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77. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – SUPPORT GROUP POLICIES

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Following are the support group policies as adopted by the Executive Board regarding state championships:

- A. **Admission.** Members of support groups shall be given complimentary admission from game management for contests during which their school is participating. Members shall enter the facility in uniform as a group and must be accompanied by their coach/director for verification.
- 1) **Cheerleading.** The number of cheerleaders permitted is limited to members of the varsity cheer team for that sport season. Venue space, as determined by game management, may limit the number of cheerleaders able to cheer on the sideline. Squad size for routines performed prior to the contest, during timeouts and for halftime entertainment may exceed the venue sideline limit so long as the additional members return to the stands when the contest resumes.
- B. **Pep Band Expectations.** The purpose of performances by pep bands at athletic events is to entertain, promote school spirit and support cheerleaders in providing positive crowd participation activities. All members of the pep band are expected to exhibit the highest standards of good sportsmanship.
- 1) Musical selections including rhythmic percussion cadences in support of cheerleaders may be performed only during the following times:
 - a) Prior to the game.
 - b) During time outs.
 - c) Between quarters or at halftime.
 - d) Following the game.
 - e) Exceptions:
 - (1) Rhythmic percussion cadences in support of cheerleaders may be performed during play at outdoor venues only.
 - (2) No musical selections may be performed during injury time outs.
 - 2) Amplified instruments are permitted at basketball contests unless the State Championship Director determines that space availability or distance to an electrical outlet precludes its use. The State Championship Director has the authority to control the volume of any amplified instrument.
 - 3) If two pep bands are playing at an athletic contest, the groups shall alternate performances and split the halftime. In football, the performance time after a touchdown or point after goes to the band representing the school that has scored regardless of which band performed last. The directors of the two groups shall meet prior to the contest to confirm how the time will be shared.
- C. **Halftime Entertainment.** The following halftime procedures shall be utilized:
- 1) **Basketball.**
 - a) Schools participating in the Basketball State Championships will be given first choice to entertain during halftime intermission of all basketball games. Other schools will be considered in order of application received. It shall be understood that schools not participating in the state championships shall not bring a band.
 - b) All halftime entertainment must be approved by the State Championship Director.
 - c) Individuals or groups shall provide their own equipment for music accompaniment.
 - d) Total halftime entertainment shall not exceed eight minutes.
 - e) Participating schools are to mutually agree on how the eight-minute halftime is to be shared.
 - f) The facilities will not be blacked out nor will fire of any nature be permitted for entertainment.

- g) Individuals or groups must wear appropriate gym floor shoes.
 - h) Questions concerning halftime entertainment shall be directed to the State Championship Director.
- 2) **Football.**
- a) Halftime entertainment shall be approved by game management.
 - b) If special announcer is required for support group performances, previous arrangements shall be made with game management in order to gain access to public address system.
 - c) Advisor of the support group shall give exact number of seats needed to game management.
 - d) Total halftime entertainment shall not exceed 14 minutes (See below).
 - e) The game clock shall be in operation during halftime and shall be started at the conclusion of the first half. Clock will show 15 minutes (See below).
 - f) The visiting school support group shall perform first (unless the two schools mutually agree otherwise) and shall be prepared to start performance within 30 seconds after end of first half. Performance by visiting school support group may not exceed seven minutes, including time to get on and off the field.
 - g) The second support group shall be prepared to start performance within 30 seconds after the first support group clears the field. The second support group performance may not exceed seven minutes, including time to get on and off the field (See below).
 - h) The field shall be cleared for mandatory three-minute warm-up drills by the two teams.
 - i) Delaying the start of the second half shall be subject to reprimands and/or penalties by the Executive Board.
 - j) If game management wishes to extend the halftime entertainment per the National Federation Rules Book, two minutes shall be added to each performance (total time of 18 minutes instead of 14 minutes) and clock will show 20 minutes at start of halftime.
- 3) **Soccer.** Same as for football, except total time for entertainment at halftime is eight minutes (four minutes for each school support group).