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COMPETITIVE/SIDELINE CHEER AGENDA

Meeting: November 6, 2023

9:00 a.m. CT. via ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81831410189?pwd=RXNWSGNMdndsUG8yUDJKRG1XbFJBQT09>

Competitive/Sideline Cheer Advisory Committee Members:

Athletic Director	Moe Ruesink, Sioux Valley	2026(1)
Principal	TBD	2024(2)
Class "A" Coach	Val Ewing, Winner	2024(2)
Class "AA" Coach	Diedra Nissen, SFR	2026(2)
Official	Krista Inman, Rapid City	2025(1)
Native American Rep.	Misty Mousseaux, Lakota Tech	2024(1)

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Select Recording Secretary
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review Duties/Responsibilities
5. Review Rule Changes for 2023--24
 - a. SDHSAA Rule Changes – Cheer- No proposals submitted last year.
6. Review List of Deviations in Competitive/Sideline Cheer
 - a. No glitter hairspray
 - b. Head judge will be designated for both cheer and dance. Judges scores from low to high shall be no more than 10 points.
7. Report on State Event
8. Report from Committee Members; Proposal of recommendations for submission to the Athletic Directors/Board of Directors for further consideration
 - a. A & AA Coaches Representatives- Valerie Ewing and Diedra Nissan
 - i. Eliminate small/large division for Class A and award 6 places for overall- (see proposal #1)
 - ii. Tumbling onto performing surface- (see proposal #2)
 - iii. Revise tumbling portion of the rubric- (see proposal #3)
 - iv. Revise the safety score sheet and change the name to deduction sheet- (see proposal #4)

- b. Principal Representatives- no report
- c. Athletic Directors Representatives- Moe Ruesink
- d. Official Representatives- Krista Inman
- e. Native American Rep.- Misty Mousseaux
- f. SDHSAA Rep. - Jo Auch

- i. Awards explanation for all sports and how the SDHSAA determines number of awards given.

9. Review recommendations; additional opportunity for proposals following group discussion.

10. Review SDHSAA Handbook Sections for Competitive/Sideline Cheer

11. Next meeting date: Monday, November 11, 2024.

12. Adjourn



ADVISORY RULE PROPOSAL CHANGE

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Schools wishing to make a rules proposal change for the advisory committee to consider shall complete this form and submit to the SDHSAA office preferably two weeks PRIOR to the meeting date so the proposal may be added to the agenda.

Please select the sport in which the rules proposal is being submitted.

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| <input type="radio"/> Basketball | <input type="radio"/> Football | <input type="radio"/> Soccer | <input type="radio"/> Volleyball |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Comp. Cheer | <input type="radio"/> Golf | <input type="radio"/> Softball | <input type="radio"/> Wrestling |
| <input type="radio"/> Comp Dance | <input type="radio"/> Gymnastics | <input type="radio"/> Tennis | <input type="radio"/> In-/Out-of-Season |
| <input type="radio"/> Cross Country/Track | | | |

Title of Proposal: Eliminate Large/Small division

Proposal will affect the following classes (please check all that apply):

- ☐ Class B
☒ Class A
☒ Class AA

Proposed Rule Change:

Eliminate small/large division for Class A and award 6 places for overall.

Rationale for Rule Change:

This year, it was brought up that there are teams that are cutting athletes, sometimes even after competing in the large division all year. They are doing this to try to win the small division. This is not what is best for our sport. To offset this, we should award placings to top 6 teams. If you look at the previous year's scorings, the team that won the small division – would place in the overall high enough to get a trophy. The placings would also be in effect for the double AA schools. We need to award more places. With 21 teams in the state in Class A and 18 in Class AA, it's only fair that more than 4 of them are recognized. Most other sports award 6 teams.

Valerie Ewing	Winner High School	<i>Valerie Ewing</i>
Print Coach Name	Member School	Coach Signature
Brett Gardner	Winner High School	<i>Brett Gardner</i>
Print Athletic Director Name	Member School	Athletic Director Signature

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Title of Proposal: tumbling onto performing surface

Proposal will affect the following classes (please check all that apply):

- ☒ Class B
☒ Class A
☒ Class AA

Proposed Rule Change:

Current rule outlined in Cheer & Dance Judges Manual does not allow tumbling onto the performing surface. Proposed rule change would allow standing tumbling only, specifically during team introduction when spinting onto the mat.

Note: rule is listed in Cheer & Dance Judges Manual, but not the handbook on SDHSAA website. Can make it difficult for coaches to know all the rules.

Rationale for Rule Change:

Running tumbling could pose a safety hazard, whereas standing tumbling could be decided at coaches discretion. Standing tumbling is allowed in UCA. This rule is not outlined in NFHS. Additionally, to ease judging this would NOT count towards tumbling points, since the routine does not begin until the first choreographed move. This simply would aide teams in energy/spirit, creativity, and overall impression.

Jamiee S Exner

Print Coach Name

RC Stevens

Member School

Jamiee Exner

Coach Signature

Mike Kain

Print Athletic Director Name

RC Stevens

Member School

[Signature]

Athletic Director Signature

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Title of Proposal: Revise Tumbling Portion of Rubric

Proposal will affect the following classes (please check all that apply):

- ☐ Class B
☒ Class A
☒ Class AA

Proposed Rule Change:

Running Tumbling: For the score of a 5, teams must have a majority of BH layouts and/or front layouts. If a team has some advanced skills (ie: fulls), they can receive the additional .5.

Standing Tumbling: For the score of a 5, teams must have a majority of back-hand tuck sequence and/or jump with a tuck. If a team has some advanced skills (ie: standing fulls) they can receive the additional .5.

If the rubric can't be worth a total score of 101 with those additional points allowed for tumbling, could we explore the idea of a committee (2 coaches and 1 judge?) to revise the standing and running tumbling skills to reflect the higher skills (fulls) being worth more points than layouts? I am happy to be part of this committee and lead/organize, as I'm bringing it forward.

Rationale for Rule Change:

As the rubric is currently written, the highest difficulty (5 points) on running tumbling is BH layouts **AND** fulls in the same box. As a full is more of an advanced skill than a layout, more points should be given to teams that have some athletes throwing this skill. For the 4 and under scores, teams with any additional higher skills added will receive additional .5, so in theory, the same model should follow for layouts and fulls. (Same for standing tumbling)

Eve Langenbeck

Print Coach Name

Harrisburg

Member School

Eve Langenbeck

Coach Signature

Jim Attenburg

Print Athletic Director Name

Harrisburg

Member School

[Signature]
Athletic Director Signature

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Proposed Rule Change =

1. Changed "Safety Scoresheet" to "Deduction Score Sheet"
2. Delete "tumbling/dance" to read "fall(s)" in row 1
3. Add a separate row for Dance: illegal dance skills
4. Change Jewelry/Improper Equipment row 2 to 1 point
5. Change Props/Poms row 5 to 1 point and revise to read: "Stepping on a prop or a prop falling out of a skill/stunt"
6. Delete "Throw poms" row 5
7. Delete entire "collision" row 6
8. Unnecessary Delay row 7: change to 1 point and delete "no chants/cheers after announced"
9. Change deduction for going over time row 8: changed 5 pts to 1/10 pts to 5
10. Major falls row 9: change to 5 points and revise to read: "The top person falling to the ground in an uncontrolled manor, or multiple bases, or base or spot landing on the ground"
11. Safety Violation row 10: change to 1 point
12. Change unacceptable conduct row 11 (add: during routine) change to 1 point
13. Delete DQ category row 12 of unsportsmanlike conduct

Rationale for Rule Change =

In our Coaches Meeting, many coaches voiced the need for our Safety Sheet to be updated. In our discussion, we went line-by-line to rationalize the deduction and point loss. We questioned the actual "safety" concerns in some of the above changes, and the impact the point deduction could have on a routine. Coaches agree we want the focus to be on the routine/skills vs losing a high number of points for some of the items on the current safety sheet (with the need for safety still taken into account).

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SDHSAA Safety Deductions Score Sheet

School: _____ AA A

Category: _____ Small Large

Infractions	Points (per occurrence)	Location of Violation (stage left)	Explanation/ Rule Reference	Deductions
Tumbling/Dance Fall(s) – Non-Stunting Individual Athlete Examples: fall/land to weight bearing position during tumbling, jumps or other skills	1 point	___ L ___ C ___ R		
Dance: Incorrect/illegal dance skills	1 point			
Jewelry or Improper Equipment Illegal braces, supports, casts	5 points 1 point			
Fingernails, hair, glitter, hair ties on wrist Improper Uniforms, undergarments etc.	1 point			
Boundary Violation ONE ENTIRE weight-bearing hand, foot or body part is completely outside of the performance surface	1 point per athlete	__ Left __ Right __ Front __ Back		
Props/Poms Throw (flick of wrist) Stepping on-out of skill/stunt (1) Slipping & falling out of skill/stunt (5) a prop or prop falling out of a skill or stunt	1 point per occurrence	___ L ___ C ___ R		
Collision	1 point	___ L ___ C ___ R		
Unnecessary Delay Team not in the on-deck area when announced to the performance floor No chants/cheers after announced	10 point 1 point			
Time Limits (Music & Overall) 1-3 seconds over time 4-8 seconds over time 9 or more seconds over time	Warning 5-1 point 10-5 points			
Major Fall(s) – Stunting (Cheer) Drop from an individual stunt to a compromising position. The top person falling to the ground in an uncontrolled manor, or multiple bases, or base or spot landing on the ground	10 points 5 points	___ L ___ C ___ R		
Safety Violation (Cheer) Incorrect/illegal skill performed Inattentive spotting Illegal bracers/supports/posts	10 points 1 point	___ L ___ C ___ R		
Unacceptable Conduct During Performance Being disrespectful (profanity not direct towards someone, etc.)	40 points 1 point per occurrence	___ L ___ C ___ R		
Unsportsmanlike Conduct –Vulgar or suggestive choreography, using profanity. Must be suitable for family viewing.	Team DQ day of competition			
TOTAL:				