KHSAA Competitive Cheer Advisory Committee Meeting Meeting Minutes July 13, 2016

The Competitive Cheer Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Associate Commissioner Butch Cope at 1:00 p.m. Present were Commissioner Tackett, Gay Trame (via teleconference), Lucy Moore, Virginia Murphy, Gwen Saylor, Jeffrey Huffman, Kim Ritchie, Phyllis Jenkins, Ruth Sorace, Sarah Bridenbaugh, and Larrecia Williams. Absent were Donna Tackett, Gayle Mills, Jennifer Williams-Luttrell, Lindsey Behrendent, Carole Mullins, Cindy Thompson, Carrie DeBold, David Moore, and Maurie Bedwell.

Mr. Cope began the meeting with updating the committee members on the blog that was published June 16, 2016 regarding music copyright issues as adopted by USA Cheer, schools, coaches, and choreographers should only use music from the USA Cheer Preferred Music Providers.

The committee had a lengthy discussion about the charges in KAPOS middle school judge training that could impact high school judge training. No action was taken but members of the committee that are also on the KAPOS Board would share concerns about the KAPOS training with the KAPOS administrative team.

After a discussion on scoring and judge training, the group recommended a change in scoring to use all five scores, with judging responsibilities to allow focus on execution and difficulty. Members of the committee will assist in points of emphasis that will be included in the online training for All-Girls, Five (5) Routine Judges will used. Judge 1 will be assigned Stunting Pyramids/Tosses Difficulty with a total value of 20 points Judge 2 will be assigned Stunting Pyramids/Tosses Execution with a total value of 20 points. Judge 3 will be assigned Tumbling Running/Standing, Jumps and Dance Difficulty with a total value of 20 points. Judge 4 will be assigned Tumbling Running/Standing, Jumps and Dance Execution with a total value of 20 points. Judge 5 will be assigned Cheer Design and Presentation with a total value of 20 points. All scores will count and be combined for a total possible score of 100.

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Three (3) tech judges will continue to be utilized with at least two of the judges to confirm violation before a penalty is assessed.

The committee reviewed the state competition and schedule. It was recommended to change the schedule with regards to sessions for the State Competition. For 2016 there will be two sessions with three divisions each with specifics and order of appearance to be determined.

The group was updated on the possible implementation of dance which would be the day before State Cheer. Game day was also discussed about adding it in the future.

The committee discussed squad size limitations but no change to the current limits was supported.

Mr. Cope advised the group that the KHSAA will host the National Association Sports Officials Summit in 2017. It will be held July 30-August 1, 2017. Also, the association is sponsoring an Officiate Kentucky Day on July 29. Commissioner Tackett noted that there will be incentives to encourage more attendance at the Officiate Kentucky Day for licensed judges.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.