

Competitive Cheer and the CIF

CIF Federated Council
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Please raise your hand if.....

You have spent a day at a Traditional Cheerleading Competition? (*watching on ESPN doesn't count*)

You have been to Competitive Sport Cheer “*stunt*” Competition?

You have had to deal with a negative cheerleading situation on your campus?

You believe all coaches
should follow the safety
guidelines for their sport

You believe all students
should have
opportunities to
participate in some form
of extra curricular activity

You believe that school
leaders should always be
working to make their
schools places of equity
and opportunity

You believe that school leaders need to display flexibility when they are faced with new tasks

A.B. 949

Competition Cheer (Gonzales)

10/07/2015 – Governor Signs Bill

08/24/2015 – 40-0 Senate

07/13/2015 - 7-0 Senate Appro.

07/01/2015 – 7-0 Senate Ed. Comm.

06/01/2015 – 77 – 1 Assembly

05/05/2015 – 7-0 Assem. Ed. Comm.

04/21/2015 – 7-0 A.E.S.T. & I.M

02/26/2015 – Introduced Assembly

1) Requires the CIF, in consultation with the California Department of Education (CDE), to develop guidelines, procedures, and safety standards for the purpose of classifying competition cheer as an interscholastic sport that is consistent with the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights' definition of a sport.

2) Requires the CIF to develop the guidelines, procedures and safety standards by July 1, 2017.

3) Requires the CIF to seek a United States Department of Education Office of Civil Rights Title IX compliance designation for competition cheer.

4) Prohibits competition cheer from counting towards a school's Title IX compliance unless the Office of Civil Rights deems competition cheer compliant with its definition of a sport.

5) Defines “competition cheer” as a sport in which teams participate in direct, head-to-head competition with one another using an objective scoring system.

Challenges and Opportunities

- “The Great Unknown”
 - Unique & Multiple Formats



2015-2016 CIF Cheer Census

Competitive Male	561
Competitive Female	<u>8,846</u>
	9,401
Sideline Male	955
Sideline Female	<u>25,066</u>
	26,021

Goals

The CIF objectives pertaining to spirit and cheer programs:

1. Ensure coaches have the best training and safety education available and that participants follow safety guidelines.
2. That cheer programs have the opportunity for participation and recognition for their roles in leadership.

- Create Awareness – participation and safety
- Create Opportunities, not limitations
- Create competitive experiences and opportunities for all schools
- Keep event expenses for schools minimal

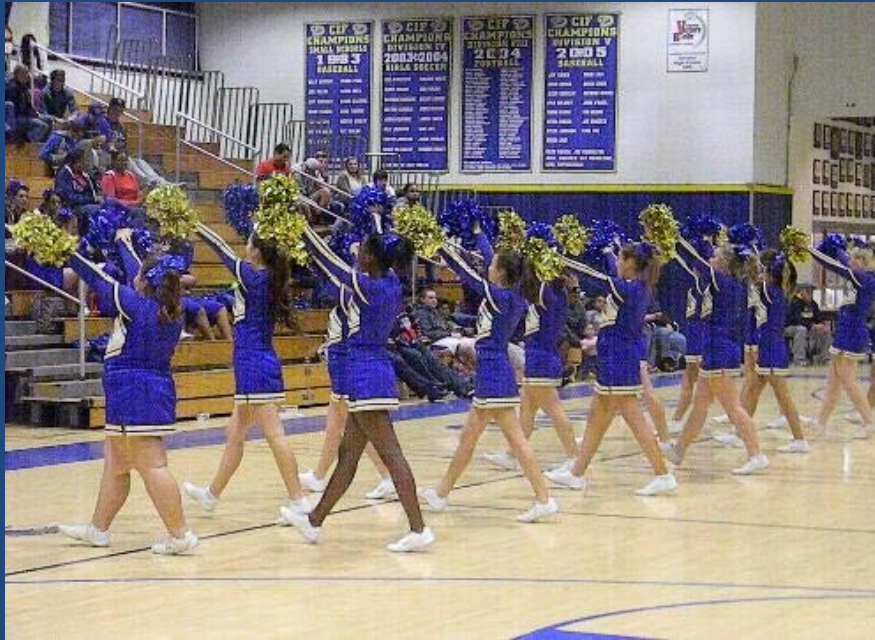
A.B. 949 Cheer

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Types of Cheer

Sideline Cheer	Traditional Competitive Cheer	Competitive Sport Cheer
What you see at a typical school site athletic event (cheering for another team) Does not fall under CIF approved sports	Standard 2.5 minute routine Falls under CIF approved sports Coaches Must Comply with CIF Coaching Certification and Safety Requirements	Involves head to head competition Falls under CIF approved sports Coaches Must Comply with CIF Coaching Certification and Safety Requirements May fit with OCR Title IX Criteria in the future to be considered a

Sideline Cheer



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