



June 24, 2019

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

Dear Committee on Women's Athletics,

The Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) 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 FHSAA is committed to the ideal that the youth of Florida deserve the best possible education, and to the belief that a high-quality education does not begin or end in the classroom. For over 90 years, the FHSAA, through the cooperative effort of its member schools, has provided opportunities for high school students in Florida to participate on a fair and equitable basis in interscholastic athletic programs that produce vital educational benefits.

The FHSAA sponsors state championship programs in 30 sports each year through which more than 790 schools participate. On an annual basis, nearly 250,000 student-athletes participate in these opportunities which the FHSAA extends to receive lessons in leadership, sportsmanship, and citizenship ... lessons not normally taught in the classroom.

We believe the new sport of STUNT will help state athletic associations like ours provide another viable sport offering that will significantly expand the number of young women participating in Florida high school sports.

We are very excited that high school teams in Florida are participating in STUNT and look forward to the opportunity to offer it as a sanctioned sport once it reaches state-level requirements. Our state is one in which cheerleading is a popular choice, and STUNT can expand those opportunities quickly amongst our high school athletes. With the University of Florida, Florida State University, University of South Florida, and Tallahassee Community College having participated in STUNT, we expect that this new sport will have opportunities to grow in Florida at the high school and collegiate level.

We fully support the efforts of USA Cheer to secure NCAA emerging sport status for STIJNT and urge the Committee on Women's Athletics to approve their proposal for formal designation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George D. Tomin".

George D. Tomin, FHSAA Executive Director

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cc: Kellie Doucette, FHSAA Director of Athletics