



BARTON COLLEGE

Attn: Committee on Women's Athletics
The National Collegiate Athletic Association
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Please accept this letter on behalf of Barton College in support of USA Cheer's effort to add STUNT as an NCAA emerging sport. USA Cheer's initiative to place STUNT on the emerging sport list is important as it provides additional opportunities for women to participate in intercollegiate athletics and derive the important benefits from sports.

The mission of Barton College is to utilize STUNT to develop and give the opportunity to female athletes for continued athletic participation, higher education, spiritual and personal growth. As Barton College has a pledge to grow over the next 5 years, STUNT is a crucial addition to providing more opportunities for female athletes while encouraging the growth of the college.

STUNT as a varsity sport at Barton College under Athletics will offer the exact same opportunities and services to these female athletes as those provided to all our other varsity athletes. These include access to strength and conditioning, academic support services, athletic training personnel and facilities, etc. Our STUNT program will also follow all the current NCAA Division II guidelines in terms of practice and participation hours, GPA requirements, safety training and coaches training.

We believe STUNT will help colleges and universities like Barton, provide a valuable sport offering that will significantly expand the number of female student-athletes on campus. With its 36-person roster, STUNT provides universities an effective way to expand female sports participation and improve compliance with Title IX while also increasing our enrollment numbers, which will in turn help provide increased opportunities for our students. We have hired a full-time coach, and we will utilize the 2019-2020 season to recruit and train. We will begin competition in 2020-2021.

We are committed to adding STUNT as a varsity sport at our institution. Please see the addendum to this letter for details on our proposed implementation timeline and budget for STUNT as a varsity sport.

We fully support the efforts of USA Cheer to secure NCAA emerging sport status for STUNT and urge the Committee on Women's Athletics to approve their proposal for formal designation.

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