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## COMPETITIVE DANCE MINUTES

Meeting: November 8, 2021

1:30 p.m. via ZOOM

Competitive Dance Advisory Committee Members:

Athletic Director	Jim Altenburg, Harrisburg	2024(2)
Principal	Jason Uttermark, Ab. Cent.	2023(1)
Class "A" Coach	Marla Tegethoff, PG	2023(1)
Class "AA" Coach	Angela Nieman, SFW	2022(1)
Official	Christina Bennett, Pierre	2023(*)
Native American Rep.	Misty Mousseaux, Lakota Tech	2024(1)

1. Call Meeting to Order- The meeting was called to order by Assistant Director Auch at 1:30 p.m. with all committee members present. Uttermark was excused from the meeting.
2. Select Recording Secretary- Auch asked Tegethoff to be the recording secretary for the meeting.
3. Approval of Agenda- Motion by Mousseaux, second by Nieman to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Review Duties/Responsibilities- Auch reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the group. Nieman is up for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term renewal in which she accepted.
5. Review Rule Changes for 2021-22- Auch reviewed the Rule changes that were passed last year.
  - a. SDHSAA Rule Changes – Dance
    - 1) Eliminate Kick category as a style of dance
    - 2) Limit the Number of Dance Routines: Limit the number of dance routines to any two styles of routines for all competitions. The two routine scores will be averaged to determine the Grand Champion for Dance. (Pom does not have to be one of the routines performed)
    - 3) Change the tie-breaking procedure to read as follows: Should a tie occur for the overall championship placement of teams, the following criteria will be used sequentially to break the tie.
      - a. The highest score in a routine, regardless of category, will be used to break the tie.
      - b. Least amount of total safety deductions from the technical safety score sheet.
      - c. If a tie remains, the two teams tied will be co-champions.
    - 4) Approve Rubric and Scoresheet modifications.
    - 5) Follow the NFHS on hair rule and eliminate the SD deviation for hair; Hair must be worn in the manner that is appropriate for the activity involved.
    - 6) Number of judges: 3 performance and 2 safety judges will be used for the State Meet (local decision for regular season).
6. Review List of Deviations in Competitive/Sideline Cheer and Competitive Dance
  - a. No glitter hairspray
  - b. A head judge will be designated for cheer and dance. Judges scores from low to high shall be no more than 10 points.

- c. When midriff or skin is showing below the bra-line, a leo or body tight must be worn to cover the exposed area.
  - d. Any uniform worn in competition where the midriff and skin is showing below bra-line, a leo or body tight must be worn to cover the exposed area. Uniform must cover midriff and anything below bra line when standing at attention before dance starts. Body tights cannot be a substitute for the sheer material. If wearing sheer material, you need two layers, one of which is not nude.
7. Report on State Event – Auch reported on the State Event and was happy to report that we set record attendance numbers in Brandon this year. The event went very well and she thanked Brandon Valley and Bill Freking for being great hosts for the event.
8. Report from Committee Members; Proposal of recommendations for submission to the Athletic Directors/Board of Directors for further consideration
- a. A Coaches Representatives- Marla Tegethoff-
    - i. She reported that coaches would like to have a color of floor tape for dance be a color other than white. The suggestion was to use any NEON color that stands out and to mark the center of the floor, the top of the floor (center) and on the wall center.
    - ii. Coaches would like to see a list of allowable skills on the rubric.
    - iii. Requested to have choreographers in through the first two weeks of practice. Auch stated that this would be something that would have to go through the out of season committee as no other sport gets to do this with brining others in to help with their practices or routines.
  - b. AA Coaches Representatives- Angela Nieman
    - i. Is there a potential to allow more lifts in dance? Auch stated that maybe at this time, we simply leave the scoresheet and rubric alone to allow the judges an opportunity to grasp all the changes without making changes to it for a while. She believes that many of the inconsistencies that we see in scores is because we change things so often.
    - ii. Grand Champion- the group she surveyed believes that we need to stay with the Grand Champion. This was the consensus of the committee as well.
    - iii. Dance safety sheet- should there be a standard deduction sheet with a list of all possible deduction moving forward. Frustration with the coaches as to how many deductions were taken for skills that were listed skills. We all agreed that we need to clean up the rubric as we had mixed messages in our judge's information compared to what was on the rubric. We felt that we can do a better job of going over safety deductions in the Judges Training. A committee will be formed to help with safety score sheet bullet points to help clarify execution deductions and illegal move deductions. That committee will report back by January to have suggestion for the judges training.
    - iv. What moves are legal and illegal based on SD specifics. We will remove the Webster from the Rubric as that is an illegal skill based on terminology. Discussed Semis (front and side-bent and straight legs) along with suicides, and front and back handsprings. Motion by Bennett, second by Nieman to offer the following proposal, which passed unanimously:
 

**PROPOSAL: SD Rules book changes to say the following tumbling skills will be allowed: cartwheels, round offs, aerials (front and side with bent or straight legs), front and back handsprings as long as the feet or hands land first. Any flipping movement that takes off or lands on two feet are illegal with the exception of roundoffs, front and back handsprings. Front and back tucks are illegal. Tumbling passes that connect different or same skills remain illegal.**
    - v. Inquiry process- Auch explained the concerns from the Cheer meeting about the inquiry process and how everyone felt there were too many unanswered questions as to how it would

- work, what can a coach inquire about, no video review, but rule specific. Most did not have those types of questions this year, so felt it was not something we needed to add at this time.
- vi. Changing facilities for male competitors- making sure that we have adequate facilities for our male competitors during the competition and trying not to share with other male sports participants.
  - c. Principal Representatives- Jason Uttermark- no report.
  - d. Athletic Directors Representatives- Jim Altenburg- nothing to report at this time.
  - e. Official Representative- Christina Bennett
    - i. Clarify/define the skills that are illegal for dance this was already discussed.
  - f. Native American Rep.- Misty Mousseaux- explained what a great experience it was for them to participate in the state event this year and was hoping that there will be more teams in the future joining.
  - g. SDHSAA Rep. – Jo Auch
    - i. Coaches Education Requirements – Coaches need to get their coaches education requirements done PRIOR to the coaching season beginning. Liability factors.
    - ii. Show scores after each team is done at state/ sportsmanship- discussed that showing scores could be a negative factor in this event and could lead to worse sportsmanship and teams leaving the competition before awards are announce. Opting to stay with what we presently do.
9. Review recommendations; additional opportunity for proposals following group discussion.

One proposal from this group:

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10. Adjourn with no further business, Bennett motioned to adjourn with a second by Nieman. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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