



Attn: Committee on Women's Athletics  
 The National Collegiate Athletic Association  
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To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this letter on behalf of Concordia University Irvine 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. Our institution has fully integrated STUNT into our athletic department as a Varsity sport and fully support it becoming an NCAA Emerging sport.

We believe that the new sport of STUNT will help colleges and universities like ours provide a valuable sport offering that will significantly expand the number of female students and student-athletes on campus. STUNT has provided our university an effective way to expand female sports participation and improve compliance with Title IX. With the exponential growth of STUNT at the youth and high school levels, the number of young women looking to compete at the collegiate level is growing rapidly. STUNT provides these young women the opportunity to be college athletes in a sport they have grown to love.

As a varsity sport at Concordia University Irvine, the STUNT athletes have the same opportunities and are treated as an equal to all athletes on our 22 teams. Our STUNT program is provided with both a scholarship budget and an operating/travel budget. The athletes are given the same opportunities to practice, compete and travel as all other programs. Our STUNT team has full access to our athletic training facility and has their own team Athletic trainer who is at every practice, STUNT game, and travels with the team as well. The STUNT team practices in our main gym, and has their own dedicated locker room in that same facility housed in between the men's and women's locker rooms. Our STUNT team operates separate from cheer, as its own entity and team. The STUNT and cheer teams have separate budgets, practice separately, are recruited separately and operate in two different seasons.

Concordia University Irvine is in full support of USA Cheer's effort to add STUNT as an NCAA emerging sport. As an institution, we urge the Committee on Women's Athletics to approve the proposal for formal designation.

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