

KHSAA Competitive Cheer Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2015

The Competitive Cheer Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Associate Commissioner Butch Cope at 1:00 pm. Present were Commissioner Tackett, Donna Tackett, Gayle Mills, Lucy Moore, Virginia Murphy, Gwen Gibbs, Jeffrey Huffman, Kim Ritchie, Butch Cope, Angela Passafiume, and Marsha Day. Absent were Gay Trame, Jennifer Williams-Luttrell, Phyllis Jenkins, Carole Mullins, Cindy Thompson, Carrie DeBold, David Moore, Lindsey Behrendt, and Maurie Bedwell.

Mr. Cope began the meeting with a short talk on Cheer Committee Structure. After three years of KHSAA sanctioning Competitive Cheer, it was time to reflect and review. The committee is basically a sounding board. They are to make suggestions to the administrative staff that will take those suggestions to the Commissioner and the Commissioner approve and forward or not recommend approval by the Board of Control.

The committee discussed Regional Cheer Competition dates. Mr. Cope reminded the committee that the Board of Control approved a standard rotation for competitions. The rotation was done by blind draw and will assist in scheduling of judges and future planning.

Next for discussion was regional scoring and the use of software. Mr. Cope shared that getting the software developed and used at the regional level was helpful for the overall management of the competition. There was discussion on the location of the scorer. The committee concurred the scorer should be located in the main competition area at the judges table. There was round table discussion on a form that would outline requirements for hosting the regional competition. The committee agreed and was asked to forward requirement suggestions to Mr. Cope.

There was discussion on recruitment and retention of judges.

The committee briefly discussed the order of State Competition. Commissioner Tackett reported the State Cheer time schedule was conflicting with Southern Lights, also taking place at the Horse Park, during the State Competition. Staff will look at adjustments.

Mr. Cope informed the committee there would be no changes to the score sheet other than looking at the low end of ranges. The tech sheet will be updated in accordance to NFHS rules changes.

There was round table discussion on timing of music. No change to the penalty of music being over the limit was recommended.

The committee discussed Judging-Protocol/Training and Rules Revisions/Interpretations. A protocol document will be created to guide judges at Competition. The committee was asked to forward suggestions to Mr. Cope.

The committee discussed ways of training for judges and the need to be the same across the board. Mr. Cope asked the committee to review training videos on stunts and anything needing updating to contact him.

There was discussion on judges in the warm-up room. The committee agreed judges should not be in the warm-up area even if they are not judging. It is the coach's responsibility to know the rules.

There was discussion on teams that withdraw from Region and or then State Competition. The committee also discussed teams that withdraw from KHSAA Competition should not be approved to compete in the KAPOS State at Large Competition. Ms. Moore, KAPOS President, agreed. The two groups will work together on this in the future.

Mr. Huffman suggested the committee view the judges training before it is sent out. The committee agreed.

Mr. Cope asked the committee their opinion on schools submitting more than one squad in the all-girls divisions. The committee agreed this is not an issue as long as they don't compete in the same division.

The committee discussed the April tryout period and number of competitions

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:39 pm.