OSAA Cheerleading Contingency Group

Meeting #2: May 29, 2020 – Notes

OSAA Phase 1 guidance was shared with the group.

Reviewed where we are now. End of the Association Year was May 25, summer has begun. Phase 1 guidance has been shared with the group. The NFHS has released “Guidance for Opening Up High School Athletic and Activities.” The OHA has released “Summer Camp” guidance. Actions of AD’s and coaches over the next two months will determine what we look like in Sept.

Districts need to announce when/how they are opening facilities. Liabilities involved in opening and steps that need to be followed to open facilities and have students attend. Anticipate fragmentation- Youth side or club side of things.

1 – Phase 1 Guidance

Specific enough for information in the OSAA phase 1 Information? Many coaches want to know about virtual tryouts because of uniform ordering and preparation for the upcoming season. Virtual burn out- Kids are having a hard time engaging since they cannot be together.

Uniforms are a very big concern- Messaging to coaches is important so they can help kids understand. The ordering is going to be hard

2 – PPE and Physical Distancing

If people are going to be able to break the 6 foot barrier, we are going to put kids together who can form a stunt group. If they cannot be closer than 6 feet, then the groups would be formed differently-

Going to club sector since it is open- What do we do for kids so they know what they can and cannot do.

ADs need to reach out to their coaches and explain what they can and cannot do.

Sideline performance and cheers can do vs. competitive cheer- Social distancing is possible with sideline. Until they get to tumbling and stunting- that becomes much more contact. Could tumbling working with kids (one at a time, but with multiple kids) can they do that? Closely spotted by an instructor or the coaches? Hands on spotting cheerleaders happens every single day. No physical contact will limit our athletes from being able to do much of anything to move forward. The physical contact needed for safe spotting is very important and how to keep students safe during the learning that takes place in practices.

“Haves and Have Nots”- Schools not letting anybody in, but kids can go to private gyms and have directed workouts. Causing a divide for students. Cheer is going to have this reality this summer.
3 – Competition

Game day could be structured in a way that would be more similar to sideline to so it would not have stunting. Game day is set up for October 11th. If nobody can stunt, then it would be fair and equal and easy to omit the stunting across the board.

Future Meetings:
- June 5, 11am
- June 12, 11am

Other notes:
- Prepare specific guidance for cheer coaches. Be explicit.