

STATUS OF CHEERLEADER and/or DANCE/DRILL PROGRAMS

How WIAA rules and OCR considerations affect individual school programs:

Each WIAA member school/school district will determine if cheerleading and/or dance/drill programs will be classified as an activity (performance) or as a sport. If a school declares cheerleading and/or dance/drill as a sport, the criteria under the sport squad must be met.

	AS AN ACTIVITY	AS A SPORT
Season	Set by local school board (non-restrictive)	Definitive beginning and ending dates determined by the WIAA Executive Board Cheerleading: NFHS Week #18 – Week #31 2004-05 dates: November 1-February 5 Dance/Drill: NFHS Week #20 - Week #37 2004-05 dates: November 15-March 19
Selection for team	Criteria may be subjective Team selection may be made at any time	Same as for other sports (athletic skills only) Team selection must take place during the season
Administered by	School administrator	School athletic director
Coaches	All coaches must meet WIAA coaches' standards, regardless of the classification of the program. The same person could <u>not</u> coach both programs.	
Budget	Determined by local school board policy	
Primary purpose	Performance/school support Activity squads are also allowed to compete.	Competition
WIAA State Championship	Cheerleading State Championships will be held the first weekend in February, pending a minimum of 20 schools offer cheerleading as a sport. Dance/Drill State championships will be held the third weekend in March. A separate sport division will be provided only if a minimum of 20 schools offer dance/drill as a sport.	
Registered judges	Washington State Spirit Judges Association registered with WOA	
Out-of-season coaching regulations	Do not apply	Coach is restricted to coaching only during the designated season.
Concurrent Participation	No restrictions A student could, however, participate on <u>both</u> the activity and the sport squads.	Not allowed except for students in B schools
Practice during class	No restrictions	Class time can not be utilized for practice sessions