

*Athletic Department*



July 10, 2019

Attn: Committee on Women's Athletics  
The National Collegiate Athletic Association  
700 W. Washington St.  
P.O. Box 6222  
Indianapolis, IN 46206-6222

Dear Committee Members,

We would like for you to again consider classifying STUNT as an emerging sport. We are very excited to add STUNT to our eleven other varsity athletic teams at Ursuline College. Our initial interest in STUNT was as an enrollment tool, but as we explored the program further we found that it is a very competitive sport and it would fit nicely into our already successful athletic program.

Cindy McKnight, Director of Athletics researched STUNT and submitted a proposal including a projected budget. The proposal was approved and we are in the middle of a search for a STUNT coach. The plan is to have a coach in place by August 1, 2019 who will use the 2019-20 academic year to recruit student-athletes for the STUNT program. We would start competing in the 2020-21 academic year. This plan of using a full academic year to recruit before competing has worked well with other programs we have added.

Our STUNT program would function within the same parameters as our other NCAA DII programs as it relates to practice times, required days off, GPA requirements for participation, coach training, CPR/safety training, etc. The STUNT team would practice and compete in the same spaces that our basketball and volleyball teams do now. The new coach will have the same expectations as all of our head coaches.

We appreciate the efforts of USA Cheer to secure NCAA emerging sport status for STUNT. We look forward to the energy and excitement that STUNT will bring to our campus. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy McKnight".

Cindy McKnight, Director of Athletics

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine De Vinne".

Sr. Chris De Vinne, President