

To: All head cheer and dance team coaches

From: IHSAA

RE: Music Copyright Compliance



Dear Coach,

Please be advised that the IHSAA has implemented new requirements for all head coaches regarding music copyright compliance. Please see the information, including timelines, below:

1. 2017-18: All head coaches will be **required** to complete the NFHS online course *"Understanding Copyright and Compliance"* available beginning August 1, 2017. Coaches not meeting this requirement will be turned over to their local Board of Control for possible fines and/or additional penalties.
2. Deadline for completing the course will be November 1, 2017.
3. All schools will be asked to create an account on the NFHS Compliance Database beginning fall 2017. Cheer and dance teams will need to create a "sub-account" under the school's main account.
4. Once the account is created, head coaches will need to upload all music selections they will be using, along with copies of their music usage licenses, to their sub-account.
5. Competition directors will be asked to create an event on the database.
6. Schools will select which competitions they will be attending.
7. Competition directors will verify that all participating schools have the proper licensures.
8. Beginning in 2018-19, all steps listed above will be mandatory and required for competition eligibility.