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Dear Committee on Women's athletics,

The CIF 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 sports 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 CIF was formed in 1914 as a non-profit organization whose principal purpose is to serve as an organization through which member high schools may mutually adopt rules pertaining to interscholastic athletics and establish agreed upon minimum standard for certain aspects of the interscholastic athletic programs. Athletic competition is an integral part of the high school experience. CIF is uniquely positioned to foster student growth in values and ethics. CIF's ideal of "Pursuing Victory with Honor," provides the opportunity to dramatically influence the actions of the athletic community. CIF strives to strengthen the integrity of students and adults across the state by promoting the concepts of sportsmanship, honesty and quality academics. These priorities advance the highest principles of character – trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship.

Mission Statement

The CIF governs interscholastic athletics, promoting equity, quality, character and academic development.

- Equity – Equal opportunity without regard to race, gender, and ethnicity within all aspects of the athletic program for students, personnel, schools, and governance.
- Quality – Training, education, and commitment of coaches, officials, administrators and parents to improve the quality of athletic programs.
- Character – Trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship.
- Academic Development – Commitment to encourage academic growth is a high priority.

We can confirm that with the passing of AB 949 – effective July 1, 2017, the CIF has added Competitive cheer as a sport in CA. Competitive cheer is defined as two disciplines: TCC – Traditional competitive Cheer and CSC – competitive sports cheer. We have had the opportunity to see CSC the past three years slowly grow at our member schools and will continue to see growth each season.

We support the efforts of USA cheer and all that they do to provide opportunities in competitive cheer programs.

Sincerely,

Ron Nocetti, Executive Director

*Note: "CSC" is the CIF designation for the sport of STUNT.