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Fwd: KHSAA Dance Concerns from Kentucky Head Dance Coaches

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To: Julian Tackett <jtackett@khsaa.org>

Mon, Sep 13, 2021 at 11:23 AM

FYI...just got this.

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From: **Kirstie Adanick** <kmbert91@gmail.com>
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Subject: Fwd: KHSAA Dance Concerns from Kentucky Head Dance Coaches
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Hi Sarah,

Please see the below email I sent out. I mean to copy you on this and accidentally hit send before I fixed typing your name in the CC. My athletic director suggested/approved sending this email.

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From: **Kirstie Adanick** <kmbert91@gmail.com>
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Subject: KHSAA Dance Concerns from Kentucky Head Dance Coaches
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Hello,

I am emailing you today on behalf of a group of concerned Head Dance Coaches in the State of Kentucky. There have recently been some changes made to our sport at the KHSAA State level and a large majority of coaches feel that our input has not been heard in regards to those changes. Please share this with your counterparts on the Board of Control.

I have taken the initiative and sent out a survey to all the Head Dance Coaches in the State of KY, in hopes to get feedback that is easy for the KHSAA Board of Control to read as it would put all concerns in one place. Roughly 40-50

teams compete at KHSAA Regionals/State in a normal year. I have received feedback from 44 coaches (including myself), there are 108 coaches according to the KHSAA website.

The largest area of concern is the decision to do away with division splits among categories. I.e. taking away Small and Large divisions and putting everyone in one division. All coaches agree that this was a detrimental decision to our sport, as it does not allow teams to be accurately scored against other teams. This is because it gives small teams a disadvantage as you cannot do the same things with a small team that you can do with a large team that earns points on a score sheet. The recommendation, in large part by all coaches, was to go back to small and large OR add a medium category and do small, medium and large like they do at Varsity (NDA, UDA) events. Ideally we would like a Small, Medium and Large division. Small being 7-10 athletes, Medium being 11-14 athletes and Large being 15+ athletes. Historically, the Large category is always the one that ends up with just a few participants. I think an exception could be made and if a Large category has only 1 team in it, it would merge with the Medium category BASED on the declaration forms.

The second area of concern was the dates of Regionals and State. Competitive dance is considered a winter sport. Historically, Regionals have been in mid/late november with State in Mid/Late December. Which, in comparison to other winter sports, is very early for a State championship as is. I understand that this is largely due to the availability to get judges provided by Varsity and we have to avoid dates that overlap with UDA (Late January) and NDA Nationals (Early March). Taking into consideration dance teams cannot hold tryouts until May and need to prepare for football season and perform at those games, and that most teams don't learn competition choreography until mid/late September, most of the feedback was to go back to mid/late November for regionals and mid/late December for state. Some even suggested Jan/Feb for Regionals/State. Which is when the KDCO used to hold their State championships.

Lastly, the general consensus is that the KHSAA should have an active member of the Kentucky Head Dance coaches be an advocate for our sport or at least for the KHSAA to consult with coaches before making decisions that affect our State championship. This would be someone other than Ashley Udashean with Varsity. We understand the sport is growing and we want to continue to watch it grow. We are afraid with the current changes, it is going to hinder the growth of the KHSAA State Dance Championships.

Below are a list of the schools and coaches that completed the survey and attached are the full results of the survey and the responses. Please take time to read through how the coaches feel. Let me know if we can discuss further! We are hoping we can come to at least some middle ground for our State championships in November. We understand a date change may not happen this year, but implore you to revisit the size division structure. In order to do that, a new google form would need to go out asking for team sizes since a declaration form has already gone out.

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