

State Championship Venues: Lessons Learned



Early on

- Participation requirements lifted by BOD
- Advancement procedures remained intact
- We knew we would have championship events
- Restrictions would be left up to local officials for all events

The Paper Tiger Plans

- Started preparing early knowing everything could/would change
- Tried to build in contingency plans
- Trying to hit the moving target

Everyone's First Pandemic

- No one knew how things would unfold
- Protocols were changing swiftly
- How did you stay on top of frequent changes?

District Rounds

- Restrictions were county by county
 - Visiting schools had to adapt
- Challenges faced
 - Counties wanting to host one sport but not another
 - Schools having to withdraw
- Creative solutions?

Regional Rounds

- More difficult because capacity of athletes was greater
 - Had to be more creative with scheduling to accommodate capacity restrictions
 - Managing schedules/brackets when teams had to withdraw
- How did your schools manage restrictions?

State Championships

- Planned changes
 - Several meeting with venues leading up to events
 - Notifying schools of requirements
- Last minute changes
 - Expecting parents to comply

Ticketing

- Determining capacity
- Remembering to include staff
- Relying on spectators to comply
- Implementing new ticketing procedures
- How did you communicate capacity restrictions to parents/fans?

How did you manage...

- Venues backing out?
- Financial impact on schools/teams?
- Last minute restrictions being added or lifted?
- Communicating the everchanging nature of the event with coaches, ADs, parents, fans, etc.?

Lessons Learned

- Cast a wide net
- Ask everyone for help
- Flexibility is key
- Working with a team is invaluable
- What were your unexpected gold mines?

Lasting Impacts

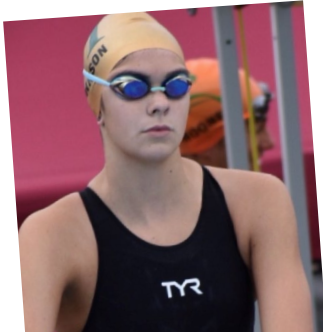
- Venue setup
 - Were there any pandemic related setup changes that will use again?
- Scheduling procedures
 - Did you have to change your schedules in such a way that you will use it in the future?

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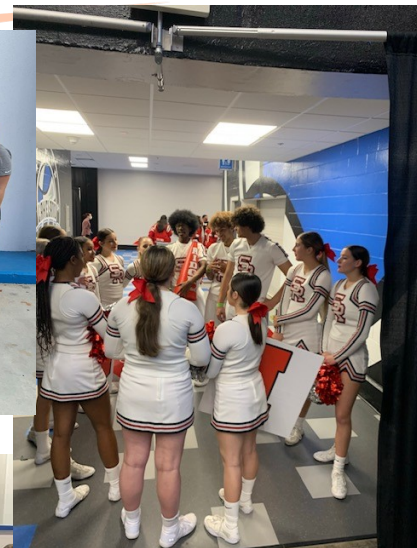
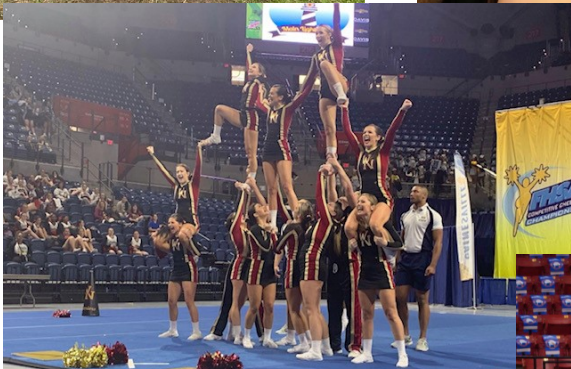
- Ticketing
 - Was there a change in how you sell or allot tickets that will carry on?
- Communication with schools/coaches
 - Did a change in the frequency or delivery of information turn out to be a benefit to the event?



The Silver Linings



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THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

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