

Dance Meeting #6- September 29, 2020 4-5pm

We welcomed and reminded contingency group members of the purpose of this group and how they will operate. Peter Weber reviewed the current documents that are available on our website and the overall considerations happening in other contingency groups and schools during Season 1. He also reviewed the restrictions in the current documents indicating that indoor competitions cannot happen if a school is in comprehensive distance learning. However, a virtual competition that allows a team to remain in their own facilities would probably be allowed.

The group did go over how things were being interpreted and put into practice at each school. Many schools are still in a virtual setting for participation, some schools are meeting in person and some schools are not allowing any participation at this time. The DDCA is helping to collaborate with coaches and find ways to help coaches and kids engage in virtual activities and small competitions throughout the Fall.

Competition Considerations from the judge's perspective is what we focused on in our dance specific group.

Discussion on the what the role of the Tech Judges will be during competitions and in preparation for competitions. The considerations discussed were as follows:

- (1) The coaches will need to be responsible for making sure their dancers are staying 6 feet apart and following the rules. If there is a blatant violation of being physically distant, can the Athletic Directors be notified instead of handing out penalties at competitions?
- (2) Discussion on changing the Tech scoresheet from a point deduction to a communication process.
- (3) If a team repeats the same offense after being communicated with at a prior competition, will this be communicated to the school's Athletic Director a second time or will the Tech Judges need to give a penalty/disqualification?

Discussion on masks

- (1) Since a mask is required during their routine with safety in mind, will a team be given a penalty if a mask falls off of a dancer? General consensus is that no penalty will be given because coaches will be trying to keep their kids safe. Please secure face coverings so there isn't a chance of a dancer slipping if a mask does fall off.

Discussion on timing

- (2) Minimum 1:00/Maximum 3:30 for 2021 (a) With the changing nature of COVID guidelines, we want to be aware that some teams can begin practices and then be told later that everything has to shut down again for a certain period of time. If a team isn't allowed to practice until the end of February, a minimum time of 1 minute would still be feasible for that team to put out a routine for State.

Discussion on props/floors

- (3) Props would need to be sanitized prior to performance and sanitized following performance. The concern over floors is the close proximity of dancers when they pull out the floor and when they fold the floor. Show teams need to be aware and find another way so dancers can maintain social distance.
- (4) Discussion on tumbling/stunting (1) Level 1 tumbling is still acceptable but nothing beyond that. (2) Everything related to stunting would be removed. Stunting will not be allowed this year.

Future Meeting Dates: Will plan to set a date to meet after the Student Activities Advisory Committee meeting on October 20th.