



Washington Interscholastic Activities Association
STATUS OF CHEER and/or DANCE/DRILL PROGRAMS

WIAA rules and The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) considerations affect school programs: Each WIAA member school district will determine if cheerleading and/or dance/drill programs will be classified as an activity or as a sport. If a school declared cheerleading and/or dance/drill as a sport, the criteria under “as a sport” must be met.

	AS AN ACTIVITY	AS A SPORT
ADMINISTERED BY	School administrator	School athletic director
BUDGET	Determined by local school board.	Determined by local school board.
SEASON	Set by the local school board (non-restrictive)	Defined beginning and ending dates listed in the WIAA Handbook.
TEAM SELECTION	Criteria may be subjective. Tryouts may be held at any time.	Same as for other sports (athletic skills). Tryouts may take place only during the season.
PURPOSE	Performance/school support.	Competition only.
PRACTICE	No restrictions.	Class time cannot be utilized.
CONCURRENT PARTICIPATION	No restrictions. A student could participate on both the activity and sport squads.	Allowed only for 1B or 2B students.
COACHES REQUIREMENTS	All coaches must meet WIAA coaches’ standards, regardless of the classification of the program. The same person could <u>not</u> coach both programs.	
OUT-OF-SEASON REGULATIONS	Do not apply.	Coach is restricted to coaching only during the designated season.
WIAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	Cheerleading State Championships are held at the end of January or the beginning of February; Dance/Drill State Championships are held the third weekend in March. A separate sport division will be provided only if a minimum of four schools per category qualify for state.	
COMPETITION JUDGES	Washington State Cheer Judges registered with WOA.	Washington State Dance/Drill Judges registered with WOA.