



Cheerleading Meeting Minutes
From
March 26, 2012 April 3, 2012

ATTENDANCE: MARCH 26, 2012 Marcia Tessler (1), Jen Simmons (1), Joe Scalise (2), Joanne Small (5), Michele Ziegler (6), Vicki Nephew (7), Len Kies (8), Lori Brewer (10), Joe Tasman (11), Todd Nelson (NYSPHSAA) and Nina Van Erk (NYSPHSAA).

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DISCUSSION: The committee was convened to outline how a competition would be structured if approved by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee. This effort is a result of the lack of action by the Board of Regents to move forward to make cheerleading a sport.

The committee members reviewed what types of competitions are sponsored or provided in their respective Sections. It is evident that within all NYSPHSAA Sections, a competition is either sponsored by a league or the Section. The following is a summary.

Section 1 - Championship invitational held for the schools within their Section in the fall and winter seasons

Section 2 - The Suburban Council League sponsors a competition and invites schools outside of their league

Section 3 - Sectional championship is held in the fall and winter seasons.

Section 4 - Southern Tier Athletic Conference championship for their member schools

Section 5 - Section holds a championship for their member schools

Section 6 - League Championship for their member schools only

Section 7 - League Championship for their member schools only

Section 8 - An outside group endorses a Long Island Championship

Section 9 – League Championship for their member schools only

Section 10 - Invitationals are held after the basketball season.

Section 11 - Teams compete in the LI Championship but the Section is considering sponsoring an event.

NYSPHSAA SPONSORED EVENT

After considerable discussion, consensus was reached on the following items:

INVITATION: The event would be structured as a one day invitational for Varsity level squads to generate interest and promote the sport. Squads would be accepted on a first come, first served basis. If the event would have a maximum number of entries permitted. In the future the committee will review the entry procedure to assure that there is fair and equitable representation for all the Sections wishing to participate.

CLASSIFICATIONS: Will be dictated by the size of the squad rather than the size of the school.

Small Squad - A minimum of 5 competitors and a maximum of 12 competitors

Medium Squad - A minimum of 13 competitors and a maximum of 20 competitors
Large Squad - A minimum of 21 competitors and a maximum of 35 competitors
Coed Squad - A minimum of 12 competitors and a maximum of 24 competitors

VENUES: An east and west venue will be selected. If enough interest is generated, there may be a need to add a central location. Consideration will be given to limit the distance squads would have to travel. The committee felt that 35-40 squads could compete during a two hour period of time with an hour break between each session.

Size: Seating for at least 3,500 will be needed. Potential Sites: Binghamton Event Center, Hofstra, RIT, Blue Cross Arena, Onondaga, County Center in Westchester and Pace University

DATES: The winter season is considered most desirable. The last weekend in January and the first two weeks of February are ideal, trying to avoid using the holiday weekends.

TIME and ELEMENTS FOR ROUTINES: The maximum time allowed for a routine would be 2 minutes and 30 seconds using a combination of cheer (chants) and dance. No restriction would be placed on the length of the music.

JUDGES: A minimum of 8 judges would be needed for two panels of judges (3 panel judges and a safety judge).

RULES: The NFHS Spirit rules will be followed.

COACHING CERTIFICATION: All coaches of competing squads would need to have completed the AACCA Safety Course and possess a current First Aid and CPR certification that meets the NYSED requirements, in addition to meeting the NYSED requirements for Concussion Education.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY: All competing athletes must meet the eligibility standards set forth by the Commissioner of Education and NYSPHSAA.

SELECTION CLASSIFICATION - ADVANCED ATHLETIC PLACEMENT: The committee recommends that the standards for gymnastics be used.

START DATES: The committee recommends mirroring the start dates imposed for the winter season.

ENTRY FORMS: The committee recommends that the entry forms include verification of the following:

1. Coaching requirements completed
2. Selection Classification Advanced Athletic Placement
3. Eligibility Standards
4. Practice Requirements

NEXT STEPS: The committee recommends approval of this event so it may be scheduled during the 2012-2013 school year.