

IDTA HEARTBEATS

JUNE 2010

2010-11 RULE CHANGE RESULTS

The membership voted to pass all of the proposed rule changes. There were a total of 54 ballots cast, and voting results of each rule change proposal are listed at the end of each explanation. The following summarizes next year's changes:

1. In order to qualify for the varsity State competition, the coach from each team will be required to take an on-line Coaches' Forum assessment via the website. 52/2
2. In order to qualify for the JV/Jr High Finals competition, the coach from each team will be required to take an on-line Coaches' Forum assessment via the website. 52/2
3. Soloists competing this year will be limited to junior and senior varsity team members. 52/2
4. Soloists are limited to competing at three regional contests. 50/4
5. The Starters division will be removed from areas of competition. 49/5
6. The sanction fee paid to IDTA by Regional contest hosts will be increased to \$250.00. The contest host is also responsible for subsidizing the judges' travel fees, which will be equivalent to the cost of one judge for the contest, paid to IDTA on the day of the contest. 41/12
7. The IDTA Ethical Guidelines will be updated to read: Any explicit lyrics indicating race, excessive violence, reference to illegal substances and/or sexual content within the song is not proper nor condoned by the IDTA...(leave the remaining statement as written). 53/1

AD HOC COMMITTEE FORMED TO STUDY IMPLEMENTATION OF IHSA DANCE SERIES

Michelle Deets

As a result of a recommendation from the Illinois High School Association's Board of Directors at its March meeting, the IHSA Board approved to establish a committee to study the implementation of a competitive dance state series. An Ad Hoc Competitive Dance Committee will study and review the needs of the 780 IHSA member schools in regards to the possibility of an IHSA Dance State Series. The committee will consist of Illinois principals, athletic directors, and representatives of Illinois dance organizations.

IDTA will be represented at the meeting that will take place on June 9 at the IHSA office in Bloomington. IDTA members who have been asked to serve on this committee are Debby Bradshaw, Michelle Deets, Brenda Harris, Cyndi Kraemer and LuAnne Navarra.

The committee has been charged with providing feedback and insight regarding the direction of competitive dance in Illinois. The goal of the meeting is to review the current status of competitive dance in Illinois and make recommendations to the IHSA Board of Directors at their future meeting.

The IHSA is looking to explore if there is a need for an IHSA governed and conducted state series in competitive dance. They are not interested in “taking over” any current dance organizations. The IDTA members who are attending this meeting want to make sure that the recommendations of IHSA truly reflect the needs of Illinois dance teams, and I would appreciate your feedback! Please contact me at mdeets@highlandcUSD5.org with your comments, concerns and/or recommendations. Please contact me by June 7, so that I have time to compile the information I receive.

We will update you on the outcome of the meeting in the July Heartbeats.

CALLING EVERYONE WITH A CRITICAL EYE!

If you are looking for a way to be involved with the IDTA in a way other than being a coach or a fan, travel throughout the state of Illinois, and get paid for doing something you enjoy, consider joining the IDTA Judging Staff!

There are 4 components to IDTA judging:

- ✓ General Effect Judge – evaluates design, creativity, musicality & showmanship
- ✓ Execution Judge – evaluates unity, technique, difficulty, & formation alignment
- ✓ Head Judge – assures safety according to IHSA policies
- ✓ Head Judge Assistant (HJA) – conducts ready line check

All of our judges must be at least 21 years of age, attend the mandatory training seminar, and have the love of performance!

The mandatory training seminar for next season will be November 20-21, 2010, in Clinton, Illinois. Applications will be available from our website in April. If you have any questions, please contact Cyndi Kraemer at ckraemer65@aol.com

PUSH THE LIMIT: CHRISTY FISHER AND LYNN GELATKA

Registration forms have been extended and are due by July 1st!

This year’s Push the Limit Summer Intensive will be held on July 20th-22nd. This is a 3 day workshop to experience all forms of dance from professional choreographers and dancers. This year we have added extra classes like krump, musical theater, stretch and conditioning and separated lyrical and contemporary.

We have a very impressive staff plan including a NYC Rockette, a cast member of the Broadway hit musical “Wicked”, Mollee Grey a finalist, from last season of “So You Think You Can Dance?” and Tokyo who credits include working with them most exclusive dance workshop and dance companies from around the country. Registration packets were sent out during JV finals and at State, the information is also on the website at www.idta.org.

Push the Limit Summer Intensive, July 20th -22nd, 2010

Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center
1001 Killarney Street
Urbana, IL 61801

Contest dates for the 2010-2011

If you there are any changes or additions, please contact Orella at ogansmann@althoff.net. Regional Contest Contracts will be sent via email by June 30!

December 11, 2010 – Belleville East – unless another southern school is interested – if it is at Belleville East – IDTA would be the host.

January 8, 2011 – Belleville East – date that would have been Mascoutah

January 15, 2011 – Charleston

January 15, 2011 – Bureau Valley

January 15, 2011 -- Edwardsville

January 22, 2011 – Althoff

January 22, 2011 – Rolling Meadows

January 22, 2011 – Villa Grove

Jauuary 29, 2011 – Clinton

January 30, 2011 – Waubonsie Valley

February 5, 2011 – Marion

February 5, 2011 – Tuscola

February 12, 2011 – Triad

February 12, 2011 – Dunlap

February 12, 2011 – Hononegah

February 19, 2011 – Pittsfield

February 19, 2011 – Benton

February 19, 2011 - Unity

February 26, 2011 – Downers Grove North

February 26, 2011 – Highland

February 26, 2011 -- Fieldcrest

March 5 – JV – Jr H Finals – Bloomington H S – tentative at this time