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WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

Committee on Women's Athletics
The National Collegiate Athletic Association
700 W. Washington Street
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Dear Committee on Women's Athletics:

The Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) is aware of the efforts underway by USA Cheer to add STUNT as an NCAA emerging sport. Their initiative to place STUNT on the emerging sport list is important as it provides additional opportunities for women to participate in athletics and derive the important educational benefits that come with participating in intercollegiate athletics.

The Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) service organization and rule-making body that was formed in 1905 to create equitable playing conditions between high school sports teams in Washington. The Association consists of nearly 850 member high schools and middle/junior high schools, both public and private, and is divided into nine geographic service districts. The state staff administers Association policies, rules and regulations and provides other assistance and service to member schools.

The WIAA oversees athletics and performing arts in Washington state and hosts 120 WIAA state championship events for the following sports and activities: baseball, basketball, bowling, cheerleading, cross country, dance & drill, debate, drama, football, golf, gymnastics, music, softball, swimming, & diving, soccer, tennis, track & field, volleyball and wrestling. WIAA state championships run from early November through late May. These programs provide students with valuable life skills and are an integral part of the total educational process. The Washington Interscholastic Activities Association exists to assist member schools in operating student programs that foster achievement, respect, equity, enthusiasm, and excellence in a safe and organized environment.

While I have not had the opportunity to see STUNT in action other than a demonstration at a conference, we support WIAA member schools to consider STUNT as a sport offering. To that end, we also 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.

Sincerely,

Mike Colbrese
WIAA Executive Director

