

To: All head cheer and dance team coaches

From: IHSAA

RE: Music Copyright Compliance



Dear Coach,

Please be advised that the IHSAA will continue to implement music copyright requirements for all head coaches. Please see the information, including timelines, below:

1. All **NEW** head coaches will be **required** to complete the NFHS online course *"Understanding Copyright and Compliance"* available at www.NFHSLearn.com. Deadline for completing the course will be November 1, 2021. Certificates of completion should be given to the school activities director.
2. All schools will be asked to update their account on the NFHS Compliance Database. Cheer and dance teams should have a "sub-account" under the school's main account. Go to the "Resources" tab at www.nfhs.org.
3. Once the account is updated, 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.
4. Competition directors will be asked to create an event on the database.
5. Schools will select which competitions they will be attending.
6. Competition directors will verify that all participating schools have the proper licensures.
7. All steps listed above will be mandatory and required for competition eligibility.

Links:

General guidelines/explanation of copyright law and how it affects cheer and dance teams:

<https://www.nfhs.org/articles/cheerleading-and-dance-squad-music-copyright-law-issues/>

List of Preferred Music Providers who will grant appropriate licenses:

<https://www.usacheer.org/music/preferred-providers>