



**Maryville University**  
**Department of Athletics and Recreation**

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Friday, June 23, 2017

Attn: Committee on Women's Athletics  
The National Collegiate Athletic Association  
700 W. Washington St.  
P.O. Box 6222  
Indianapolis, IN 46206-6222

Dear Committee:

Please accept this letter on behalf of **Maryville University** 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.

Maryville believes the new sport of STUNT will assist like-minded colleges and universities in providing a valuable sport offering that will increase the number of female participation opportunities within the campus community. STUNT, which has the potential of a 36-person roster, fits within the fabric of, and also supports Maryville Athletics gender equity plan through 2021.

We are committed to adding STUNT as a varsity sport at our institution. Please see the addendum to this letter for details on our proposed implementation timeline and budget for STUNT as a varsity sport.

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.

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Vice President of Athletics and Recreation

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