



Attn: Committee on Women's Athletics
The National Collegiate Athletic Association
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Dear Committee Members,

We would like you to again consider classifying STUNT as an emerging sport. We are very excited to add STUNT to our twenty-two other varsity athletic programs at Hanover 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 would fit nicely into our already successful athletic program.

Lynn Hall, Vice President for 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 September 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 our other recently added programs of men's and women's lacrosse and men's and women's swimming.

Our STUNT program would function within the same parameters as our other NCAA DIII programs do 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.

STUNT coach candidates who came for campus interviews met with our head athletic trainer and head strength and conditioning coach with the understanding that STUNT student athletes would have access to the athletic training staff and strength and conditioning staff and facilities just as all other varsity student athletes do. As an NCAA DIII institution, other student services such as access to the learning center and tutors are the same for student athletes and non-student athletes.

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. This is another step to recognize more varsity female athletes and give the sport the formal designation it deserves. Thank you for your consideration.

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