



Attn: Committee on Women's Athletics  
The National Collegiate Athletic Association  
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Indianapolis, IN 46206-6222

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association in support of USA Cheer's effort to add STUNT as an NCAA emerging sport. USA Cheer's initiative to place STUNT on the emerging sport list is important as it provides additional opportunities for women to participate in intercollegiate athletics and derive the important benefits from sports.

As a state high school athletic association, we share a similar mission to grow athletic opportunities for women and girls across our state. We added Competitive Spirit Championships in 2013 and we have witnessed continued growth in the number of schools that sponsor competitive spirit.

Providing our high school athletics with collegiate opportunities in STUNT will have a direct impact on the continued growth of STUNT at the high school level. Accordingly, we fully 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa N. Mertz", is written over the typed name below.

Melissa N. Mertz  
Associate Executive Director in charge of Competitive Cheer  
Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc.