



National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

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Committee on Women's Athletics
The National Collegiate Athletic Association
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Please accept this letter on behalf of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association in support of the effort to add STUNT as an NCAA emerging sport. The 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 an organization that supports sports participation, we share a similar mission to grow athletic opportunities for women and girls. The NIAAA preserves, enhances and promotes education-based athletics through the professional development of interscholastic athletic administrators. As a recognized accredited educational institution committed to leadership programs, resources, and service opportunities, the NIAAA applauds the athletic administrator's effort in providing quality, safe and abundant athletic participation opportunities for students.

We recognize the success STUNT has had so far in providing high school girls with more opportunities to play sports and we fully support STUNT's continued growth. In seven seasons STUNT has grown high school participation nationally across 10 states, with over 3,000,000 active school age participants/recruits across the country. 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 to secure NCAA emerging sport status for STUNT and urge the Committee on Women's Athletics to approve their proposal for formal designation.

Sincerely,

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