying of signs, banners, placards or similar items at IHSA state series is permitted, provided:

- 1. They are in good taste and reflect good sportsmanship in their message and use;
- 2. They reflect identification and encouragement to participants and their respective school/community;
- 3. They are not displayed in the area of competition or in a manner which does not interfere with competition;
- 4. They do not obstruct the view of participants or spectators or cover other signage; and
- 5. They are not safety hazards.

**G. Damage to Property or Equipment:**

If contestants or people from any school entered in a state series are found guilty of carelessness or maliciously breaking, damaging or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host school, such school shall be held responsible for costs incurred in replacing or repairing such property or equipment.

**H. Media Requirements:** Space shall be set aside to provide for news media representatives (school, local or national) covering the state series whether they are from newspapers, radio stations, commercial television stations, and/or cable television stations.

1. Radio and TV Originators: It is the responsibility of the Local Manager to accept applications, approve requests to originate, collect proper rights fees payment (where required) and make cancellation refunds for television and/or radio origination, according to the IHSA Television and/or IHSA Radio Broadcast Policy.

a) Television Rights Fees for all levels of competition below the State Final level shall be paid to the host school and shall become part of the revenue to be shared by the member school(s) and the Association according to the financial terms stipulated in these Terms and Conditions.

b) Radio Broadcast Rights Fees are not required for any level of competition in this series. Local Managers shall permit radio originations of the competition.

c) Television and/or Radio Stations which do not apply in advance, or which do not pay required rights fees prior to the start of the competition in each respective level in this state series shall not be given credentials nor allowed access to the facility to originate. Sponsors of the originations for television and radio shall be only those so stipu-

lated in the respective IHSA Television and Broadcast policies.

2. Administrative Detail: Reporting information to the news media shall be the responsibility of each local Manager.

3. Provisions for Media Photographers and/or Television: Photographers or television personnel with cameras may enter the performance area to take pictures provided that:

- a) The individual is wearing the IHSA media/photographers pass;
- b) The individual reports to the site manager and shows the pass;
- c) The individual stays off the matted areas and remains at least five feet away from the competition floor;
- d) The individual remains seated when taking pictures;
- e) The individual only walks when the competitors are exiting;
- f) The individual refrains from speaking to the competitor(s) during competition.

g) Media is not allowed in the warm up area or locker rooms.

4. Rights Fees for TV and Radio: Television Rights Fees to be charged by Local Managers and/or the IHSA are contained in the IHSA Television Policy.

Radio Fees:

- a) Sectional Contest = No Charge
- b) State Final = No Charge

Policy regarding media requirements for each Local Manager is contained in the current IHSA Handbook.

Contact Matt Troha for media passes at the IHSA office at 309-663-6377.

**I. Videotaping by Schools or Spectators:** The local manager may provide videotaping for purchase. Spectators will be allowed to videotape in the stands, provided they remain in their seat and do not obstruct the view of participants and spectators.

**J. Flash Photography:** No flash cameras can be used during competition. News media may use non-distracting lighting if the manager has given permission. News media photographers are allowed to use filtered electronic flashes. However, if the manager and contest officials agree that the flashes are causing interference with the conduct of the contest, then they can require the photographer to cease use of the flash.

**K. Tobacco/Liquid Nicotine Products:** The use of tobacco or liquid nicotine products in any competition area, either during a practice or while a contest is in progress, or affiliated property of any IHSA state series contest by any coach, player, any other person connected with a team, or fan shall be prohibited. State series hosts are required to make all state

series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, tobacco/liquid nicotine free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site.

**L. Medical Provision (Use of inhalers):** A student with asthma may possess and use his/her medication during an IHSA competition, while under the supervision of school personnel, provided the school meets the outlined procedures of self administration in the Illinois school code.

**M. Alcoholic Beverages and IHSA State Series:**

The possession, distribution, sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the site and on any affiliated property of any IHSA state series contest. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliate property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, alcohol free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site. Violation of this policy by an event host will subject the host to a penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Such penalty may include but not necessarily be limited to prohibition against subsequent event hosting assignments. Violation of this policy by a non-hosting member school will subject the school to penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Patrons of any IHSA state series contest determined to be in violation of this policy will be removed from the premise, and law enforcement officials will be called as warranted. No ticket refunds will be granted in such cases.

**N. Prayer at IHSA State Series Contest:** Prayer at an IHSA state series contest that takes place over the public address system is prohibited.

**X. AWARDS**

**A. Sectional:** In all Sectional competitions a plaque will be awarded to the school winner of the competition in each respective division.

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

**C. Team Awards:** Medallions will be presented to the schools of the first three placing teams in each respective division at the state final tournament. In addition, four (4) Coaches, Superintendent, Principal, Athletic Director and Athletic Trainer will be presented with a medallion. No other trophy or awards of any kind may be presented in the tournament series. Only the team/school representatives, Superintendent, Principal, Athletic Director and Athletic Trainer may participate in the awards presentation. Competitors participating in the awards presentation shall wear their school's official warm-up or team uniform. If a school fails to comply, they shall not be allowed to participate.

**D.** The awards will be furnished by the State Association and are not an expense charged upon the individual tournament.

**XI. OFFICIALS**

Tournament officials will be assigned through the IHSA office. In all tournaments, the decisions of the official shall be final. The IHSA Board of Directors will not review decisions of officials, whether alleged errors are due to faulty judgment or misinterpretation of the rules.

**A. Number of Officials Assigned:** In each Sectional level of competition, three (3) panel officials and one head official; and three (3) technical officials shall be provided. State Final: At the State level competition, five (5) panel officials and one head official; and three (3) technical officials shall be provided.

**B.** Tournament officials for the respective division must be in the designated official's area when the warm-up period begins.

**C.** The head coach may meet with the head official and Sectional manager briefly at the conclusion of the contest during packet pick up. All other tournament communication must be directed to the host manager. Normal conversation that must take place between the host school/manager, the officials, coaches, squad members or school representatives is allowed.

**D.** Officials will turn the score sheets in to the head official at the competition for each division. It is the head official's responsibility to verify all scores and order of finish. The site manager will include score sheets and order of finish after the completion of each division in the team exit packets. The manager will forward copies of the official score sheets to the IHSA office.

**E. Sectional Tournaments:** Each panel and technical official shall receive a flat fee of \$214.00. Each head official shall receive a flat fee of \$252.

**F. Mileage Reimbursement Policy:** In the state series, to assist officials for out-of-pocket expenses, a voucher system will be used to compensate officials when they actually drive in excess of 70 miles round trip per competition. Payment will be made through the IHSA office, after completion of the tournament series, at a rate of thirty (30) cents per mile for all mileage in excess of 70 miles round trip. No compensation will be permitted for trips of less than 70 miles round trip.

**G. State Final Tournament:** Each appointed panel and technical official shall receive a flat fee of \$382.50 for the entire State Final tournament plus lodging at a hotel designated by the IHSA. Each appointed head official shall receive a flat fee of \$408 for the entire State Final tournament plus lodging at a hotel designated by the IHSA. The mileage reimbursement policy shall also be in effect for the state final for an official that travels in excess of 70 miles round trip.





## Important Dates



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### 2015-16 Competitive Cheerleading Important Dates to Remember

Sun., Nov. 1	Deadline to enter state series. Entries after this date are late entries
Sun., Nov. 1	Sectional Assignment posted online sometime after November 1
Mon., Nov. 2	First Contest may be held
Mon., Jan. 11	List of Participants Online Entry due
Wed. Jan. 13	All teams must submit a team photo and cutline through the IHSA Schools Center
Sat., Jan. 30	Sectional level of competition
Sat., Jan. 30	Sectional Winners Report submitted by manager. (Results are entered by the manager through the TourneyWire program).
Tues., Feb. 2	12:01 p.m. deadline for schools advancing to State Final to confirm hotel reservations.
Thurs., Feb. 4	State Qualifying packet pick up at the VIP entrance of the U.S. Cellular Coliseum, Bloomington, IL from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 5	State Qualifying packet pick up will also be on Friday, Feb. 5 after 7:00 a.m. in the lobby of the Pepsi Ice Rink.
Fri,-Sat., Feb. 5-6	State Final to be held at the U.S. Cellular Coliseum in Bloomington, IL (Time schedule posted on IHSA.org)



## Managers' Safety Information



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### Healthy Environment

School administrators, coaches and officials share a very important responsibility to the student-athletes that are participating in the state series contest, to provide equipment, facilities and an environment that is as free of risk as possible. The concern for the health of our high school athletes in our programs should be primary.

### Responsibility

Crowd supervision is critical. Administrators and other supervisors should observe the crowd and react quickly and reasonably when conduct becomes negative and drops below the level of expected behavior. To ignore inappropriate behavior by any spectator will only enable a person or people to continue in the same fashion.

The role of an official in this regard is with the competition. The role of the host school management is outside the lines. Any act dangerous to others, is an unsafe behavior, incites participants or spectators to violent or abusive action, exhibits obscene gestures, or yells profanity and/or provocative type language toward an official, student-athlete, coach, spectator, bench and/or score table personnel is considered unsportsmanlike. Such undesirable behavior requires immediate attention by the officials and/or the host school.

### Procedure

If a situation occurs outside the lines, therefore outside the jurisdiction of the rulebook, the official shall instruct the host manager to take care of the problem. If possible this should be done without stopping the performance (i.e. between teams). If not possible, the official should stop competition until the host management takes care of the situation. If the manager, athletic director and/or local school principal is not in the gym, it becomes the responsibility of the host school coach.

The posting of the expected behavior at the gymnasium entrance clarifies to everyone the IHSA's expectation of all participants.

### Preventative

Host School: Fans must be seated in an area that is carefully monitored. The IHSA suggests the first couple rows can be reserved for senior citizen, handicapped seating, press or other teams.

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# Do What's Right!

## Sportsmanship

### DWR! EXPECTATIONS

- ❖ *Represents their school and community well with positive interaction with opposing fans and players.*
- ❖ *Uses positive yells, chants, songs or gestures.*
- ❖ *Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat*
- ❖ *Respect and acknowledge the integrity/judgment of officials.*
- ❖ *Exhibit positive behavior with opponents and fans before, during and after the contest.*

### Acceptable Behavior...

- During the National Anthem, students, participants and fans should remove any hats, face the flag, not talk, place the right hand on the heart, and remain still until the end of the anthem.
- Applause during introduction of players, coaches and officials.
- Players shaking hands with opponents while both sets of fans recognize player's performance with applause.
- Accept all decisions of the game officials.
- Spirit Participants lead fans in positive support.
- Handshakes between participants and coaches at the end of contests, regardless of the outcome.
- Treat competition as a game, not a war.
- Coaches/players search out opposing participants to recognize them for outstanding performance or coaching.
- Applause at the end of the contest for performance of all participants.
- Everyone showing concern for an injured player, regardless of the team.
- Encourage surrounding people to display sportsmanlike conduct.

### Unacceptable Behavior...

- Disrespectful or derogatory yells, chants, songs or gestures.
- Booming or heckling an official's decision.
- Criticizing officials in any way; displays of temper with an official's call.
- Yells that antagonize opponents.
- Refusing to shake hands or give recognition for good performances.
- Blaming the loss of the game on officials, coaches or participants.
- Laughing or name calling to distract an opponent.
- Use of profanity or displays of anger that draw attention away from the game.
- Doing own yells instead of following the lead of spirit participants.



## STUDENT MEDIA CREDENTIALS FOR PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Congratulations on qualifying for an IHSA state final in a team sport. In order to provide the best possible coverage of this event for your school newspaper, yearbook and AV club, etc. you are entitled to have up to three students receive credentials to cover this event as official media members. In the event that you have less than three students, an adult sponsor may be included on this list. To apply for student media credentials, please have your Athletic Director or an individual involved with the aforementioned programs email Matt Troha ([mtroha@ihsa.org](mailto:mtroha@ihsa.org)) at the IHSA with the following information:

- 1) The names of individuals attending
- 2) Whether they are students or adults
- 3) If the attending individuals will serve as reporters, photographers, videographers, etc.

Student media who are registering for credentials are expected to maintain a level of professionalism while covering this event. That includes no cheering while in the press box or game coverage area. Proper attire is also required. Wearing school shirts and colors is acceptable, but students wearing face paint, costumes, carrying props, etc. will be required to change before receiving credential clearance.

The individual applying for student media credentials will receive specific information on credential pick-up and media regulations at the event via email in the days leading up to the state final.

Please note that student media credentials are only available for state final events in team sports. Due to the sheer volume of schools who qualify in individual sports, our press facilities would be unable to accommodate student media from all participating schools in individual sports. Student media are also welcome to cover IHSA state final activities. Credentials are not required for these events, but please have your students check-in with state final personnel upon arrival for media coverage regulations.

*Please contact Matt Troha (309-663-6377) at the IHSA for any questions related to this document.*

# Internet Video Broadcasting Information



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IHSA Tournament Managers/Hosts,

The advent of greater broadcasting technology over the past few years has brought about many new potential broadcasters and many new broadcasting platforms and mediums, especially as it pertains to broadcasting video over on the internet. It is important to remember that most internet video streams of IHSA State Series (Regionals, Sectionals, Super-Sectionals, Football Playoffs) events will require that a broadcast rights fee be paid by the broadcasting individual/company. A new internet video broadcasting fee schedule has been developed and is located below, but first please read these reminders on how to determine if a fee is necessary should you be approached about a video webcast of the State Series event you are hosting. If at any time you ever have questions on the fees or any other matters related to broadcasting or media, please call Matt Troha at the IHSA office (309-663-6377).

## **BROADCAST RIGHTS FEE PAYMENT REQUIRED**

There is an IHSA broadcast rights fee required with the broadcast if any one of the options below is applicable...

- 1) The internet video webcast is originated and accessible to viewers on any third-party website (i.e. media website, IHIGH, UStream, High School Cube, fan site, etc.).
- 2) If the crew producing the internet video webcast is not affiliated with the high school or not composed entirely of high school students and/or high school personnel.

## **BROADCAST RIGHTS FEE PAYEMENT NOT REQUIRED**

There is no IHSA broadcast rights fee required if both guidelines below are met...

- 1) The internet video webcast is produced and the crew populated entirely by high school students and high school personnel as a part of a high school tv station, AV Club, etc.  
*and*
- 2) The internet video webcast is originated on and accessed by viewers on the high school website, the website of the city or on the school's IHSA.tv website ([www.IHSA.tv/schoolname](http://www.IHSA.tv/schoolname)).

## ***Internet Video Broadcast Rights Fee Schedule***

Prior to the 2011-12 school year, internet video webcasts fell under the same broadcast rights fee schedule as television. Because of the growing number of internet broadcasting entities, the IHSA Media Advisory Committee felt like it was in the best interest of the medium to develop more affordable broadcast rights fees for video internet broadcasts. The rights fee schedule below was adopted beginning in the fall of 2011 for streaming video:

### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Per Regional Game-\$50  
Per Sectional Game-\$75  
Per Super-Sectional Game-\$100

Per Regional Tournament-\$100  
Per Sectional Tournament-\$125

### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Per Regional Game-\$50  
Per Sectional Game-\$50  
Per Super-Sectional Game-\$75

Per Regional Tournament-\$75  
Per Sectional Tournament-\$75

### **FOOTBALL**

Per 1<sup>st</sup> Round Playoff Game-\$50  
Per 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Playoff Game-\$50  
Per Quarterfinal Playoff Game-\$75  
Per Semifinal Playoff Game-\$100

### **ALL OTHER SPORTS**

Per Regional Game/Meet-\$25 (\$50 whole tournament)  
Per Sectional Game/Meet-\$50 (\$75 whole tournament)  
Per Super-Sectional Game/Meet-\$75



# IHSA SECTIONAL MANAGER'S COMPETITIVE CHEER CHECKLIST

## SECTIONAL MANAGER

- Check web site for assignments \_\_\_\_\_
- Secure and finalize flow of event \_\_\_\_\_  
(warm-up area, entrance/exits, matting,  
sound system, performance space)
- Check school site for officials assigned to  
your contest (2 weeks prior to competition) \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact Head official \_\_\_\_\_
- Verify computer and internet access at your site \_\_\_\_\_
- Each official will need a computer for scoring \_\_\_\_\_
- Hire/confirm Event Workers \_\_\_\_\_  
(announcer, security, concessions, ticket gate,  
custodial, timers)
- Secure volunteers \_\_\_\_\_
- Programs created/Video sales (optional) \_\_\_\_\_
- Confirm receipt of awards \_\_\_\_\_
- PA Announcements reviewed \_\_\_\_\_
- Report results online (Winner Report) \_\_\_\_\_
- Complete and submit Financial Report \_\_\_\_\_

## SAFETY

- Enough seats to accommodate fans \_\_\_\_\_
- All entrances and exits controlled \_\_\_\_\_
- Secure posting area for performance order \_\_\_\_\_
- Plan for teams going in and out of gym and school \_\_\_\_\_
- Plan for fans going in and out of gym and school \_\_\_\_\_
- Parking adequate for fans \_\_\_\_\_
- Parking lot patrolled \_\_\_\_\_
- All handicap and safety areas reserved and  
not blocked off \_\_\_\_\_
- Adequate lighting in parking lot if applicable \_\_\_\_\_
- Adequate restrooms \_\_\_\_\_
- Check equipment (PA, sound system) \_\_\_\_\_
- If fans must be seated behind officials,  
monitor carefully. IHSA recommends that the  
first couple rows be reserved for press,  
administrators, handicap and/or senior citizens \_\_\_\_\_

## SUPERVISORY STAFF

- Hire enough people to cover the event \_\_\_\_\_
- Train workers and assign specific sections  
of the facility to workers \_\_\_\_\_
- Workers are easily identifiable \_\_\_\_\_
- Key people with walkie-talkies, mobile phones \_\_\_\_\_
- Athletic trainer/water available \_\_\_\_\_

## SPORTS INFORMATION

- Set up area for working press \_\_\_\_\_
- Inform local media of event and results \_\_\_\_\_

## COMPETITION DAY

- Competition Areas/Gymnasium prepared \_\_\_\_\_
- Verify competition mats are secure \_\_\_\_\_
- Verify internet access at your site \_\_\_\_\_
- Verify sound system \_\_\_\_\_
- Officials table \_\_\_\_\_
- Scorers' table \_\_\_\_\_
- Scoring Program \_\_\_\_\_
- Public Address System and materials \_\_\_\_\_
- Stopwatch for timing \_\_\_\_\_
- Bleachers and handicap seating identified \_\_\_\_\_
- Trainer/Water for teams and officials \_\_\_\_\_
- Set up for ticket takers and sellers \_\_\_\_\_
- Officials: Determine if officials will be announced \_\_\_\_\_
- Officials: One person assigned to officials to get  
on and off the performance area \_\_\_\_\_
- Officials: Let the officials know who is the  
administrator in charge of the contest \_\_\_\_\_

## POST COMPETITION

- Pay officials \_\_\_\_\_
- Sectional managers/Head Official distribute  
state final winners packets to winning team \_\_\_\_\_
- Complete Winner Report via TourneyWire \_\_\_\_\_
- Complete Financial Report \_\_\_\_\_

# SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITY TO AN OFFICIAL PRIOR TO THE SEASON

1. Send a reminder card or email to the officials after you have them scheduled.
2. Reminder should include date of contest, time, level, location and sport.

Even though many schools and conferences have assignment chairpersons, sending a reminder is highly recommended. When an official does not show, people in your community won't know who the assignment chairperson is, but they do know the athletic director. **Avoid embarrassment.**

3. Have a standard wage scale set for your different sports and levels and a method in place to raise the pay periodically.
4. If possible, let the working officials know who their partner(s) will be.
5. Hire police and security along with medical assistant or athletic trainer coverage for events whenever possible.
6. Set a policy with your school board on fan, coach and player behavior.
7. Make sure all officials have a contract that is signed by your school—preferably by the principal or IHSA Official Representative.

## SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITY TO AN OFFICIAL PRIOR TO THE CONTEST

1. Prior to the contest, provide the officials with directions and inform them of any special activities that might be occurring (i.e., Homecoming, Senior Night, etc.)
2. Give the official a number they can call in case of an emergency or postponement due to weather.
3. Have competent workers assigned at all contests (scorers, announcers, chain crew, etc.). These people are of great assistance to the official during the contest.
4. Have a host assigned to meet the officials as they arrive. The host should do the following for the officials:
  - A) Provide a reserved parking space.
  - B) Meet officials and take them to the dressing room.
  - C) Have refreshments available for halftime and postgame.
  - D) Ask for any additional needs.
  - E) Introduce the officials to those game workers pertinent to the contest (i.e., scorer, announcer, chain gang, etc.).
  - F) Get the proper pronunciation of officials' names so they are correct when given by the public address announcer.
5. Athletic director should discuss with the officials any special events, conference rules, national anthem time, etc. that would affect the game.
6. Provide the officials with the name of the adult supervisor for that contest and where that person can be found in the event a challenging situation should occur.
7. Make officials aware of location of an athletic trainer or other first responders during the contest. Have a doctor on site when possible (especially at football contests).
8. Make sure all bench personnel are properly attired.
9. Do a check on game scoreboards and lighting systems prior to the game or contest.
10. Make sure the playing area is properly marked and meets National Federation guidelines for that contest.
11. Provide appropriate secured dressing area and hot water showering facilities.



# SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITY TO AN OFFICIAL DURING THE CONTEST

1. Insist coaches display good sportsmanship and are proper examples for your players and crowd.
2. Have your public address announcer or cheerleader read the IHSA sportsmanship statement and remain unbiased during contest.
3. Make sure the event supervisor understands the duties and responsibilities pertinent to that contest.
4. Make sure the playing area is maintained during halftime of each contest. For wrestling, make sure the mat is properly cleaned and washed.
5. Help with adverse weather conditions; monitor accordingly.
6. Make sure proper crowd control is visible and in place. Good administrative control can prevent difficult situations.
7. Observe the crowd during the contest and prevent any disturbances that may occur.
8. Work with the official during the game regarding crowd control.
9. Retrieve the game ball at the end of the contest.
10. Escort the officials back to the dressing room at halftime and at the conclusion of the contest.

## SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITY TO AN OFFICIAL AFTER THE CONTEST

1. Escort the officials safely back to the dressing room and parking lot.
2. Do not allow unauthorized persons in the dressing room after the game. This includes coaches.
3. Have refreshments available for the officials after the contest.
4. Be sure to thank the officials for their time and effort, regardless of the outcome of the game.
5. Make sure arrangements for paying the officials have been completed. It is preferable to pay the official the day of contest.
6. Ensure that officials are not confronted by anyone after the contest.





# Competitive Cheerleading Scoresheet



Sectional

School: \_\_\_\_\_

State

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Official: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPETITION CATEGORY		TEAM SCORE	COMMENTS
VOICE/PROJECTION	10	_____	
MOTIONS/DANCE	10	_____	
JUMPS	10	_____	
TUMBLING	10	_____	
PARTNER STUNTS	10	_____	
PYRAMID/BASKET TOSSES	10	_____	
FORMATION/TRANSITIONS	10	_____	
SYNCHRONIZATION	10	_____	
DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY	10	_____	
OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS	10	_____	

RAW SCORE \_\_\_\_\_ — DEDUCTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

— LEGALITIES \_\_\_\_\_ = TOTAL SCORE



# Competitive Cheerleading Scoresheet Rubric

Rubric ranges are based on a **majority** of the team performing the skills listed.

Placement within a specific rubric range is determined by the difficulty of the skills performed as listed below by a majority of the team and overall execution & technique of those skills. Below average or sub-standard technical execution may result in a team being dropped out of a rubric range.

## MOTIONS/DANCE

- 6.0-7.0: Below average level of execution, little to no visual effects\*, slow pace
  - 7.0-8.0: Average level of execution, basic visual effects\*, average pace
  - 8.0-9.0: Above average level of execution, multiple visual effects\*, fast pace
  - 9.0-10: Exceptional level of execution, multiple visual effects\*, fast pace
- \* Visual effects includes: level changes, ripples, transitional movements, formations, foot and floor work

## JUMPS

- 6.0-7.0: Basic jumps (Tuck, Spread Eagle, Double Hook) or poor execution/technique\* of advanced jumps
  - 7.0-8.0: Advanced jumps (Front/Side Hurdler, Toe Touch, Pike, Double Nine) performed with below level height/technique\*, minimal variety (two different types of jumps). Poor execution of combo jumps\* may be scored in this range
  - 8.0-9.0: Advanced jumps performed with level height, average technique\* and variety (three or more different types of jumps). Note: Must perform at least one combo jump\* in order to qualify for 8-9 range. Must display at least one synchronized full team jump
  - 9.0-10: Four advanced jumps performed with above level, above average technique\* and variety. Note: Must perform at least one combo jump\* in order to qualify for 9-10 range. Must display at least one synchronized full team jump
- \*Technique includes: approach, landing, toe point and motion execution in the jump

## TUMBLING

- 6.0-7.0: Basic rolls, handstands, cartwheels, round-off, front/back walkover
- 7.0-8.0: Running and/or standing back handsprings
- 8.0-9.0: Running and/or standing tuck skills
- 9.0-10: Running and/or standing layouts, fulls, specialty passes incorporating two or more no-handed skills

## PARTNER STUNTS

Majority execution of at least one of the following:

- 6.0-7.0: Beginner level partner stunts (shoulder sit/stand, extension prep, single leg prep skills and double base extension)
  - 7.0-8.0: Intermediate level partner stunts: a. Double base extended stunts with full twist dismount, b. Extended single leg variations\* with a straight cradle; c. Assisted prep level single base skills
  - 8.0-9.0: a. Extended single leg variations\* with a full twist dismount, b. 1/4 up, 1/2 up, switch up, or quick toss to extended level with one advanced body position with a full twist dismount, c. Unassisted prep level single base skills, d. Assisted single base extended skills.
  - 9.0-10: a. Elite entry or elite transition to an extended skill with advanced body position variations\* with a full twist dismount (1 stunt sequence), b. Extended single leg advanced body position variations\* (not including torch or liberty) with a full twist dismount and elite entry or elite transition to an extended skill (2 stunt sequences), c. Unassisted single base extended skills
- \*Variations are defined by two or more body positions displayed

## PYRAMIDS/TOSSES

- 6.0-7.0: Basic straight ride tosses and/or extended two leg pyramid
  - 7.0-8.0: Single skill tosses and/or extended single leg pyramid with at least one transition
  - 8.0-9.0: Tosses that contain two skills and/or extended single leg pyramid with multiple\* transitions, one of which is a release that ends in an extended position
  - 9.0-10: Tosses that contain three or more skills one of which is twisting, and/or pyramid with multiple\* extended structures and multiple\* release transitions, one of which ends in a single leg extended position
- \*Multiple = two or more



# Competitive Cheerleading Rubric and Scoresheet Instructions & Definitions

IHSA Competitive Cheer Rubrics & Scoresheets (Legality & Deductions) are tools used by IHSA licensed officials to score team's routines at the IHSA Competitive Cheer State Series. The following items must be considered when applying scores:

- Rubric ranges are based on a majority of the team performing the skills listed.
- Placement within a specific rubric range is determined by the difficulty of the skills performed as listed below by a majority of the team and overall **execution & technique** of those skills. **Below average or sub-standard technical execution may result in a team being dropped out of a rubric range.**

## DEFINITIONS

**Advanced Body Positions:** Front, side and back flexibility with foot at or above-waist level (Example: arabesque, heel stretch, scorpion, scale, over stretch, bow and arrow, needle) not including torch or liberty

**Combo jump:** Connected jumps without a pause between. Example: Double toe touch or toe touch, hurdler, & pike all connected.

**Elite Entries & Transitions:** Quick toss to a single leg extended position, Switch up with at least a 1/4 turn, Switch up to a single leg advanced body position, Inversion from ground, Low to high, Ball up, Twisting full up (top person rotates 360), Full around

*Note: This list is for examples only and is not an all-inclusive listing*

**Incomplete Skill:** Examples: Hands touch down on a Standing Back, Full Down (Single Down) cradles landing on the stomach, cradles where top person's feet hit the ground

**Missed Skill:** Examples: Tumbling pass lands on knees, two persons on the ground during a cradle, a fall from an individual stunt, pyramid or tumbling skill, ground up Liberty doesn't hit and comes right down to a cradle.

**Out of Rubric Range:** The following criteria are some examples of what may drop a team out of a rubric range

- a. Lack of a majority of a team executing a skill
- b. Poor execution
- c. Lack of technique

*Note: A rubric range drop should not be more than a "missed skill" deduction*

**Structure:** A place in a pyramid when a top person connects (hand-hand or hand-foot) and pauses to show a defined position. This is also referred to as a picture

## NON RUBRIC DESCRIPTORS

**VOICE/PROJECTION:** Volume, Articulation, Inflection, Enunciation, Speech, Pace, Consistency, Showmanship, Energy, Facial Expression/Smiles, Enthusiasm, Timing, Recovery

**FORMATION/TRANSITIONS:** Variety, Levels, Seamless, Creative, Visual, Use of the mat, Fluid movements, Spacing, Surprise in transitions, Spread out/sides, Crossing center, Bumping/tripping into one another, Gaps in formations, Utilization of skills with in transitions and formation changes

**SYNCHRONIZATION:** Entire routine – Overall - don't score synchronization in skill sets in the rubric categories - No double jeopardy  
Variations of how often & how bad the synchronization is off

**DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY:** Should refer to the entire score sheet

In addition, the criteria listed below, performed well, should also be considered in the overall degree of difficulty score: full squad skills, repetition of skills, 3 vs. 2 stunt groups, 4 vs. 3 stunt groups, 5 vs. 4 stunt groups performing elite entries and twist dismounts, synchronized tumbling skills or tosses, jump tumbling combination, # of tops performing releases/inversions, pace of pyramid transitions, number of athletes performing skill (e.g., males doing motions), doing skills later in a routine & multiple times. Individual skills are not as difficult (e.g., rippling tosses, single running series, or one inverted top person at a time) as multiple skills.

**Example:** It is difficult to keep words up while tumbling or stunting, if a team does so, they should be rewarded; Reward teams that are performing max stunt groups, displaying full team skills, displaying endurance, and multiple occurrences of skills.

**Note:** Doing the bare minimum gets you into the rubric category, but is not necessarily difficult.

**OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS:** Clean, Solid Routine, Crowd Appeal, Creative



# Competitive Cheerleading Legalities

School \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_ Official \_\_\_\_\_

*Please cite the NFHS rule violation and the time/part in routine in which the violation occurred.*

## MINOR NFHS VIOLATION:

Rule Infraction	Warning	Rule Number	x (1)
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

*Examples: NFHS Spirit Rules Book 2.3.1 Jewelry; 2.3.2 Nails; 2.3.3 Hair; 2.3.6 Apparel; 2.3.7 Glitter, etc...*

## MAJOR NFHS VIOLATION:

Rule Infraction	Warning	Page Number	x (5)
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

*Examples: NFHS Spirit Rules Book 2.4.7 No back spots for a cradle from an extended stunt; 2.5.1 Illegal inversions; 2.4.5, 2.4.6 Incorrect spotting, etc. . .*

	<b>TOTAL LEGALITY DEDUCTIONS:</b>
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# Competitive Cheerleading Deductions

School \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

Official \_\_\_\_\_

*Please cite the rule violation and the time/part in routine in which the violation occurred.*

<b>DEDUCTION CATEGORY</b>	<b>NUMBER OF DEDUCTIONS</b>	<b>DEDUCTION TOTAL</b>
<b>Music Time – 1:30</b>	<b>Overtime – (1)</b>	
<b>Total Time – 3 min.</b>	<b>Overtime – (1)</b>	
<b>Missed Skill</b> <b>Examples:</b> Stunt or Mount comes down, tumbling lands on knees or back  Pyramid Collapse	_____ x 1  _____ x 2	
<b>Incomplete Skill</b> <b>Examples:</b> Single downs (or full downs) that land on the stomach, hands touch down on tumbling	_____ x .5	
<b>Boundary Violation</b> <b>Examples:</b> One foot or hand is over the boundary line	_____ x .5	
<b>IHSA Terms &amp; Conditions Violation</b>	_____ x 1	
	<b>TOTAL POINT DEDUCTIONS:</b>	

# Prevention of Heat Illness Guidelines

Athletes participating outdoors in hot, humid weather or indoors, in non-air conditioned or poorly ventilated gyms are susceptible to heat related illness. While it is the responsibility of each school participating in an IHSA contest to allow adequate acclimatization to the heat prior to the contest, it is the authority of the local manager to adjust or alter a contest based on the environment. Managers should check the environment one-hour before the scheduled contest.

If a high risk is present, the manager has the authority to alter game conditions. Athletes should drink one to two cups of water in the hour preceding competition and continue drinking during the activity every 15-20 minutes. If conditions become severe, the manager may suspend or alter the contest. Altering the contest may include stoppage of play for a mandatory drink period, stopping play for a rest period where gear and clothing may be loosened to allow heat loss, stopping play to allow for removal of outer clothing, socks and or shoes or even postponing the contest.

Local Managers should refer to the Heat Index Table below if the host school does not have a plan or means to assess both the temperature and humidity prior to the contest. This heat index can be used to define caution, extreme caution, danger and extreme danger risk conditions. Additional heat and hydration information can be found by accessing the Sports Medicine link on the IHSA web site at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org).

## Heat Index Chart

Heat Index in °F (°C)

Relative Humidity (%)													
Temp in °F/°C	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100
110 (47)	136 (58)												
108 (43)	130 (54)	137 (58)											
106 (41)	124 (51)	130 (54)	137 (58)										
104 (40)	119 (48)	124 (51)	131 (55)	137 (58)									
102 (39)	114 (46)	119 (48)	124 (51)	130 (54)	137 (58)								
100 (38)	109 (43)	114 (46)	118 (48)	124 (51)	129 (54)	136 (58)							
98 (37)	105 (41)	109 (43)	113 (45)	117 (47)	123 (51)	128 (53)	134 (57)						
96 (36)	101 (38)	104 (40)	108 (42)	112 (44)	116 (47)	121 (49)	126 (52)	132 (56)					
94 (34)	97 (36)	100 (38)	103 (39)	106 (41)	110 (43)	114 (46)	119 (48)	124 (51)	129 (54)	135 (57)			
92 (33)	94 (34)	96 (36)	99 (37)	101 (38)	105 (41)	108 (42)	112 (44)	116 (47)	121 (49)	126 (52)	131 (55)		
90 (32)	91 (33)	93 (34)	95 (35)	97 (36)	100 (38)	103 (39)	106 (41)	109 (43)	113 (45)	117 (47)	122 (50)	127 (53)	132 (56)
88 (31)	88 (31)	89 (32)	91 (33)	93 (34)	95 (35)	98 (37)	100 (38)	103 (39)	106 (41)	110 (43)	113 (45)	117 (47)	121 (49)
86 (30)	85 (29)	87 (31)	88 (31)	89 (32)	91 (33)	93 (34)	95 (35)	97 (36)	100 (38)	102 (39)	105 (41)	108 (42)	112 (44)
84 (29)	83 (28)	84 (29)	85 (29)	86 (30)	88 (31)	89 (32)	90 (32)	92 (33)	94 (34)	96 (36)	98 (37)	100 (38)	103 (39)
82 (28)	81 (27)	82 (28)	83 (28)	84 (29)	84 (29)	85 (29)	86 (30)	88 (31)	89 (32)	90 (32)	91 (33)	93 (34)	95 (35)
80 (27)	80 (27)	80 (27)	81 (27)	81 (27)	82 (28)	82 (28)	83 (28)	84 (29)	84 (29)	85 (29)	86 (30)	86 (30)	87 (31)

Category	Heat Index	Possible heat disorders
Extreme Danger	130° F or higher (54° C or higher)	Heat stroke or sunstroke likely
Danger	105°-129° F (41°-54° C)	*Sunstroke, muscle cramps, and/or heat exhaustion likely. Heatstroke possible with prolonged exposure and/or physical activity.
Extreme Caution	90°-105° F (32°-41° C)	*Sunstroke, muscle cramps, and/or heat exhaustion possible with prolonged exposure and/or physical activity.
Caution	80°-90° F (27°-32° C)	Fatigue possible with prolonged exposure and/or physical activity.

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## **Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Drone) Policy**

**For IHSA Tournaments**

**Effective February 18, 2015**

The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (“UAV”), also known as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at IHSA tournament venues. Tournament management shall refuse admission or entry to anyone attempting to use a UAV; and if necessary, tournament management shall remove anyone attempting to use a UAV and/or confiscate the UAV until the event has been completed.

For purposes of this policy, a UAV is any aircraft without a human pilot aboard the device.

An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases for IHSA broadcast partners, provided the management of the tournament facility permits the presence of UAVs for broadcast purposes under the control of the IHSA.



## Instructions for Submitting Sectional Winner Report

Sectional Managers are required to complete the Competitive Cheerleading Winner Report on-line immediately following the sectional tournament. ***For the Competitive Cheerleading competition, Winner Reports are submitted via the TourneyWire tournament management program.***

***Following the awards assembly, managers can go into TourneyWire and click the 'Post final results' button. Then they will scroll down, confirm the results, and click 'Post results'. After clicking this button, those results will be both posted on TourneyWire.com and marked as ready for the state tournament scheduler to use.***

(If you experience any problems, please call the IHSA Office and ask for Carol Carr, or email Ben Stewart at TourneyWire at [support@tourneywire.com](mailto:support@tourneywire.com))





## **Awards Delivery Information**

To Managers of All IHSA Tournaments:

In an effort to better serve our tournament sites and the suppliers of our awards, we would like to have you read this bulletin carefully and then do what you can to expedite the instructions:

1. Be advised that at **Regional and Sectional Tournaments**, medals and plaques may be shipped separately and may not arrive at your tournament site on the same day. Please open boxes immediately to check contents, as medals **CAN** be in plaque boxes. **NOTE:** There are no medals given at Regional and/or Sectional Levels in the team sports of baseball, basketball, competitive cheerleading, football, soccer, softball and volleyball, and in the activities of Drama/Group Interpretation and scholastic bowl.

Our awards supplier, A and M Products of Princeton, IL, often ships Regional and/or Sectional medals in the box with the plaque. **PLEASE CHECK THE PLAQUE BOXES CAREFULLY AND DO NOT DISCARD THEM UNTIL YOU HAVE DETERMINED THE MEDALS ARE NOT THERE!!**

**At State Final Tournaments**, medallions and trophies may be shipped separately and may not arrive at your tournament site on the same day. Please open boxes immediately to check contents, as medallions can be in trophy boxes.

2. Awards will be shipped to the school sites directly from A & M Products via United Parcel Service.
3. Please inform whoever receives your United Parcel deliveries to expect awards to arrive up to two weeks prior to the tournament, and ask them to deliver the packages directly to you when they arrive.
4. It is very likely that some awards (particularly trophies) will arrive in two or more boxes and will need to be assembled. **They may not arrive on the same day, but should be opened as they arrive.**
5. Please check all trophies, plaques, etc., to see that they are in good condition and not damaged in any way. You should note that they are engraved with the proper sport, tournament level, year, etc.

If, after doing all of this, a problem develops, please contact Cheryl Lowery at the IHSA office at (309) 663-6377.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Ron McGraw  
Asst. Executive Director



## **Assembly Instructions for IHSA State Series Trophies** (please use caution when assembling the trophies)

Upon receipt of your Trophies and Awards, please inspect them immediately so replacements can be shipped to you, if you notice a damaged trophy or figurine. If replacements need to be issued, please contact A & M Products at the number below.

We recommend the following for attaching the figures to the IHSA State Trophy:

- Unwrap each figure. If there is a hex nut on the post of the figure remove it. It should not be needed.
- Lay the trophy on its back on a flat surface and remove the hex nut from the rods from underneath the trophy.
- Push the rod through the top of the trophy and remove the ferrule (the hollow threaded tube) from the rod and attach the ferrule to the threaded post of the figure. Screw the ferrule all the way up the threaded post of the figure.
- Screw the rod back onto the ferrule until it is tight.
- Place the rod, with the figure attached, back through the top of the base and through the holes in the bottom of the base.

**IMPORTANT** - please be careful that the figure(s) is not supporting the weight of the trophy. **Figures can be easily broken.**

**DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN THE FIGURE ONTO THE BASE** THIS CAUSES THE BOLT TO BE PULLED OUT FROM UNDERNEATH THE FIGURE

**Please do not pick up and carry the trophy by the side figures.**

The **CHAMPION** and **RUNNER-UP** trophy receive **three** of the bigger #1 figures.

The **THIRD PLACE** and **FOURTH PLACE** trophy receive **one** of the bigger #1 figures for the top. And the **two** smaller #2 figures are the side figures.

If you have any questions please call A & M Products, (815) 875-2667

**2015-2016 IHSA Regional/Sectional Manager  
Duplicate Awards Order Form for Ties**

**Tournament Site:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Level Of Competition:** \_\_\_ Regional \_\_\_ Sectional

**Sport/Activity:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** \_\_\_ Girls \_\_\_ Boys

**Print Tournament Manager's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tournament Manager's Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Classification (circle one):** 1A 2A 3A 4A 5A 6A 7A 8A Class A Class AA Unclassified

This form must be used and completed by the **Regional and/or Sectional Manager** to order duplicate medal/plaque for participants who earned them at the Regional or Sectional Tournament whose medal/plaque needs could not be fulfilled from existing tournament supplies. **Please return unused medals to A & M Products, 575 Elm Place, Princeton, IL 61356.**

Immediately following the **Regional and/or Sectional** tournament, please **fax this order form** to **A & M Products at (815) 879-0400**. The medals/plaque will be sent directly from A & M Products to the School listed. Tournament Managers must use this form to place orders. This form can be duplicated, if necessary.

**\*Event Name** ie-Pole Vault, Discus, Diving, 100-yd. Butterfly, Singles, Doubles, 102 lb., Speech: IE, etc.

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◆ **Recipient Town/School (Must supply both):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Recipient:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**TM=Team Plaque:** (    ) check here

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◆ **Recipient Town/School (Must supply both):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Recipient:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**I=Ind. Medal/Event Name\*** \_\_\_\_\_

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◆ **Recipient Town/School (Must supply both):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Recipient:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**I=Ind. Medal/Event Name\*** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of Recipient:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Name of Recipient:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Competitive Cheerleading PA Announcements



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## **(ANNOUNCE PRIOR TO EACH TEAM COMPETING)**

On deck is (High School B) \_\_\_\_\_ High School. And coming up next is \_\_\_\_\_ (High School A)  
(High School A) \_\_\_\_\_ High School you may take the floor.

## **(ANNOUNCE BEFORE THE START OF EACH SESSION)**

On behalf of the IHSA Board of Directors, the Administrative Staff, the Cheer Advisory Committee and the member schools of the Illinois High School Association, welcome to the 2016 Cheerleading Sectional/State Competition at \_\_\_\_\_.

## **(ANNOUNCE BEFORE THE START OF EACH SESSION)**

Ladies and Gentlemen, we ask your cooperation in making the sectional/state tournament a safe one for all of us here at \_\_\_\_\_. Please do not throw objects. The safety of the competitors, coaches, officials and others at the event, as well as our fans has a responsibility for each of us here at the state tournament. Please Sport a Winning Attitude. Refrain from unsportsmanlike behavior. Thank you.

## **(ANNOUNCE BEFORE THE START OF EACH SESSION)**

To go behind the scenes of IHSA State Final events, follow the IHSA on Twitter via the account @IHSASate.

## **(ANNOUNCE BEFORE THE START OF EACH SESSION)**

To help insure the safest and most comfortable atmosphere the host event staff will diligently maintain established security procedures and activities. This will require complete cooperation by all competing teams, contest officials, and fans. Security will always have priority over convenience; therefore, if you are requested to cooperate with event personnel in any manner, please do so promptly. Your assistance will enable event staff to fulfill its responsibilities efficiently.

## **(ANNOUNCE SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE THE START OF EACH SESSION)**

Hey sports fans! Sports Authority is proud to be the official sporting goods retailer of the Illinois High School Association. Sports Authority, all things sporting good.

## **(ANNOUNCE BEFORE THE START OF EACH SESSION)**

The possession, distribution, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and other illegal substances are prohibited at the site and on any affiliated property of the IHSA State Series Contest. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, alcohol free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site. Event staff will enforce this policy rigorously.

## **(ANNOUNCE BEFORE THE START OF EACH SESSION)**

The 23rd annual Illinois High School Association All-State Academic Team presented by Caterpillar will be honored the evening of April 18th during a banquet at the DoubleTree in Bloomington. The evening has become a wonderful recognition of America's future leaders. Call the I-H-S-A Office for more information about the banquet and how you can become part of the Illinois High School Activities Foundation.

**(ANNOUNCE AT START AND END OF EACH SESSION)**

Listen up sports fans! Stop by your local Sports Authority to find all the gear you need for your favorite sports. They're proud to be the official sporting goods retailer of the Illinois High School Association. Sports Authority, all things sporting good.

**(ANNOUNCE SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE DAY)**

Hey fans, player safety is the IHSA's top priority, and the Play Smart. Play Hard.™ initiative is focused on further improving the safety of Illinois' student-athletes. For more information, please visit Play Smart Play Hard Dot Org.

**(ANNOUNCE SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE DAY)**

Thank you for joining us for today's state final contest. The IHSA believes that high school athletics bring tremendous value to student-athletes, their schools and their communities. This is why we are committed to ensuring that all those involved in high school athletics are educated on and equipped to address player safety concerns. For more information, visit Play Smart Play Hard Dot Org.

**(ANNOUNCE EACH SESSION)**

Participation in interscholastic activities generates values that make the athletes better citizens. Here's a challenge for all of you here. Parents, coaches, officials and others can reinforce the development of these students by expressing, supporting and displaying those positive values gained by participating and competing. Challenge our young people not just to go to school, but to go beyond. . . with the IHSA.

**(ANNOUNCE ONCE EACH SESSION)**

The interscholastic athletics and activities experience is something we cannot take for granted. For more than 100 years the I-H-S-A has provided the vehicle for recognition of students, their schools and their communities through competition in I-H-S-A state series in sports and non-athletic activities. But participation in sports and activities is a lot more than just winning and losing. Students who participate in programs offered by their schools are taught valuable life lessons that will make them a success in whatever endeavors they choose. We must teach our students, their coaches, their families and their supporters that it is very important to participate. They must take advantage of the learning opportunities that are uniquely made available to them through I-H-S-A programs.

**(ANNOUNCE SEVERAL TIMES EACH SESSION)**

**:05 SEC Generic**

Gatorade knows it all begins within. Win From Within.

**:10 SEC Generic**

Gatorade knows every victory starts from within. Within is the determination to come up big when it matters most, but it also takes training and fuel. Win from within.

**:15 SEC Generic**

Gatorade knows every victory starts from within. It's the determination to come up big when it matters most. But no athlete does it alone. They need training and fuel to perform. That's how greatness comes from within. Win From Within

**(ANNOUNCE AT START AND END OF EACH SESSION)**

The N F H S Network is streaming this contest live at [www.IHSA.tv](http://www.IHSA.tv) so text or call friends and family who aren't here and invite them to watch. Parents and fans — put your cameras down and enjoy the contest. You can watch this contest on-demand at [www.IHSA.tv](http://www.IHSA.tv) or purchase a DVD at [www.IHSA.tv](http://www.IHSA.tv).

**(ANNOUNCE SEVERAL TIMES EACH SESSION)**

Hey sports fans! Sports Authority is proud to be the official sporting goods retailer of the Illinois High School Association. Shop your local store today, and you'll find all the gear you need for all your favorite sports. Sports Authority has the essentials for a winning season in soccer, football, baseball and much more! Plus, as a member of The League by Sports Authority, you'll get five percent back on everything you buy, so shop today and get rewarded! Sports Authority, all things sporting good.

**(ANNOUNCE SEVERAL TIMES EACH SESSION)**

Attention sports fans! At your local Sports Authority, you'll find all the gear you need for your favorite sports. From soccer, football and baseball to track & field, they'll get you ready for a winning season! Sports Authority is proud to be the official sporting goods retailer of the Illinois High School Association. Sports Authority, all things sporting good.

**(ANNOUNCE SEVERAL TIMES EACH SESSION)**

Looking for a DVD of this contest? Visit [www.ihsa.tv](http://www.ihsa.tv) to order a copy anytime. The IHSA.TV broadcast of every match from the 2015-16 IHSA Cheerleading State Finals is available on DVD at [www.ihsa.tv](http://www.ihsa.tv).

**(ANNOUNCE BETWEEN EACH SESSION)**

Nearly 10,000 young people in Illinois High School Association member schools have earned the I-H-S-A Scholastic Achievement Award. This unique program helps accentuate the interscholastic experience. Call the I-H-S-A Office for more information on how you can support the Illinois High School Activities Foundation, which underwrites the cost of this outstanding scholarship recognition program with contributions from many supportive corporations and individuals like you.

**(ANNOUNCE ONCE EACH SESSION)**

Interscholastic athletics are an extension of the educational process, and the athletic field is the coach's classroom. Remember Do What's Right! Add A. Tude is for everyone.

**(ANNOUNCE AFTER EACH SESSION)**

[www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org) is the address for the IHSA web site on the Internet. Check it out any time you want to find out immediately what's happening with high school activities throughout Illinois. You can also follow the IHSA on Facebook & Twitter by clicking on the Facebook and Twitter links located on the IHSA homepage.

**(ANNOUNCE SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE THE START OF EACH SESSION DURING THE STATE FINAL TOURNAMENT)**

We invite fans to purchase the official Tournament souvenir program, which is on sale now. The price is \$5. This year's official program includes rosters and pictures of the competing teams and state tournament records.

**(ANNOUNCE SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE THE START OF EACH SESSION DURING THE STATE FINAL TOURNAMENT)**

The official I-H-S-A State Final apparel souvenirs are on sale only here at \_\_\_\_\_. Fans may choose from T-shirts, sweatshirts, shorts, hats and a variety of State Final Apparel. Stop by the Minerva Sportswear Souvenir booth to pick up your Official IHSA State Final merchandise.

**(ANNOUNCE SEVERAL TIMES EACH SESSION)**

The IHSA and the Illinois State Police wish to remind you that High school athletics and alcohol don't mix.

**(ANNOUNCE BEFORE EACH SESSION DURING THE STATE FINAL TOURNAMENT)**

Visual Image Photography is the official photography service authorized to provide fans attending IHSA state finals with action and award photographs of the participants. You can view all of the great photos from this weekends' tournament by visiting their web site. Just go to [www.V-I-P-I-S.com](http://www.V-I-P-I-S.com).

**(ANNOUNCE AFTER EACH SESSION AND AT THE END OF THE TROPHY PRESENTATION)**

The IHSA and the Illinois State Police wish to remind you to "Click it or Ticket", seat belts save lives!! Please buckle up on your way home from the competition.

**ANNOUNCE TOWARD THE END OF EACH SESSION**

The IHSA and the Illinois State Police wish to remind you that Illinois law states – Everyone must buckle up regardless of their age. Seatbelts save lives, always wear your seatbelt.

**(ANNOUNCE SEVERAL TIMES DURING EACH SESSION)**

The IHSA and Illinois State Police wish to remind you that distracted driving is impaired driving. Don't drive inTEXTicated!

**(ANNOUNCE SEVERAL TIMES DURING EACH SESSION)**

The IHSA and the Illinois State Police wish to remind you that drivers who use hand-held devices are four times more likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves. Distractions cause infractions!

**(ANNOUNCE TOWARD THE END OF EACH SESSION)**

The IHSA and the Illinois State Police wish to remind that you texting while driving is illegal. Cell phone use while driving is responsible for over 3,000 deaths and over 30,000 injuries across the United States each year.

**(ANNOUNCE BETWEEN EACH SESSION)**

[i-h-s-a \(dot\)org](http://i-h-s-a(dot)org) is the address for the IHSA's Web page on the internet. Check it out any time you want to find out immediately what's happening with high school activities throughout Illinois. You can also follow the IHSA on Facebook & Twitter by clicking on the Facebook and Twitter links located on the IHSA homepage.

**(CONCLUDING ANNOUNCEMENT)**

On behalf of the IHSA and (host school), thank you for your support of interscholastic athletics and activities. Have a safe trip home!

## School Information:

Please read the entire Trademark Use and Royalty Policy for full disclosures.

- By virtue of membership, schools are granted a license to use the IHSA Trademarks on or in connection with IHSA State Series Events. Member schools may produce their own programs or merchandise in accordance with the terms of the Trademark Use and Royalty Policy.
- Any writing or merchandise produced in connection with IHSA State Series Events must conspicuously display the IHSA name and at least one logo.
- Member schools contracting with an outside vendor to have programs or merchandise produced in connection with IHSA State Series Events are required to use IHSA licensed vendors.
- Member schools advancing to an IHSA State Final and choosing to have merchandise produced in connection with that event, must use Minerva Sportswear. The IHSA has a contract with this company to be the exclusive IHSA State Final Merchandise Vendor.
- A member school may use any IHSA Licensed Vendor. To see the approved list, visit the IHSA website at <http://www.ihsa.org/Resources/Merchandise/LicensedVendors.aspx>.

## Vendor Information:

Please read the entire Trademark Use and Royalty Policy for full disclosures.

- Any printed material or merchandise produced in connection with IHSA State Series Events, must conspicuously display the IHSA name and at least one logo.
- IHSA marks and logos can only be utilized by those who are granted a license by the IHSA.
- Member schools contracting with an outside vendor to have programs or merchandise produced in connection with IHSA State Series Events must use an approved IHSA licensed vendor.
- IHSA licensed vendors can sell licensed material to any IHSA member school.
- IHSA licensed vendors cannot produce merchandise in conjunction with an IHSA State Final. The IHSA has an exclusive State Final Merchandise Vendor contract.
- Licensed publication vendors pay the IHSA a 5% royalty of gross advertising sales, and licensed merchandise vendors pay the IHSA an 8% royalty of gross merchandise sales (based on sale of the finished product) - Royalty Report.
- For unlimited events, vendors can be licensed by the IHSA and utilize the IHSA name and logos for an entire year for a \$500 annual fee; or
- For limited events, vendors can be licensed by the IHSA and can utilize the IHSA name and logos for a single event, up to three events in a year, for \$50 per event or \$100 for three events.

Applying to be an IHSA Licensed Vendor (unlimited events):

1. Submit a completed Licensed Vendor Application for approval;
2. Once approved, sign the IHSA Vendor License Agreement; and
3. Pay the annual licensing fee of \$500.

Applying to be an IHSA Licensed Vendor (limited events):

1. Contact the IHSA office for approval;
2. Once approved, sign the IHSA Limited Use Vendor License Agreement; and
3. Pay the single event fee of \$50 or \$100 for three events.

For additional information regarding Licensing and Royalty, contact Brandi Waters at 309-663-6377 ext. 125, or visit the IHSA website at <http://www.ihsa.org/Resources/Merchandise/LicensedVendors.aspx>.

**Royalty Report:** For a downloadable pdf of the Royalty Report go to [http://www.ihsa.org/documents/forms/State\\_Tournament\\_Series\\_Royalty\\_Report.pdf](http://www.ihsa.org/documents/forms/State_Tournament_Series_Royalty_Report.pdf)





## **Financial Reports Must Be Filed Online**

The final phase of your hosting responsibilities is to file a financial report with the IHSA. The financial report forms are available in the password-protected Schools Center area of the IHSA Web site.

Log in to the Schools Center with your User ID and password. On the main menu of the Schools Center, under the heading "IHSA State Series Hosting", you will find a link to the financial report. Please fill out the one-page form and press the submit button to file your report.