

**REVISED ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE
NEVADA INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION**

LCB File No. R136-05

Effective June 1, 2006

(§§13-15 have been split out from this regulation for separate consideration;
these sections are now located in LCB File No. R104-06.)

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1-12, NRS 386.430.

A REGULATION relating to interscholastic activities; requiring the coach of a spirit squad of a school to cooperate with each member of the administration of the school for certain purposes; establishing the seasons for spirit squads; setting forth the number of spirit squads that a school may establish for certain purposes; authorizing a pupil who is a member of a spirit squad to participate in a sanctioned sport during the season for the spirit squad under certain circumstances; prohibiting a school from attending or performing in certain competitions or events unless the competitions or events are sanctioned by the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association; setting forth the requirements for the sanctioning of a competition or event for a spirit squad by the Association; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. Chapter 386 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 10, inclusive, of this regulation.

Sec. 2. *“Spirit squad” includes, without limitation, any cheer, stunt, dance, drill, pom and mascot group of a school, regardless of whether the school allows the group to engage in sideline chants or competitions.*

Sec. 3. 1. *A school may require a coach of a spirit squad of the school to report to the athletic administrator or athletic director of the school concerning any activities of the spirit squad. The coach shall cooperate with each member of the administration of the school to promote sportsmanship and encourage school spirit and pride.*

2. The season for a spirit squad of a school begins on the first day in which the football team of the school may begin noncontact practice pursuant to NAC 386.722. The spirit squad may not begin practice for the season before the first day of that noncontact practice. Each season for a spirit squad ends:

(a) Upon the completion of the state tournament for basketball; or

(b) Upon the expiration of 7 days after the completion of the state tournament for basketball, if the spirit squad participates in the state tournament for spirit squads.

3. A school may conduct tryouts for membership on a spirit squad of the school for not more than 5 consecutive days:

(a) Beginning on or after the date of completion of the state tournament for basketball for a school year and ending on the final day of that school year; or

(b) Beginning on the first day of the season for the spirit squad for a school year beginning in August.

4. Each coach of a spirit squad of a school may select the members of the spirit squad in accordance with the procedures established by the coach for that purpose.

5. During any period that is not the season for a spirit squad for a school, a member of the spirit squad may engage in conditioning or participate in activities at a camp for spirit squads for not more than 15 days as determined by the school and the coach of the spirit squad.

Sec. 4. 1. *Each school may establish not more than the following number of spirit squads to perform cheers or stunts:*

(a) One varsity spirit squad;

(b) One junior varsity spirit squad; and

(c) One freshman spirit squad.

2. Each varsity spirit squad that performs cheers or stunts must not exceed 20 members, not including the mascot for the school, each junior varsity spirit squad that performs cheers or stunts must not exceed 14 members and each freshman spirit squad that performs cheers or stunts must not exceed 12 members. The coach of each such spirit squad may determine the placement of each member on the spirit squad.

3. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a school may specify the number of members of a spirit squad that may perform during an event. If a spirit squad performs as a stunt, dance, drill or pom group and the spirit squad is combined with a spirit squad that performs cheers, the number of members of the combined spirit squad must not exceed 20 members.

4. The coach of a spirit squad of a school may, during any play-off game for football in which the school participates or for any performance conducted during the halftime of a football or basketball game in which the school participates, specify the number of members of the spirit squad who may perform during the play-off game or halftime. The coach shall not allow a pupil to engage in activities as a member of the varsity spirit squad, junior varsity spirit squad or freshman spirit squad pursuant to this subsection unless the pupil is a regular member of the spirit squad.

Sec. 5. 1. *A school may conduct separate tryouts for spirit squads for the fall season and the winter season of a school year. The number of members of a spirit squad formed pursuant to this subsection must not exceed the number of members of the appropriate spirit squad specified in section 4 of this regulation.*

2. A school may establish a separate spirit squad to perform stunts during a season specified in subsection 1. The number of members of such a spirit squad must be included in the maximum number of members allowed for the spirit squad pursuant to section 4 of this regulation.

3. The provisions of this section do not authorize a school to extend or limit the duration of seasons for spirit squads established pursuant to section 3 of this regulation.

Sec. 6. *1. A pupil who is a member of a spirit squad at a school may participate in a sanctioned sport during the season for the spirit squad if the coach of the spirit squad and the principal of the school approve the participation of the pupil in the sanctioned sport.*

2. A pupil who is a member of a spirit squad at a school:

(a) Shall comply with the provisions of NAC 386.698; and

(b) May not engage in an activity as a member of a spirit squad that is not sponsored by the school during the season for the spirit squad. The provisions of this subsection do not prohibit a pupil from engaging in practice or enrolling in a class relating to spirit squads during that season.

Sec. 7. *A spirit squad of a school shall not attend or participate in any of the following competitions or events unless the competition or event is sanctioned by the Association:*

1. Any competition or event that is conducted in this State and is sponsored or cosponsored by an organization other than a member school;

2. Any competition or event that is conducted in this State and is sponsored by a member school, regardless of whether the competition or event includes a school from another state; or

3. Any competition or event that:

(a) Is conducted in another state;

(b) Is attended by a member school; and

(c) Is sponsored or cosponsored by:

(1) A school that is a member of the authorized athletic association of the other state; or

(2) An organization other than a school specified in subparagraph (1).

Sec. 8. 1. *Each school that sponsors or cosponsors a competition or event for spirit squads that is sanctioned by the Association shall ensure that the competition or event is conducted in accordance with:*

(a) The Spirit Rules Book of the National Federation of State High School Associations;

(b) The rules of the school; and

(c) The laws and regulations of the state in which the school sponsors or cosponsors the competition or event.

2. *A school or organization that sponsors or cosponsors a competition or event for spirit squads that is sanctioned by the Association in this State shall not refer to the competition or event as a Nevada state competition.*

Sec. 9. 1. *Each application for the sanctioning of a competition or event by the Association must be submitted on a form furnished by the Association. The application must:*

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, be submitted to the Association not later than 30 days before the competition or event; and

(b) Be accompanied by:

(1) A copy of each regulation or rule applicable for conducting the competition or event;

(2) Proof of liability insurance;

(3) A list setting forth the name of each state, school or group that is invited to attend the competition or event; and

(4) Any other information required by the Association.

2. As soon as practicable after receiving an application, the Executive Director or a person designated by him shall review the application. As soon as practicable after approving or denying the application, the Association will submit a written notification of the approval or denial of the application to the applicant and each member school. If an applicant fails to submit his application within the period specified in subsection 1, and if the application is approved, the applicant must pay to the Association a penalty in the amount of \$100.

Sec. 10. 1. *A school may determine whether the Association has sanctioned a competition or event by accessing the website of the Association at <http://www.nevada.ihigh.com> or <http://www.niaa.com>.*

2. If a spirit squad of a school attends or participates in a competition or event that is not sanctioned by the Association, the Association may impose a penalty against the school in the amount of \$500.

3. Before a spirit squad of a school may attend or participate in a competition or event that is sanctioned by the Association, the principal of the school or his designee must approve the attendance or participation of the school in the competition or event.

4. The Association:

(a) Encourages each school to authorize each spirit squad of the school to attend or participate in not more than three sanctioned competitions or events during the season for the spirit squad.

(b) Does not require or encourage a school to attend or participate in any competition or event sanctioned by the Association.

5. A spirit squad of a school shall not participate in any competition for spirit squads that is conducted after the end of the season for the spirit squad established pursuant to section 3 of this regulation. Each coach of a spirit squad shall ensure that the spirit squad complies with the provisions of subsection 1 of NAC 386.754.

Sec. 11. NAC 386.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

386.600 As used in NAC 386.600 to 386.886, inclusive, *and sections 2 to 10, inclusive, of this regulation*, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NAC 386.601 to 386.622, inclusive, *and section 2 of this regulation* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 12. NAC 386.754 is hereby amended to read as follows:

386.754 1. Each spirit squad shall comply with the provisions of the ~~[rulebook]~~ Spirit Rules Book of the ~~[Spirit Association of the]~~ National Federation of State High School Associations *and any applicable regulations of the Association* during any period in which the spirit squad participates in a competition *or event* that is sanctioned by the ~~[Nevada Interscholastic Activities]~~ Association.

2. Each school district in this State ~~[shall,]~~ *may*, for each school in the district, establish the requirements for eligibility for a pupil to become a member of the spirit squad of the school ~~[-~~

~~—3.— A spirit squad of a school shall not participate in a competition:~~

~~—(a) That is not sanctioned by the Association and approved by the principal of the school pursuant to this section;~~

- ~~—(b) That is titled or otherwise referred to as “Nevada State Competitions” or “Nevada Regional Competitions”; or~~
- ~~—(c) During which an all-star spirit squad competes against a spirit squad of a high school.~~
- ~~—4. To apply to have a competition for a spirit squad sanctioned by the Association, the school for the spirit squad must submit an application to the Executive Director on a form:~~
 - ~~—(a) Provided by the Association; or~~
 - ~~—(b) Obtained from the website of the Association at <http://www.nevada.ihigh.com>.~~
- ~~—5. A spirit squad may not participate in more than three competitions during a season.~~
- ~~—6. The Association will, upon request:~~
 - ~~—(a) Verify whether a competition has been sanctioned by the Association pursuant to this section; or~~
 - ~~—(b) Provide an application for sanctioning a competition.~~
- ~~—7.] , including, without limitation, the requirements for academic eligibility for the pupil to become or remain a member of the spirit squad.~~

3. Any competition or other activity engaged in by a spirit squad ~~is~~ :

(a) *Must be sanctioned by the Association pursuant to section 9 of this regulation.*

(b) *Is* not a sanctioned sport for *the* purposes of NAC 386.600 to 386.886, inclusive ~~is~~.

~~8. As used in this section, “spirit squad” means any team or other group of persons that is formed for the purpose of:~~

~~—(a) Leading cheers or rallies to encourage support for a team that participates in a sanctioned sport; or~~

~~—(b) Participating in a competition against another team or other group of persons to determine the ability of each team or group of persons to engage in an activity specified in paragraph (a).],~~
and sections 2 to 10, inclusive, of this regulation.

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REGULATION
LCB File No. R136-05**

The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association adopted regulations assigned LCB File No. R136-05 which pertain to chapter 386 of the Nevada Administrative Code on November 1, 2005.

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INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT

The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association revised regulations that pertain to Chapter 386 of the Nevada Administrative Code on September 28, 2005 and November 1, 2005. The NIAA would like to have these changes made regulations as follows (bold / italicized are changes).

Meetings to discuss the following changes were attended and voted on by 9 members of the NIAA Board of Control.

In response to your additional requirements posted by your office for temporary regulations, I am providing the following information:

- Interested parties may obtain a copy of the summary by logging onto our website at www.nevada.ihigh.com, under channels, click on NIAA Board of Control for minutes of meetings.
- There is no economic effect on public and businesses.
- There will be no cost for enforcing the regulation changes.
- These changes do not duplicate or overlap any NIAA, state or federal regulations.
- These regulations are not more stringent than federal regulations that may regulate the same activities.
- No new fees were established.

REGULATIONS CHANGES – LCB File No. R136-05.