

GLENELG DANCE TEAM CONSTITUTION 2009-2010

1) NAME AND PURPOSE

- a) The official name of this organization shall be the Glenelg High School Dance-Drill Team. The organization shall also be known as the Glenelg Dance Team. In the body of this Constitution, "Team" or "Squad" will reference the Glenelg High School Dance-Drill Team.
- b) The Team is a unit of the Band Front of the Glenelg High School Bands and Marching Unit.
- c) All Team members' families are automatically members of the Glenelg High School Bands and Marching Unit Parent Support Group.
- d) The purpose of this organization shall be to promote school spirit, entertain at athletic events, special events, and compete with other teams of a similar nature.

2) SEASON

- a) The Team will be active year-round, with the Attendance Policy in effect from the current Formal Audition Date through the Formal Audition Date of the following year. Please note that this level of commitment will conflict with most sports seasons. It may also conflict with band, drama, and choral activities. It is expected that team members place this as their first extracurricular commitment.
- b) Optional activities will include, but are not limited to, the following events in which participation is very strongly recommended:
 - i) Dance Camp -- four days usually at the end of June - mid-July. Dance training and skill development are stressed.
 - ii) Officer Camp/Retreat -- four days scheduled as available during the summer. Officer bonding, training and team management are stressed.
 - iii) Dance Workshops -- one-day workshops will be scheduled throughout the year to further develop the members' dance skills.
 - iv) Special Trips -- these trips are 'earned' through the Camp experience and are to be considered as special privileges. Such trips visit areas such as Paris, New York, London, Ireland, and various locations across the United States that host National Events/Competitions.
 - v) Annual Band Spring Trip -- the entire Marching Unit attends a yearly national/international competition. The Team competes in the Parade and Auxiliary categories.
 - vi) National-level competitions--these events give the dancers experience performing in front of the best judges nation-wide. It is an honor to represent the school and a thrill to attain national ranking.

3) ELIGIBILITY

- a) All graduating 8th graders, and current high school 9th, 10th, and 11th graders are eligible to audition for membership of the Team, providing they meet all the eligibility requirements contained in Article V.
- b) Everyone auditioning for the Team must be in good physical health and must have a signed Parental Permission Form prior to auditions.
- c) All candidates must meet the Howard County Board of Education Eligibility Requirements with regard to Grade Point Average (GPA).
 - i) Graduating 8th graders will not have to meet the Howard County Board of Education Eligibility Requirements of a minimum GPA of 2.0 (with no grades of 'E') until they become 9th graders.
 - ii) All current 9th, 10th, and 11th graders must meet the Howard County Board of Education Eligibility Requirements of a minimum GPA of 2.0 (with no grades of 'E') in both the 3rd and 4th grading quarters.
- d) Current members (regardless of membership type) must complete the requirements of the Line Audition annually and score a minimum of 80% of the total possible score in order to remain a member of the Team.
- e) Prior members, who have voluntarily resigned or been placed on a "Leave of Absence" for medical or scholastic reasons, are eligible to audition for the next season's Team, as long as they meet all the requirements in Article III. **Please note that prior members who have been deemed ineligible academically must maintain a C average for the remainder of their Team membership. If they become ineligible academically after their return, they will be dismissed permanently from the Team.

- f) Prior members, who have been dismissed from the Team, or who have resigned for reasons other than in Item E, are ineligible to audition for the next season's Team. If they meet the requirements in Article III, they may audition for the following season's Team.

4) **METHOD OF SELECTION/AUDITIONS**

- a) A minimum of three pre-audition clinics will be held for candidates.
- b) All candidates will be taught dance skills, pom skills and at least one routine. All skills will be performed for a panel of judges at the Formal Audition.
- c) The judges will use a standard set of score sheets and will score each candidate in several categories based upon their dance abilities.

d) Three categories of membership may be offered to Audition Participants based upon their percentage score: Full Membership, Developing Membership, and Conditional Membership. The decision to offer any of the categories will be made by the Director/Coach once all scores have been received, and their decision shall be final and uncontestable.

- i) **FULL MEMBERSHIP** is achieved by an audition score that is at least 80% of the total possible score. Full Membership is maintained by achieving at least 80% of the total possible score at all subsequent Formal Auditions. Full Members who do not achieve the required score at a Formal Audition will be placed on Developing Member status and must meet the requirements specified in order to remain a member of the Team.

Full Members may:

- (1) Be officially recognized as a member of the Glenelg High School Dance/Drill Team.
- (2) Purchase and wear all Team clothing.
- (3) Participate in all Team fundraising.
- (4) Participate in all Team practices.
- (5) Participate in all Team training sessions.
- (6) Participate in summer camp activities.
- (7) Earn yearly Dance Team awards.
- (8) Participate in all Team/Marching Unit bonding and fundraising activities.
- (9) Participate in Football Pre-game performances.
- (10) Participate in Football Field Show Front performances.
- (11) Participate in Football Field Show Feature performances.*
- (12) Participate in Homecoming Pep Rally performances.*
- (13) Participate in Homecoming Parade performances.
- (14) Participate in Basketball Half-time performances.*
- (15) Participate in all competitive performances.*
- (16) Participate in Spring Trip Parade performances.
- (17) Participate in Spring Trip Auxiliary competitive performances.*
- (18) *** Mastery of all elements of the specific routine are required before any member may perform.

- ii) **DEVELOPING MEMBERSHIP** is achieved by an audition score that is at least 80% of the highest audition score received at the current Formal Audition. Developing Members are required to improve their skills by participating in weekly private ballet dance instruction during the summer as well as working with Team Officers outside of practice once weekly during their first year of membership. Developing Members must achieve at least 80% of the total possible score at the next Formal Audition in order to become a Full Member. If that score is not achieved, the Developing Member will be required to participate in twice-weekly dance instruction during the summer, and must audition a final time at the beginning of school. Failure to attain the required score will cause the Developing Member to be immediately dismissed from the Team.

Developing Members may:

- (1) Be officially recognized as a member of the Glenelg High School Dance/Drill Team.
- (2) Purchase and wear all Team clothing.
- (3) Participate in all Team fundraising.
- (4) Participate in all Team practices.
- (5) Participate in all Team training sessions.
- (6) Participate in summer camp activities.
- (7) Earn yearly Dance Team awards.
- (8) Participate in all Team/Marching Unit bonding and fundraising activities.
- (9) Participate in Football Pre-game performances.
- (10) Participate in Football Field Show Front performances.
- (11) Participate in Homecoming Parade performances.
- (12) Participate in Spring Trip Parade performances.
- (13) Developing Members may audition for the following performances if they have **mastered all** elements of the specific routine:
 - (a) Football Field Show Feature performances
 - (b) Homecoming Pep Rally performances
 - (c) Basketball Half-time performances
 - (d) All competitive performances
 - (e) Spring Trip Auxiliary competitive performances

- iii) **CONDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP** may be achieved by an audition score that is at least 50% of the highest audition score received at the current Formal Audition. This membership may be offered to audition candidates who indicate strong potential but require more dance training to improve their technique and skills. Conditional Members are required to improve their skills by participating in weekly private ballet dance instruction during the summer as well as working with Team Officers outside of practice once weekly during their first year of membership. Conditional Members must achieve at least 75% of the total possible score at a special mid-season audition which will be held 6 months after the Formal Audition in order to become a Developing Member. If that score is not achieved, the Conditional Member will be required to continue in private ballet dance instruction on a weekly basis for the remainder of the year. Conditional Members must achieve at least 80% of the total possible score at the next Formal Audition. Failure to attain the required score will cause the Conditional Member to be immediately dismissed from the Team.

Conditional Members may:

- (1) Be officially recognized as a member of the Glenelg High School Dance/Drill Team.
 - (2) Purchase and wear all Team clothing.
 - (3) Participate in all Team fundraising.
 - (4) Participate in all Team practices.
 - (5) Participate in all Team training sessions.
 - (6) Participate in summer camp activities.
 - (7) Earn yearly Dance Team awards.
 - (8) Participate in all Team/Marching Unit bonding and fundraising activities.
 - (9) Conditional Members may audition for the following performances if they have **mastered all** elements of the specific routine:
 - (a) Football Pre-game performances.
 - (b) Football Field Show Front performances
 - (c) Football Field Show Feature performances
 - (d) Homecoming Parade performances
 - (e) Homecoming Pep Rally performances
 - (f) Basketball Half-time performances
 - (g) All competitive performances
 - (h) Spring Trip Parade performances
 - (i) Spring Trip Auxiliary competitive performances
- e) **Current members of the Team are REQUIRED to participate in all Clinic Sessions, as well as the Formal Audition, as aides.**
- f) **Full Members** of the Team are eligible to audition for Officer positions once they have completed one year of membership.
- g) Previous Full Members, who have at least one year of membership, are eligible to audition for an Officer position as long as the break in membership occurred due to an academic or medical situation.
- h) There will be a separate Formal Audition for Officer positions.
- i) All Officer Candidates must have no more than 5 Demerits in order to be eligible to audition.
- j) All Officer candidates may be required to complete an Officer Candidate Packet developed by the Director/Coach. This Packet may be amended or expanded at the discretion of the Director/Coach so as to continue the strong and effective leadership of the Team. Requirements *may* include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - i) Prepare a dance routine that is a maximum of 1½ minutes in length. It should include kicks, splits, dance movement, pom work, precise body movement, and original ideas.
 - ii) All Officer Candidates will be judged on their smile, enthusiasm, showmanship, poise, confidence and spirit while performing each element of auditioning.
 - iii) All Officer Candidates will execute a series of commands, which will be issued by a graduating Officer/judging alumni member.
 - iv) All Officer Candidates will participate in the pre-audition clinics. The routines learned will be considered 'Compulsory Routines', and will be performed by the Officer Candidates for a panel of judges during the Formal Line Audition. The scores received for the 'Compulsory Routines' will be added to the Officer Audition scores.
 - v) All Officer Candidates must choreograph a routine to a piece of 'drum break' style music. They will prepare formation graphs and a written explanation of their choreography from a specific PUSH position, ending in the specific beginning position for the FEATURE routine.
 - vi) All Officer Candidates will be interviewed by the judges and any graduating Captains. A portion of the Officer Candidate Packet may require written answers that will reflect the views and understanding of the Candidate. These may be the basis of questions asked during this segment.
 - vii) All Officer Candidates will appear before the judges individually for all aspects of auditioning.
 - viii) A "Vote of Confidence" will be taken by the current Team members, the Coach and the Director. The results will be factored into the final tabulation of scores as an accumulative total defined as the values given for each position. The Director, Coach and any graduating Captain will have two votes in order to eliminate the possibility of a 'popularity vote'.

- k) All Officer Candidates may review their individual score sheets by requesting an interview with the Director. Under no circumstances may one candidate review the score sheets of another candidate.
- l) The Director will select the judges for all auditions. The judges will include the Director, the Coach/Asst. Director, and an unspecified number of qualified people with experience in the dance-drill field.
- m) The judge's decisions in all auditions will be final and uncontestable.
- n) The Director reserves the right to alter the method of Officer selection if it is in the best interests of the Team.

5) MEMBERSHIP

- a) All members must be in good physical health.
- b) All members must have a Physical (signed by a registered Physician) and a completed Medical Form prior to participating in this activity. They shall be kept 'on file' by the Director and shall be updated each season of membership.
- c) Howard County Board of Education Eligibility Requirements:
 - i) All members must meet the Howard County Board of Education Eligibility Requirements for GPA, as defined in Article III.
 - ii) 'Eligibility' shall be determined at the end of each grading period. Any member receiving an 'E' or a GPA less than 2.0 will be deemed ineligible until the end of the next grading period.
 - iii) The Director may review each member's grades at mid-quarter and quarter end. This information will be held in strict confidence and any problems will be discussed with the member in order to find any possible solutions.
 - iv) Multiple terms of ineligibility from the Team will be cause for **dismissal** from the Team in order to better serve the member's educational goals. Multiple terms of ineligibility will be defined as 'two or more in any calendar or Drill Team year' (whichever time period is greater).
- d) The member, and at least one parent, must sign the Parent/Member Acceptance of Constitution Form prior to participating in this activity. Failure to complete the Form will automatically terminate membership in the Team.
- e) The member and her parent/s must agree to the terms of 'Full, Developing, or Conditional Memberships as previously described.
- f) Members must comply with all Team rules and regulations. Failure to do so will result in review of the infraction by the Leadership Group and possible dismissal from the Team.
- g) In order to participate in any Team activity, each member must have met all their financial obligations to the Team, as well as to the Marching Unit. Specifically, all financial due dates must be promptly met. Failure to do so will **immediately** suspend the member's participation and may ultimately result in a Student Debt being filed with Glenelg High School (which will 'hold' grades, stop promotion to the next grade and/or stop the graduation process until the obligation has been met).
- h) Each member, as well as their parent(s) or guardian(s), is responsible for the entire payment of the Uniform, Accessories & Training Order that was completed at the beginning of each new season, regardless of the term of membership. Once the order has been placed, the financial obligation is incurred. Failure to comply will be handled as in Item G, above.
- i) It is the responsibility of the member and her parent/s to completely read this Constitution prior to the Formal Audition. Once the member has signed the Agreement, she will be bound by these terms and requirements.

6) LEADERSHIP GROUP

- a) The leadership for the Team will be provided through the following positions:
 - i) Director: The Director will be responsible for the management, training, routine construction, Officer development, and safety of the Team; as well as the maintenance of the Tick/Demerit/Absence Ledger. The position will be held at the discretion of the Principal of Glenelg High School and filled by an adult 21 years of age or older.
 - ii) Coach/Assistant Director: The Coach/Asst. Director will act as assistant to the Director in the above responsibilities. The position may be filled by the Director with the permission of the Principal of Glenelg High School. The Coach/AD may assume the position of Director (in the event the Director resigns) if it is approved by the Principal, the Leadership Group and the Team members, and only if the Coach/AD is 21 years of age or older.
 - iii) Parent Coordinators: The PCs will serve as parent liaisons between the Leadership Group and the parents of Team members. There may be two Parent Coordinators per season. The position will be filled by a parent whose daughter has been a member for one year or longer, and they may continue to serve for multiple terms as desired. The PC may also be a parent of a graduated member of the Team. The Director will name the PCs from the pool of volunteers and on a seniority basis. The PCs represent the Team as members of the Booster Club and the Marching Unit Parent Support Group, attending their monthly meetings; manage the fundraising efforts of the team, and promote positive reinforcement to the members.

- iv) Glenelg High School Principal: The Principal will meet with the other members of the Leadership Group to resolve any problems of an extremely serious nature, and will serve on this board on an 'as needed' basis.
 - v) Captains A and B: These Captains are in charge of the overall workings of the Team and will act as liaisons with the Band Director, the Administration, the Student Government Association, the Yearbook Staff, the Silks and the Cheerleaders. While their main duties involve routine choreography and instruction, they may delegate assignments to the other members of the Officer Squad in an effort to develop a stronger leadership base. They are responsible for all skill development as well as music/equipment selections, inspections, performance auditions, assigning 'sisters' and ITP (individual training partners), and initiating the Telephone Tree. Both Captains are expected to arrive 15 minutes prior to all practices and events in order to prepare, and will meet at the end of each practice for a period not to exceed 30 minutes.
 - vi) Co-Captains A and B: These officers will assist the Captains. They are responsible for the Following: Preparing and leading the Team in an aerobic/step program at the beginning of each practice, mediating team problems, 'bag checks', tension relief activities, practice facility management, trip/event management and the inventory and maintenance of the music equipment (tapes/CDS/boom box) and medical supplies (med box). They will also be responsible for any choreography assignments given by the Captains. Co-Captains are expected to arrive 15 minutes prior to all practices and events in order to prepare and will meet at the end of each practice for a period not to exceed 30 minutes.
 - vii) Officers 1A and 1B: These officers will be responsible for the following: Preparing and leading the Team in a stretching program at each practice, the collection of all forms and money, the creation of strong school and community relations (writing announcements, calling local newspapers with accomplishments), Trophy Case management and Pom equipment management. They will also be responsible for any choreography assignments given by the Captains. These Officers are expected to arrive 15 minutes prior to all practices and events in order to prepare and will meet at the end of each practice for a period not to exceed 30 minutes.
 - viii) Officers 2A and 2B: These Officers will be responsible for the following: Preparing and leading the Team in a toning program at each practice, the distribution of information (Pom Notes, handouts, fundraising info, etc.), the creation of strong Team spirit/bonding (remembering birthdays, parties, checking on sick members, etc.), managing the equipment room and management of non-pom equipment (hoops, flags, kabuki wands, etc.). They will also be responsible for any choreography assignments given by the Captains. These Officers are expected to arrive 15 minutes prior to all practices and events in order to prepare and will meet at the end of each practice for a period not to exceed 30 minutes.
 - b) Each member of the Officer Squad will be assigned a portion of the Team and will be responsible for notifying them regarding schedule and/or routine changes. They will contact these members as their portion of the Telephone Tree. NOTE: It is the member's responsibility to arrange for 'private' instruction with their Officer, if such is necessary.
 - c) The four Officer positions are considered **optional** and may be filled at the discretion of the Director in order to best enhance the Team. In the event they are not filled, the duties will be assigned to the Captains and Co-Captains as follows:
 1. Captain A = Officer 1A duties
 2. Captain B = Officer 1B duties
 3. Co-Captain A = Officer 2A duties
 4. Co-Captain B = Officer 2B duties
 - d) In the event there are only two Officer positions, the duties will be divided as follows:
 1. Officer A will assume the duties of Officer 1A and 2A
 2. Officer B will assume the duties of Officer 1B and 2B
 - e) The members of the Officer Squad *may* be divided into 'teams', and shall alternate leading the Team during practices. While this means that only a maximum of four officers (Captain, Co-Captain, Line Officer, Line Officer) are in charge of each practice, this **does not** prohibit the other members from carrying out their assigned duties, issuing penalties, nor assisting the line members (with permission of those in charge).
 - f) All Officers are expected to arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of a practice/event and remain 30 minutes after practice in order to prepare for the next practice/event or to conduct officer practice. The Tick/Demerit/Absence rules will apply to all Team and Officer practices.
 - g) Items V through VIII above are based on an 'ideal' officer squad of eight members. This officer configuration may be amended or expanded at the discretion of the Director so as to continue the strong and effective leadership of the Team. The duties of each officer shall be reviewed and assigned as required. The Director reserves the right to designate the design of the Officer Squad whenever it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Team.
- 7) **MEDICAL SITUATIONS**
- a) All attempts will be made to avoid any possible injuries to Team members, however, the school nor its' employees accept any financial responsibility should an injury occur.
 - b) Members who have indicated a need for special protective equipment and/or special medicine for illnesses/allergies MUST HAVE THE APPROPRIATE ITEM WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES! In the event of special medicine, a duplicate prescription must be kept in the Medical Box in case of emergencies and it will be renewed on an annual basis to coincide with the next physical.

- c) Any changes, of a medical nature, to the member's health should be reported to the Director IMMEDIATELY! A new Medical Form must be completed detailing the change and any preventative/corrective measures that should be followed by the Director.
- d) Any change in the member's insurance information should be reported to the Director IMMEDIATELY. A new Medical Form must be completed detailing the change.
- e) Any member who repeatedly requests to 'sit out' of any practice or performance, will be required to seek medical treatment for the problem. A note from the physician, specifying the problem and certifying that the member is allowed to resume activity, will be required before the member can continue to practice/perform.
- f) Any absences caused by the above policy will be addressed as defined by Article 9.
- g) The member's ability to perform any routine may be effected by the above policy. The member will be evaluated according to Article VIII.

8) PRACTICES AND PERFORMANCES

a) Practices

Practice during the year shall vary in length/time depending upon the focus of the Team's activities.

- (1) Football season: Practice will be held on Tuesday and Thursday after school as well as Saturday morning. Full Marching Unit practice will be held on Wednesday evening and Saturday morning prior to the games. Dance training will be scheduled during regular practice sessions or on Saturday.
- (2) Basketball/Competition season: Practice will usually be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school or early evening, as well as Saturday morning. Extra sessions will be needed if the Team attends events such as the NDTC National Championships, Coastal Alliance National Championships, and the MAPDA State Championships. Sunday practices will be held only in *extreme* situations. Dance training will be scheduled during regular practice sessions or on Saturday.
- (3) Spring Trip/Audition season: Practice will usually be held as in Item 2. Full Unit practices will be held immediately after school or on Saturday morning. Audition Clinics could be scheduled in the afternoon and may coincide with regularly scheduled practice sessions.
- (4) Spring/Pre-Camp season: Practice will usually be held after school on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- (5) Summer Camp season: Practice will be held several mornings prior to Camp. Officers will be required to schedule several additional practice sessions in order to prepare for their Officer Camp (if one has been scheduled).
- (6) Pre-football season: Practice begins the last two weeks of August, before school resumes. Practice is usually held in the afternoons, with Full Marching Unit practice in the evenings. There may be practice each day of the week during this time period, both day and evening. Vacations should be scheduled so that the member can be present at these practices.
- (7) Extra practice sessions may be scheduled by the Director/Coach by giving 24 hours advance notice. Attendance and Ticks/Demerits will be recorded for these extra sessions. If sessions are scheduled with less than 24 hours notice, attendance is very strongly urged, but Attendance and Ticks/Demerits will not be in force. All Team rules will always be in force regardless of notice time.
- (8) Members will arrive at practice dressed in loose fitting clothing (roomy shorts, leotards, spandex pants, sweats, etc.) and supportive aerobic-style shoes. Hair must be in a ponytail (unless it is too short) secured by an elastic band. SCRUNCHIES ARE NOT ALLOWED! Provocative clothing will not be allowed at practices (sports-bra tops, deep "V" neck tops, short-shorts, etc.).
- (9) Members must have these items at all practices: Practice poms, knee pads, protective equipment (braces, etc.), Team Notebook and a filled water bottle jug (minimum 32 ounces). Officers must also have their Officer Notebooks, music selections and tape player at all practices and performances.
- (10) **All jewelry must be removed during practice, except: Stud earrings and one watch. All jewelry must be removed during performances. Performance jewelry may be designated.**
- (11) Practice will begin and end promptly at the stated time. Members are to depart the area as promptly as possible.

b) Performances

- 1. The Team will perform at Varsity Football pre-game and half-time shows, Varsity Basketball half-time shows (alternating between the Boys and Girls games), competitions, exhibitions, Spring Trip, and other special events (Nationals, etc.).
- 2. Each member must show they have mastered each routine in order to perform. Auditions will be held for Field Show, all Feature performances during Football season, and during competition and special events, as deemed necessary by the Director and Coach.

3. Members will conform to the Howard County Board of Education requirements with regard to Attendance. If a member is not in school the day of an event, the member will not be allowed to perform.
4. During Football and Basketball/Competition season, members must attend the entire week's practice sessions in order to perform. For all other performances, members must be present the two practice sessions prior to the event in order to perform.
5. If bus transportation is provided, all members must ride the bus TO and FROM the event. Attendance will be taken before the bus leaves and prior to its return.
6. If members are transported to an event by a parent, a Waiver for that event must be signed by the parent and kept on file.
7. Inspection will be held prior to every performance by the Director, Coach, or the Captains. All uniforms must be clean and neat, members must have perfect hygiene, hair must be in the designated style and all jewelry must have been removed.

Members shall sit together during events as specified below:

- (2) Football = 1st, 2nd and 4th quarters
- (3) Basketball = as designated by Director
- (4) Competitions = as designated by Director
- (5) Special events = as designated by Director
- (6) The Team will attend each event for a duration announced by the Director or Coach prior to the event.

9) CONDUCT

- a) While wearing a uniform (including jackets and ANYTHING bearing the Team or School name), members represent Glenelg High School and are expected to conduct themselves accordingly.
- b) Good sportsmanship is a MUST at all times!!!
- c) "Making Out"/PDAs, smoking, drinking, or use of drugs while in uniform (as defined in Item A, above) is prohibited.

10) ABSENTEE SYSTEM/DEMERITS/TICKS

a) Absentee System

- i) There are no 'excused' and 'unexcused' absences. All days missed are considered 'personal' days.
- ii) Each member has 9 'personal' days to use at their discretion; upon the 10th absence, the member will be dismissed from the Team.
- iii) If a member is absent for more than two consecutive school days, only 1 'personal' day will be recorded as being taken. 'Consecutive Days' will be defined as an *entire* day's absence from school, and/or vacation, that is consecutive in nature. If the member is in school, but does not attend practice/performance, then that is considered 1 absence. If it is continued for a number of days, each missed activity will count as 1 additional absence.
- iv) Leaves of Absence will be granted to members for reasons of health and education. Educational Leave will be granted in accordance with Board policy and is strictly for the purpose of improving grades that are 1.99 or lower. For Attendance purposes, all Leaves (regardless of the duration) will be recorded as 1 'personal' day (1 absence). To retain membership, the Leave may not be longer than two grading quarters, and these need not be consecutive. A Leave of Absence will effect the Awards earned during a membership year. All Leaves will be granted by the Director or Coach.
- v) Leaves of Absence for any reason involving other extra-curricular activities will not be granted. Each member is making a commitment to the Team and is expected to place this commitment before additional activities.
- vi) An absence due to funeral attendance will be considered **excused** and will **not** affect Perfect Attendance.
- vii) Two absences due to college visits will be considered **excused**, however they **will** affect Perfect Attendance. An absence will be recorded for each college visit thereafter.
- viii) SAT Prep class attendance will be considered an **excused** absence only if the class is scheduled during practice time. Class attendance **will** affect Perfect Attendance. It is hoped that SAT Prep classes will be scheduled so as to avoid a conflict with Team activities.
- ix) An absence due to requirements of a scheduled class (Music, Drama, etc) will be considered **excused**, however they **will** affect Perfect Attendance.
- x) Two absences due to Driver's Education attendance will be considered **excused**, however they **will** affect Perfect Attendance. It is hoped that Driver's Education will be scheduled so as to avoid a conflict with Team activities.

b) Tardiness Policy

- i) Time is of the essence! Members should plan on arriving **10 minutes early** to all activities in order to avoid the possibility of tardiness.
 - ii) When tardiness occurs, the following penalties will be charged:
 - (a) .01 - 5 minutes late = 1 Tick
 - (b) 5 - 10 minutes late = 2 Ticks
 - (c) 10 minutes or more = 1 Demerit
 - iii) It is the member's duty to be on time. If you rely on others, you must make sure they are reliable, or you will suffer the penalty. Car pools BEWARE!!!!
 - iv) Special dispensation will be granted for unavoidable incidents such as, but not limited to: accidents, acts of nature, and large animals with a death wish.
 - v) Members will not be penalized for any tardiness caused by attending *Official Tutoring (paid) Sessions* as long as they occur only once a week and are for 30 minutes or less. A note signed by the member's parent must be on file specifying the session time and dates for which the member will be tardy. If a note is not on file, the previous tardy policy will be in effect.
 - vi) Members will not be penalized for any tardiness caused by attending after school sessions with teachers in order to receive help. A note signed, dated, and stating the time spent with the teacher must be presented immediately upon arrival to practice. If a note is not provided, the previous tardy policy will be in effect.
 - vii) Members will not be penalized for any tardiness caused by a doctor appointment for dance-related injuries. A note signed by the member's parent must be presented specifying the reason for which the member is tardy. If a note is not presented, the previous tardy policy will be in effect.
- c) **Emergency Doctor/Dentist/GYN Appointments**
- i) Each member is granted TWO emergency appointments each Drill Team Calendar Year, and will be charged 2 Ticks for the resultant late arrival or early dismissal from practice or performance.
 - ii) Appointments in excess of the two will be treated as early dismissals or late arrivals. 'Personal' days may be used.
- d) **Demerits**
- i) Upon the receipt of the 10th Demerit, the member will be dismissed from the Team.
 - ii) Officers who receive their 6th demerit shall be relieved of their officer position and will be considered a line member. They may not audition for an officer position the following drill team year.
 - iii) One Demerit will be given for each of the following:
 - (a) Insubordination/Disrespect -- during school, practice or any event. This will be defined as, but not limited to, the following when directed at the Director, Coach, Officers, Team Members, School Administrators, Teachers, dance Instructional staff, or any adult. Additional acts can be: Refusal to obey an order, 'talking back', arguing, use of objectionable language, negative facials, use of hand/finger signs, etc.
 - (b) Unsportsmanlike conduct -- towards teammates, competitors, or others outside the Team. This will be defined as any physical or verbal behavior whose intent is to make the receiver feel bad, or any action whose results are the same.
 - (c) Officer bashing—negative comments made about prior officers. This also applies to dance trainers and past team members.
 - (d) Failure to bring the proper equipment to practice/performance, OR, leaving a piece of equipment at a practice/performance. This includes practice poms, Officer Notebooks, music tapes, tape player, and any necessary equipment that is stored in the equipment room or on a bus prior to performance.
 - (e) Leaving any Team or personal item unattended.
 - (f) Having any Team item stolen.
 - (g) Failure to bring/wear the proper uniform to/at a performance OR leaving a part of the uniform at a performance. This will include ANY item that is specified as the required uniform-of-the-day. All uniform parts/pieces must be placed on a hanger and transported within a garment bag.
 - (h) Drinking from another teammate's water bottle, or using their lipstick.
 - (i) Wearing any part or piece of any team uniform (clothing, shoes, hair pieces, etc.) at anytime other than a performance or appearance.
 - (j) **Allowing the use of any uniform item to a non-member** (includes all family members, friends, etc.)

iv) DEMERIT REMOVAL POLICY: Demerits can be removed by completing homework in the Media Center prior to practice on practice days from 2:10 p.m. to 3:10 p.m. Each member must present a note signed and dated by the Media Specialist stating that she observed them working for that period of time. Five study periods will equal ONE demerit. Once a member has received a demerit, even though it may be removed, it will still count when determining the Award of Excellence at the end of each Drill Team year.

v) Five Demerits will be given for the following:

- (a) An audition clinic session missed by a current member who does not have a pre-approved waiver from the Director or Coach.
- (b) Inappropriate behavior during ANY special trip.
- (c) Smoking, use of alcohol or drugs, or any sexual activity while wearing a Team uniform (as previously defined), and when involved in any Team activity. The Director will also follow any regulations concerning this type of violation that is decreed by the Howard County Board of Education. Dismissal from the Team is possible.
- (d) Breaking an order of 'Confidence'.
- (e) Refusing to perform at any Team activity for any reason other than a medical or an emergency nature.
- (f) Bringing Team morale down by behavior that creates rumors, disharmony, or loss of faith with the current Officer Squad, line members, or members of the Leadership Group. This includes, but is not limited to, comments regarding the ability level of teammates, the progress of routines, the status of membership, gossip that is intended to turn one member against the other, and actions whose intent is to create an insurrection.
- (g) **Any electronic communication (including, but not limited to: online journaling, instant messaging, emailing, photo posting, and text messaging) that contains sensitive information about the members, team, or Glenelg High School. Also included are Internet communications that are of a negative nature.**
- (h) All 5-Demerit violations will carry over to the next membership year.

e) Ticks

- i) Five Ticks will equal 1 Demerit. Ticks will be converted into Demerits at the end of each grading quarter.
- ii) Ticks can be worked off by completing necessary Team assignments. One tick will be removed per job performed. It is the member's responsibility to present a Tick Removal Note to the Director that indicates the job performed and the date of performance. Removed ticks will effect the Award of Excellence.
- iii) Two Ticks will be given for each instance of leaving practice/performance early for any reason.
- iv) Two Ticks will be given for each late arrival to practice/performance due to any non-dance-related medical/familial situation.
- v) Ticks will be given for the following minor infractions:
 - (a) Failure to return any equipment to the proper storage area.
 - (b) Failure to store equipment in the proper manner.
 - (c) Officer failure to contact their assigned members when required.
 - (d) Member failure to contact their assigned Officer to arrange for private instruction after an absence or lateness.
 - (e) Taking equipment that belongs to another.
 - (f) Leaving personal belongings at practice/performances, on trips, buses, in cars, etc.
 - (g) Eating in any uniform without protective cover.
 - (h) Inspection infractions, such as, but not limited to: Dirty clothing, body, hair, equipment; nylons with runs; wearing jewelry; wearing nail-polish; wrong lipstick; failure to have bag-check items, etc.
 - (i) Talking after the request for SILENCE has been given by any Officer, the Coach, AD or Director. "NO TALKING, TICK RULE".
 - (j) Talking during a performance.
 - (k) Failure to contact an Officer or Director/Coach as requested, or to turn in any requested item by the deadline -- 1 Tick per day late.
 - (l) Wearing provocative clothing at practice.

- (m) Failure to remove jewelry during practice (except stud earrings, 1 watch, and black nylon choker) or performance.
- (n) Dress not appropriate for practice (such as remaining in school clothes; tight clothing; inappropriate shoes; not wearing shoes on the practice fields, etc.).
- (o) Hair not in ponytail or french braid.
- (p) Wearing a scrunchie.
- (q) Chewing gum during practice/performance.
- (r) Failure to have Team Notebook in Drill Team bag at all times.
- (s) Not saying "Thank You" after receiving help or criticism.
- (t) Use of inappropriate language.
- (u) Failure to have water jug or to have no water in water jug.
- (v) Failure to turn off cell phones or other distracting electronic devices

f) **Unusual Discipline Problems**

- i) Each occurrence shall be reviewed by the Leadership Group and the penalty shall be decided.
- ii) Morality is defined by each member's parents; however, if there is a possibility of the reputation of the Team being negatively affected by a member's actions, action will be taken to protect the Team. Dismissal from the Team is a possibility.
- iii) The Leadership Group's decision is final and uncontestable.
- g) The Director/AD/Coach/Officer will record each infraction, noting the date, reason, and penalty given. Each member will be required to 'sign' next to the notation. Any discrepancies are to be discussed with the Director/AD/Coach/Officer AFTER the 'signature' has been given. Refusal to give a 'signature' will be considered an offense of Insubordination. All attempts will be made to obtain 'signatures' on the day of infraction; however, failure to obtain a 'signature' will not invalidate the penalty.
- h) The accumulation period for Ticks, Demerits, and Absences will be from the current Formal Audition Date through the Formal Audition Date of the next season.

11) **Awards**

- a) Awards will be presented to the members at the Awards Banquet in May. At the discretion of the Director, graduating Senior members may receive awards due in advance.
- b) Awards are earned by participation in each season, and with the completion of each membership year.
 - i) First year awards: Football pin, Basketball pin, Chevron and Class Year Numerals.
 - ii) Second year awards: Football pin, Basketball pin, Chevron and Letter.
 - iii) Third year awards: Football pin, Basketball pin, Chevron and Gladiator Patch.
 - iv) Fourth year awards: Football pin, Basketball pin, Chevron and Star.
- c) Officer Pins or title embroidery on windbreakers may be awarded to Officers.
- d) Perfect Attendance awards are given to those who earn them.
- e) Excellence Awards are given to those who have not received any Ticks or Demerits during the Drill Team Calendar Year.
- f) 'Honor Roll Superstar Ribbons' will be awarded at the end of each grading quarter to those members who have achieved a 3.0 or higher GPA.
- g) An embroidered Star will be awarded to all members who have a 3.0 or higher GPA for the entire year; or who have been on the 3.0 Honor Roll for four quarters.
- h) All awards, which are intended to be sewn onto the Wool Team Jacket, shall be placed as follows:
 - i) Class Numerals: Upper right sleeve at shoulder cap.
 - ii) Chevrons: Below Class Numerals on the right sleeve.
 - iii) Letter: In center of left-front of jacket, over heart.

- iv) Gladiator Patch: Above member's name on right- front of jacket.
- v) Star: Below 4th Chevron.
- vi) Embroidered Star: At cuff line on right sleeve.
- vii) Assorted Pins: On Letter.
- viii) State or National Champion Patches: On back of jacket, below hood.
- ix) Misc. Patches: On left sleeve, where space allows on right sleeve.
- x) 'Honor Roll Ribbons': Hang on Drill Team bag. Attach the ribbon eyelet through a key ring then attach the key ring to the Team bag.

12) UNIFORM CARE

a) Uniforms are to be transported to all events in a garment bag that clearly indicates the member's name.

b) Uniform Cleaning:

- i) **DO NOT PUT ANY PART OF THE UNIFORMS IN THE DRYER!!! This includes all t-shirts!!**
- ii) Spandex items are machine washable in COLD WATER. Hang to 'air dry'.
- iii) Black pleated skirt, Black/Silver/White pom skirt, Black/Silver/White pom vest and pants, Black band dress, and Pom vest are machine washable in COLD WATER. Turn them inside-out, place in a protective washing machine garment bag prior to washing. Hang to 'air dry'.
- iv) Purple/Black Unitard, Silver/Black Unitard, Red Sparkle Jazz Dress, Red/Black GHS crop top and pants with 'stones' attached require special treatment. They should be placed in a garment bag separately, turned inside-out, and machine washed in COLD WATER on the most gentle cycle. Hang to 'air dry' (hang unitards and jazz dress by folding over a hanger at the waist).
- v) Wool Jackets MUST BE DRY-CLEANED!!! Windbreaker is machine washable in COLD WATER. Turn inside-out then wash. Hang to 'air dry'.
- vi) **Band Jackets must all be dry cleaned as a unit. PLEASE DO NOT DRY CLEAN THEM YOURSELVES!**
- vii) Sequin Uniforms are machine washable on GENTLE CYCLE, in COLD WATER, and ONLY if you turn the garment inside-out, zip it up (sleeves should be inside), place it in a mesh laundry bag or pillow case that is sealed (so it won't slip out during washing), and use a mild soap. Hang the washed garment 'right side out', folding it over a hanger at the waist or 'skirt-line'. AIR DRY!! Remember! Wash this garment sparingly -- the sequins are delicate and you will be responsible for the cost of replacement. Sequin Belts and Gauntlets may also be washed using the above method. They should only need one cleaning per year.
- viii) 'Slinky' uniform items may be washed in COLD WATER. Hang to 'air dry'. Use of a lingerie bag is recommended to prevent fraying.
- ix) Performance shoes should be cleaned and polished on an 'as-needed' basis.
- x) In order to assure that all the pants are hemmed the same, you are required to take them to **River Hill Cleaners**, located in River Hill Village Shopping Center on Route 108 in Clarksville. Members must be measured with the pants and the black split sole shoes on. The inseam should be hemmed so that the length is ½ inch off the floor. Hemming will take at least a week, so please keep in mind performance commitments--if you don't have your uniform, you can't perform!

13) EQUIPMENT CARE

- a) Pom Pons shall be kept in a tote bag when not in use.
- b) Poms MELT when in contact with hot surfaces (heat registers, car dash boards, etc.), take care and place them in cool places.
- c) Replacement of lost poms/equipment shall be the responsibility of the member. In certain situations where it is impossible to determine who is the responsible party, the entire Team may be assessed a fee to cover replacement.
- d) All Flags are to be rolled after use and stored in the Equipment Room. Hoops and any other equipment will also be stored in this room.
- e) EQUIPMENT IS NEVER TO BE LEFT UNATTENDED.

14) **EQUIPMENT/UNIFORM OWNERSHIP**

- a) All poms, hoops, flags and other equipment used for performances that are provided by the Marching Unit, belong to the Team/Unit.
- b) All uniforms provided by the Marching Unit, which are not purchased by the members, belong to the Team/Unit.
- c) All items purchased by the members (clothing, poms, special costumes, etc.) are considered personal property.
- d) Uniforms whose cost is 'split' between the Team and the members are considered the property of the members.
- e) A 'fine' will be imposed on any member who returns uniforms or equipment in need of repair. The 'fine' will not exceed the replacement cost of the item, and it will be due and payable immediately. Any 'fine' not paid will be considered a Debt payable prior to graduation.
- f) All equipment and uniforms belonging to the Team/Unit shall be returned promptly upon completion of the Drill Team year (prior to the next Formal Audition or after the return from Spring Trip, whichever comes later), Graduation, resignation or termination from the Team.
- g) Failure to return property to the Team/Unit will impose a financial obligation upon the member and shall be considered a Debt payable prior to graduation. See Exhibit 1.
- h) All Awards won by the Team shall be kept for display by Glenelg High School. At the discretion of the Director, 'old' awards that are removed from the Trophy Case may be given to the graduated Officers of the Team to which they correspond.
- i) All awards won by individuals of the Team are the property of the individuals.

15) **PARENT PARTICIPATION**

- a) Parents are always welcome at all practices.
- b) Parents are encouraged to attend all performances and CHEER ON THE TEAM!
- c) Parent 'get-togethers' may be planned throughout the year.
- d) Parents are urged to attend the Marching Unit Support Group meetings (held the first Tuesday evening of each month) and volunteer their efforts in fundraising activities. The General Meetings are in September/October and May.
- e) Parents are requested to support the GHS Booster Club and attend their meetings that are held the third Tuesday evening of each month.
- f) Parents may be asked to volunteer as chaperones for Spring Trip, and for other special events.
- g) Parents are invited and encouraged to attend Visitation Days at the summer camps.
- h) Parents are requested to contact the Parent Coordinators, Coach, or the Director with any problems or concerns.
- i) PARENTS ARE CONSIDERED ADULT MEMBERS OF THIS TEAM! YOUR SUPPORT IS INVALUABLE!!!

16) **AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

- a) Members/parents proposing an amendment to the Constitution may do so by submitting a written proposal (with your name on it) to the Director. The proposal will be discussed with the Team and the Leadership Group. The Leadership Group will decide its' outcome with a simple majority vote. If passed, the amendment will become effective immediately. The appropriate changes will be made to the Constitution in as timely a fashion as is possible, and copies will be handed out to Team members.
- b) A vote will be taken on all proposed amendments by all non-officer Team members. The majority vote will be given to the Leadership Group, who will consider the Team's position as ONE VOTE cast along with theirs.
- c) In the event a situation arises that requires an immediate amendment to the Constitution, the Director or AD/Coach may do so if the Director or AD/Coach feels it is in the best interest of the Team. These amendments will be put into effect immediately. The appropriate changes will be made to the Constitution in as timely a fashion as is possible, and copies will be handed out to Team members.

17) **EXPENSES**

- a) Director and AD/Coach expenses related to camp attendance/special events will be paid by the Team through fundraising money, or through incentives provided by the camp/event organizers.
- b) Each member will be responsible for their own expenses relating to camp attendance and trips. There will be many fundraising opportunities that members can participate in to 'earn' money for their Spring Trip/Team Accounts, which are sponsored by the Marching Unit Parent Support Group or by the Team. Fundraising money shall be disbursed upon the completion of the event.

- c) Spring Trip Accounts are coordinated through the Marching Unit Parent Support Group. The money 'earned' is for Spring Trip funds ONLY and cannot be transferred or 'cashed-out'. Any money left upon the member's graduation, resignation, or termination, will be credited to the Marching Unit General Fund.
- d) Team Accounts are coordinated by the Director. The money 'earned' is for any special trip (such as Nationals, New York, Paris, Ireland, etc.), camp, and other expenses. It cannot be transferred or 'cashed-out'. Any money left will be credited to the Drill Team General Fund.
- e) Graduating seniors may use any remaining Drill Team Special Account Funds for their FINAL Spring Trip expense. Unused funds will revert to the Drill Team General Fund; they cannot be transferred to other members nor 'cashed out'.
- f) Both Spring Trip and Team Accounts can 'build' during the entire term of membership.
- g) A special fundraiser may be held to defray the cost of Officer Camp for the Officers. The quality of their leadership, and thus the success of the Team under their leadership, is directly a result of this camp. Therefore, it is fitting that the Team bears a portion of this expense. Any profit received will be divided between the Officers equally, after the expenses for the Director and Coach have been deducted. In the event there is any profit remaining after camp expenses have been met, the remainder shall be credited to the Drill Team General Fund.
- h) There may be two fundraisers each year that will benefit the Team directly. These funds will be used to defray the cost of extra equipment, uniforms/costumes, entry fees, buses and other misc. expenses not covered within the Marching Unit Budget.

**UNIFORM
REPLACEMENT COSTS**

In the event any uniform component or piece of equipment is lost or damaged beyond repair, the member is responsible to pay for its replacement. If payment is not received, the cost will be issued via a Student Debt Slip that may hold up graduation and/or the issuance of grades.

<u>ITEM:</u>	<u>REPLACEMENT COST:</u>
Band Jacket -----	\$200.00
Band Dress -----	80.00
Silver/White/Black Vest -----	65.00
Silver/White/Black 3-Pleat Skirt -----	65.00
Black/Red GHS Crop Top -----	35.00
Black Spandex Crop Top -----	35.00
Black Pleated Skirt -----	20.00
Black Spandex Yoke Skirt -----	45.00
Black/Pink Spandex Yoke Skirt -----	45.00
White Nylon Wrap Skirt -----	30.00
Red Spandex Circle Skirt -----	30.00
Black Spandex Ankle Pants -----	35.00
Black G Keyhole Leotard -----	40.00
Hot Pink Keyhole Leotard -----	40.00
Red Sparkle Jazz Dress -----	70.00
Purple/Silver/Black Unitard -----	98.00
Black/Silver Phantom Unitard -----	100.00
Black/Silver Top Unitard -----	80.00
Black Slinky Unitard -----	60.00
Black Slinky 3-Strap Tunic -----	40.00
Black Slinky Skort -----	40.00
Black Slinky 1 Sleeve Top -----	40.00
Black Sparkle Crop Top -----	60.00
Green/Silver Sequin Crop Top -----	45.00
Green Sequin Headband -----	5.00
Black Spandex Gauntlets -----	20.00
Silver Sequin Gauntlets -----	25.00
Silver Sequin Headband -----	5.00
Silver Sequin Belt -----	15.00
Silver Sequin Wristbands -----	2.00
Silver Sequin 'Scrunchie' -----	1.00
Black Sequin Headband -----	5.00
Black Sequin Belt -----	15.00
Black Sequin Wristbands -----	2.00
Black Sequin 'Scrunchie' -----	1.00
Zebra Cowboy Hat -----	30.00
Hair Pieces -----	45.00
'Ratty' Practice Poms -----	20.00 each
CDS, Videos, Other Music -----	current mar.ket price

****NOTE: This list does not include items that will be purchased during the coming year. Replacement prices will be made available at a later date.**

ADDITIONAL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

The following items will be **required** for all Team members for use during their membership years. It is possible that you may already have some of these items, and therefore will not need to purchase them. Please note that items marked with an asterisk (**) indicate the health importance of that item. Money spent on safety items **now** will reduce the possibility of medical bills **later!**

- ** **AEROBIC/CROSS TRAINER SHOES** (used for PRACTICE, must be supportive of ankles and arches). Lady Footlocker is a good source of this type of shoe. If you currently have aerobic/cross trainer shoes, they **must** be in good shape to prevent injury. This is probably the **most important** purchase a team member can make! Members **must** wear them during **home** (step/stretching) and **team** practices! Approximate cost: \$60-\$90.
- ** **KNEE PADS** (used for PRACTICE, must be a complete covering of the knee area). The best are Asics 'molded sponge' knee pads and can be purchased at sporting goods stores. Approximate cost is \$30. Members will use these during camp and at all practices where knee work is being done. Again, this is a safety rule!!!
- ** **WATER JUG** (used at all PRACTICES and PERFORMANCES). Members are very active and require a large amount of water to replace fluids lost while training. These jugs can be purchased at Giant, Wal-Mart, Target, and many other places, but must contain at least 64 ounces of water. It is mandatory that members put their names on their bottles to avoid confusion and germs (see Constitution/Ticks/Drinking from others water bottles). Again, another health rule! Approximate cost: \$6.00. **NOTE:** 2 large bottles of water may be substituted at each practice, but they must contain a total of 64 ounces of water.

ANKLE WEIGHTS (a pair; one or two pounds maximum; strap-on type) (used at all Practice sessions). Members use these to develop muscle tone and arm sharpness. Please do not purchase the type that contain beads as these tend to break easily and create a mess, not to mention additional replacement expense! Wal-Mart, Target, and sporting goods stores are a good source for these. Approximate cost: \$12-\$20.

SPORTS/PERFORMANCE BRAS (5) (used under all uniforms). These garments must be supportive and eliminate as much 'bounce' as possible. Three should be sports bras of the 'T' back design and free of lace and decoration. It is recommended that the members have at least 2 white and 1 black sports bra. Members should also have one black and one skin-tone bra that have adjustable, clear straps that can adapt to halter-style costumes and won't interfere with keyhole costume backs. They can be purchased in many stores in the area. Approximate cost: \$100.

PANTY-HOSE (Six pair of **SHEER-ENERGY**, **SHEER-TO-WAIST**, **SUNTAN**). Members wear nylons under their Band Uniform. They can be purchased at Giant, Wal-Mart, Target, etc.. If the member prefers, Dance tights can be substituted for panty-hose as long as they are the same color and are not glossy. Approximate cost: \$30.

MISCELLANEOUS: These items will be placed in the members' tote bags and kept with them (and replaced as required) at all times:

- 1 Ace Bandage
- 1 Tube of Bengay
- 1 Small box of Kleenex
- 1 Small box of safety pins
- 1 Small package of elastic hair bands
- 1 Small box of tampons, or pads

These make-up items will be used for performances and should be kept in a make-up bag, packed and ready:

- 2 Tubes of lipstick—the color of which will be specified at the beginning of each year
- 2 Tubes of coordinating lip liner—see notation above
- 1 Bottle of base/foundation make-up of a skin-matching tone
- 1 Jar of translucent loose powder of a skin-matching tone (with applicator brush)
- 2 Tubes of Ardell CLEAR eyelash adhesive
- 1 Jar of blush—the color of which will be specified at the beginning of each year
- 2 Hair nets (match hair color)
- 1 Container of bobby-pins (match hair color)
- 1 Bottle/container of hair gel/hair spray

STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED EXPENSES

- \$275.00 **UDA DANCE CAMP:** **Scheduled yearly.** Scheduled for the first or second week of July, at UMBC; entire registration fee paid at Parent Meeting. Members experience growth in dance ability as well as skill development and team relations. This activity is mandatory if the team anticipates participation at the national contest and sets the foundation for a successful season

- \$ 150.00 **DANCE TRAINING:** Jazz/dance training will be given by a professional instructor/choreographer. The cost will be paid in full at the Parent Meeting. Not only will these lessons increase the skill and success of the Team, they will prepare the members for future college-level dancing! Additionally, this fee will also pay for a variety of media used to prepare the Team for performances.

- \$655.00 **UNIFORMS/ACCESSORIES:** One-half paid at Parent Meeting. While the Marching Unit provides the Band Uniform, Spirit Uniforms, poms, flags and hoops; members are required to purchase other items for their personal use. These items will be ordered during the Parent Meeting and will be used throughout the term of membership. Order Forms will be provided at the meeting, and a sample will be included in the New Member Packet for your review. Please note the important information provided on the reverse side of the order form!

- \$275.00 **ADDITIONAL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT:** Purchased as required, prior to camp and performances. These items supplement the different 'uniforms' worn during performances, camp and practice. **It is possible that you already have many of these items, and the total expense will vary accordingly.** Additionally, the members purchase a special outfit for the Pep Rally performance during Spirit Week at Homecoming.

- \$800.00 **NDTC NATIONALS COMPETITION:** **Scheduled by group decision.** NDTC: Deposits paid in September, November, with final money due in December. Shown on ESPN, this is a 'by invitation only' event that is awarded for outstanding achievement at camp and offers the team an opportunity to compete against the best dancers from across the Nation.

- \$250.00 **NATIONAL COMPETITIONS:** Fees paid in early January. **Scheduled by group decision.** Each member is given several opportunities to 'earn' the cost of these trips through fundraising activities organized by the Team.

- \$750.00 **SPRING BAND TRIP:** **This event is scheduled yearly.** Deposit will be paid in February, balance due in April. Each year the Glenelg Marching Unit competes in an out-of-state music festival. Each member is given several opportunities to 'earn' the cost of this trip through fundraising activities. These will be explained at the General Meeting of the Marching Unit, as well as at the Parent Meeting. Not included in this cost is individual spending money for souvenirs, snacks, etc.

- \$ 75.00 **SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:** These contributions are made as needed to cover the cost of buses, pizza parties, gifts for officers, etc.

- \$ 30.00 **CLEANING/DRY CLEANING/MAINTENANCE FEE:** Paid at Parent Meeting. This fee is collected to offset the cost of professional dry cleaning that is required to maintain the Band Jackets (done twice yearly), as well as the regular cleaning and repair of Team uniforms.

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*UNIFORMS/ACCESSORIES will include, but are not limited to, the following:

Pom uniform pants, black cami leotard, black t-neck leotard, black practice jazz pants, black performance jazz pants, black traditional jazz shoes, tan traditional jazz shoes, black briefs, DT T-shirt, red shorts, black shorts, DT tote bag, DT garment bag.

**ADDITIONAL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT will include, but is not limited to, the following:

Six pair of Sheer-energy pantyhose, supportive **aerobic/cross trainer** shoes, at least two white sports bras and one black sports bra, knee pads, **large** water jug, one pair of ankle weights (1-2 pound), ace bandage, tube of Bengay, small box of kleenex and makeup items.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS: For the safety of all members, we **require** the purchase of the following:

- Supportive **aerobic/cross trainer** shoes -- emphasis on ankle and arch support (approx. \$60-\$90, Lady Footlocker)

- Asics 'molded sponge' knee pads (approx. \$30)

******NOTE: The preceding list is an ESTIMATE of expenses. We will do our best to hold prices below the estimate whenever possible. Many of these items are listed on the 09-10 Order Form.**

GLENELG DANCE TEAM

AGREEMENT FORM

ACCEPTANCE:

Both the parent/s and the member:

- Have completely read and understand the entire body of the Glenelg High School Dance Team Constitution.
- Understand that membership on the Team is a major time and financial commitment.
- Understand that the Team practice and performance schedule is extensive and the activities take place throughout a 12-month period (year-long).
- Agree to place this activity **before** any other activities that are not class related.
- Understand that the intention of the Developing and Conditional Member status is to allow membership while the member further develops their dance potential. There is a possibility that this member may not perform until their potential has been realized.
- Realize that the Developing and Conditional Member status requires weekly dance training during the summer break as well as weekly sessions with an Officer throughout the year.
- Understand that Full Members, Developing Members, and Conditional Members must audition for many of the performances (such as national and state competitions) and that mastery of all routine elements (skills, memory, facials, verbals, and energy levels) is the primary basis for performance selections.
- Understand that the failure to meet all financial obligations by their due dates will result in restricted Team participation.
- Understand that participation in fund-raising is a necessary part of this activity.
- Agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations listed in the Constitution.

Accept Membership

Decline Membership

INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

The parent/s and member realize that the Director, Coach, and Parent Coordinators spend a great amount of time with the members during the year. Occasionally they become aware of situations that might pose a danger to a dancer (such as being in a car with a drunk driver). The box checked below indicates how the parents wish potential information to be handled. The Share Info box indicates that if such information is available, the parent/s would like it to be shared with them. The Don't Share Info box indicates that the parent/member relationship allows for the sharing of this type of information and that notification by any of the Leadership Group is unnecessary.

Share Info

Don't share Info

WAIVER:

The parent Initials signed below indicate that the member is responsible for making the decision of when to use any required protective equipment (knee pads, knee braces, ankle braces, wrist braces, etc.) during practice or performance. The member is required to have protective equipment as specified by a doctor or the Team Constitution. If no parent initials are present, it is the responsibility of the parent to direct the member about this equipment usage.

Member determines need

Parent determines need

By the signatures below, the parent/s and the member agree to the agreements selected above:

_____ Member _____ Date

_____ Parent _____ Date

WEBSITE PERFORMANCE POSTING AGREEMENT

By my signature below, I hereby give permission for the posting of team information, pictures, and video/dvd Glenelg Dance Team performances to the Glenelg Bands website located at www.glenelgbands.com. I give this permission based on the fact that my daughter's full name will not be listed, nor will any sensitive data be shared.

_____ Member Name

_____ Parent Name

_____ Parent Signature

_____ Date