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COMPETITIVE/SIDELINE CHEER ADVISORY MEETING MINTUES

Meeting: November 12, 2024

9:00 a.m. CT. via ZOOM

Competitive/Sideline Cheer Advisory Committee Members:

Athletic Director	Moe Ruesink, Sioux Valley	2026(1)
Supt./Principal	Sara Anderson, Gregory	2027(1)
Class "A" Coach	Bridget Muntefering, Parkston	2027(1)
Class "AA" Coach	Eve Langerock, Harrisburg	2026(1)
Official	Krista Inman, Rapid City	2025(1)
Native American Rep.	Misty Mousseaux, Lakota Tech	2027(2)

1. Sage called the meeting to order.
2. Eve Langerock will serve as the recording secretary.
3. Motion by Ihnman, second by Muntefering to approve the agenda. (voice-vote passed)
4. Sage reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the committee members.
5. The group was good with the rule changes from 2024-25 as well as the deviations.
6. Report on State Event. Feedback from coaches was mostly positive. Most issues were vendor-related (not ready for such large crowds, concessions running out of food, etc.). The biggest concern for next year is to make sure the warm-up mat is the full size. We also agree the back area warm-up does not need to be timed. The coaches appreciated having a professional to run the music. Is it possible to have athletes bring food into the facility? Sage was pleased with the event. First time at the Monument – the staff was great to work with and ticket sales were great.
7. Report from Committee Members; Proposal of recommendations for submission to the Athletic Directors/Board of Directors for further consideration.
 - a. A & AA Coaches Representatives- Bridget Muntefering and Eve Langerock
 - i. Proposal #1 – Decrease Judges point spread from 10 to 5.
 1. Motion by Ruesink, second by Langerock to move this proposal forward. (voice-vote passed)
 - ii. Proposal #2 – Allow 2-4 seats for coaches seating.

1. The discussion from the group was that this could become distracting for the judges to have multiple coaches in front of them. No motion.
- iii. Proposal #3 – Performance Rubric Changes
 1. We are moving forward with the changes to the performance rubric. We are not moving forward with judges having the option to score a .25 in performance. There is a concern that this could hurt the small schools. Other concerns were the additional math and time it would take. The definition between “a few athletes,” “several athletes” and “a majority of athletes” is too vague. Motion by Ihman, second by Mousseaux to move the proposal forward with the changes. (voice-vote passed)
- iv. Proposal #4 – Score Sheet Review by Coaches
 1. The proposal will not move forward. The responsibility for accurate scoring falls on the host school to hire and train tabulators. Discussion included other sports are able to question the score table and another layer of checking scores could be beneficial. A concern was raised that coaches don’t have time to stick around to check math, especially if they are coaching both cheer and dance. Action item: revise handbook for accuracy and share the document of competition guidelines to the host schools.
- v. Proposal #5 – Changes to the Inquiry Process
 1. This proposal will not move forward. The group felt there is value in the conversation with the safety judge.
- vi. Proposal #6 – Changes to the Stunting Category in the Rubric
 1. Ihman brought this to the group; looking for clarification to the stunting category. Action item: We will form a committee of judges and coaches to update the stunt category for difficulty clarification. Ihman will initiate the email to form the committee.
- b. Supt./Principal Representative – Sara Anderson: all topic covered.
- c. Athletic Directors Representative- Ruesink brought up the possibility of having a qualifying event for the state competition. We feel like it is a growing sport and we want to see that growth continue.
- d. Official Representative- Inman asked about the possibility of changing the judges’ shirt color. This will be brought to the Sports Officials Advisory Council late this month.
- e. Native American Rep.- Mousseaux is happy to see the sport growing with her group. It continues to be a challenge to find coaches.
- f. SDHSAA Rep. –Sage felt like it was a successful first season.

8. Next meeting date: Monday, November 10, 2025.

9. Motion by Muntefering, second by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. (voice-vote passed)

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Sage
Assistant Executive Director
South Dakota High School Activities Association

Cheer 1

ADVISORY RULE PROPOSAL CHANGE



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: Decrease Judges point spread

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	Class B
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Class AA

Proposed Rule Change:

Decrease the point difference between judges to 5 points down from 10 pts.

Rationale for Rule Change:

Having a 10pt difference between judges is a very large amount and there should not be that big of a spread for a team's routine/performance among the judges.

Jul Borch
Print Coach Name

O'Gorman
Member School

Jul Borch
Coach Signature

Steve Kueker
Print Athletic Director Name

O'Gorman
Member School

St. Kueker
Athletic Director Signature

ADVISORY RULE PROPOSAL CHANGE

Cheer #3



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.

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| <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: Proposal 3: Version 2

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

- ☐ Class B
☒ Class A
☒ Class AA

Proposed Rule Change:

See attached for highlighted changes to the Performance Rubric. These changes in the execution category will help judges score with specific areas for improvement and justification for the score. There are now 5 areas for correction in each skill, to equate with 5 points.

Rationale for Rule Change:

This change to the rubric will help judges score with more objective criteria for each category and provide coaches with areas for improvement.

Eve Langerock
Print Coach Name

Harrisburg
Member School

Eve Langerock
Coach Signature

Jim Altenburg
Print Athletic Director Name

Harrisburg
Member School

[Signature]
Athletic Director Signature

SDHSAA Performance Score Sheet

Judge Initials _____

School: _____

AA A Stunt/Tumbling

Small Large

Cheerleading Fundamentals			Areas Needing Improvement	Comments:
Jumps			<input type="checkbox"/> Point toes <input type="checkbox"/> Work on height <input type="checkbox"/> Synchronization <input type="checkbox"/> Arm Placement <input type="checkbox"/> Body Position/Snap legs together	NOTE: Combined "body position" and "snap legs together" to keep it to 5 areas of improvement
Execution	5			
Difficulty	5			
Standing Tumbling			<input type="checkbox"/> Legs not together <input type="checkbox"/> Touch downs <input type="checkbox"/> Perfection before progression <input type="checkbox"/> Synchronization <input type="checkbox"/> Landing	Note: Added "Landing" to get 5 areas for improvement
Execution	5			
Difficulty	5			
Running Tumbling			<input type="checkbox"/> Legs not together <input type="checkbox"/> Touch downs <input type="checkbox"/> Perfection before progression <input type="checkbox"/> Synchronization <input type="checkbox"/> Landing	Note: Added "Landing" to get 5 areas for improvement
Execution	5			
Difficulty	5			
Partner Stunts			<input type="checkbox"/> Dismounts shaky <input type="checkbox"/> Stunts not strong/shaky in air/bobbles <input type="checkbox"/> Perfection before progression <input type="checkbox"/> Stunt timing off <input type="checkbox"/> Falls	Note: Combined "stunts not strong" and "shaky in air/bobbles" to keep it to 5 areas of improvement
Execution	5			
Difficulty	5			
Tosses			<input type="checkbox"/> Improper technique <input type="checkbox"/> Perfection before progression <input type="checkbox"/> Timing Off <input type="checkbox"/> More Height <input type="checkbox"/> Arm placement/body control	Note: Added "arm placement/body control" to get 5 areas for improvement
Execution	5			
Difficulty	5			
Pyramids			<input type="checkbox"/> Falls/Bobbles <input type="checkbox"/> Improper technique <input type="checkbox"/> Perfection before progression <input type="checkbox"/> Dismounts shaky <input type="checkbox"/> Synchronization	Note: Added "synchronization" to get 5 areas for improvement
Execution	5			
Difficulty	5			
Cheer			Areas Needing Improvement	
Voice, Pace, Flow	5		<input type="checkbox"/> Not together/timing off <input type="checkbox"/> Watch angles <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be sharper <input type="checkbox"/> More smiles <input type="checkbox"/> Be louder <input type="checkbox"/> Watch pitch <input type="checkbox"/> Voices fade <input type="checkbox"/> Energy level low	
Energy/Spirit	5			
Proper Use of Skill Incorporations (Jumps, Stunts, Props, Tumbling)	5			
Motion Technique	5			
Dance			Areas Needing Improvement	
Timing/Execution	5		<input type="checkbox"/> Not together <input type="checkbox"/> Add difficulty <input type="checkbox"/> Add dance moves <input type="checkbox"/> Add more levels <input type="checkbox"/> Add more formation changes	
Levels/Formations	5			
Overall			Areas Needing Improvement	
Creativity	5			
Spacing/Formations/ Synchronization	5			
TOTAL			100	