

McKinney High School
MARQUETTE
Dance/Drill Team
Guideline Addendum



2014-2015

Specific Audition Information

The audition informational meeting will be held at MHS in the dining hall at 7:00 pm on Thursday February 20th 2014 in the MHS dining hall at McKinney High School. We will be going over the handbook and answering any questions regarding the audition process.

Tryout clinic dates and locations:

Monday-Thursday March 24th-March 27th MHS gym- 4:30-6:30

Friday- tryout day- bring a sack dinner- meet at MHS at 4:15- go by bus to North (unless a note by parent is given) tryouts begin at 4:30 pm and will be complete at approximately 6:00. Please have your guardians at McKinney North High School there to pick you up by 6:00 pm.

McKinney High School Marquette Dance/Drill Team Guidelines

All McKinney Marquettes are required to adhere to district Drill team guidelines, and those guidelines found in this document.

ATTENDANCE:

- A. An absence is recorded if more than 20 minutes late, which results in a 10 point deduction.
- B. Members must call ahead if they are going to be absent. Failure to do so results in point deductions.
- C. Upon return from any absence, members must bring a note from a parent or physician explaining their absence. Failure to do so results in point deductions.

SPECIALTY GROUPS:

- A. We have two specialty performing groups in the Varsity Marquettes, Illusion our elite dance team and Kick Company.
- B. Any varsity member is eligible to audition for specialty groups.
- C. It is a privilege to be selected as a member of a specialty group. Being a member of these groups could require extra cost and performance/practice time.
- D. There will be an additional tryout process for determining the membership in these organizations, and the director will set the standard for this tryout process each year.

DANCE OFFICERS:

- A. We will have officers who will help lead the team practices and participate in additional performances for both varsity and junior varsity.
- B. Any varsity member who has completed one year at the varsity level is eligible to audition for varsity line officer or dance officer.
- C. Any Junior varsity member is eligible to audition for junior varsity dance officer.
- D. There will be an additional tryout process for determining who will serve as an officer, and the director will set the standard for this tryout process each year.
- E. Varsity Dance officers are required to attend an additional dance officer camp in the summer and purchase additional items specific to their position. They are responsible for all costs associated with being an officer.

LINE OFFICERS:

- A. We will have line officers who will help lead the team when the dance officers are busy, and help instruct the junior varsity to keep the squads accountable for performance readiness.
- B. Any varsity member who is a veteran is eligible to audition for line officer.
- C. There will be an additional tryout process for determining who will serve as a line officer, and the director will set the standard for this tryout process each year.
- D. Line officers will be required to absorb additional cost for training and attire as part of being a line officer.

SOCIAL COUNCIL:

- A. We will have a social council in both the varsity and junior varsity.
- B. The social council will be selected by the director and the team.
- C. The social council will be charged with coordinating social activities, charitable activities and spirit activities.

MANAGERS AND GUARDS:

- A. The director may decide to select managers or escorts for a given year.

- B. Managers and escorts are non-performing team members and must uphold all duties, rules and regulations, including grade policies, presented in this handbook. Failure to comply with the rules and policies will result in termination from such position.

FINANCES

- A. All payments will only be accepted by way of cashier's check, cash, check or money order.
 B. The McKinney Marquettes will not accept personal checks greater than the amount of \$250.00.
 C. All school account payments must be made payable to the McKinney Marquettes.

REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

The following are considered rule infractions. Point deductions for each are indicated. Points are strictly used only to determine disciplinary probation periods and are not used for grading purposes. Points are deducted for one service year, and at the beginning of the next service year, each member's record is cleared. The only exception is if a disciplinary action (benching, probation) has been determined in the previous year but not yet activated. In this case, the disciplinary action will become active on the first day of service of the next year, and then that student's record will be cleared.

Benching: Member attends functions in uniform but will not take part in the team performance. With regard to football or basketball games, the member may perform in the stands with the team but may not perform in pre-game, half-time, or post-game performances or festivities.

Probation: Member is not allowed to participate in auditions or performances of the team or of specialty groups. The member is not allowed to travel with the team for any reason. Member may not wear the drill team uniform. Member must continue to attend classes, work periods, and practices as scheduled during and before/after school hours.

If a student is academically ineligible at the time of a benching or disciplinary probation, the penalty will be served at the time that the student regains eligibility.

-10 points	Benched
-15 points	Benched
-18 points	3-week probation
-21 points	6-week probation

A student will receive a benching after the initial 10 points accrued and every 5 points thereafter.

The accumulation of 22 points will result in possible removal even if no benchings or probationary periods have occurred.

Accumulation of three or more benchings will result in a principal/director review and possible dismissal.

DEDUCTION SYSTEM

RULE INFRACTION	POINT DEDUCTION
Incorrect practice uniform	1
Chewing gum during practice or performance	1
Not returning any item with a due date	1 each day late
Leaving a mess in practice, performance, or dressing area	1
Moving or talking in performance line	1
Not following instructions for stands behavior	1
Failure of student to dress out for practice	3
Inappropriate behavior in uniform	5
Wearing nail polish to a performance	1
Unexcused tardy to practice, performance, or function	1
Not calling when going to be absent & not bringing a note upon return from absence	2 per infraction
Wearing dress code violations to school	1
Wearing any jewelry to a performance.	3
Incorrect performance uniform	3
Lending uniform, sweats, t-shirts, or jackets to non-drill team members	3
Wearing uniform to non-drill team function	5
Failing to bring all required items to a performance	1 per item
Leaving any drill team activity without permission from director	10
Insubordination	10
Violating school rules, dress code, policies	10 and refer to MHS policies
Letting a non-member into locker room without director's permission	2
Non-compliance with drill team standards of conduct. (Example: lying to director, public displays of inappropriate conduct, cursing, etc.)	5 10

RULE INFRACTION	POINT DEDUCTION
Unexcused absence from drill team class, practice outside school hours, or required function	10
Failing to respect all teachers and staff	10
Office referral	10 and director/principal review
Reassignment Room	15, and director review
N in conduct	15, and director review
U in conduct	20, and director review

MERITS

The director may choose to offer merits for services deemed appropriate. The rewards for such earned merits are also at the director's discretion. Merits are the only things that remove demerits from ones record. Examples of merits are attending outside functions approved by the director, bringing items that benefit the team and the like.

DRILL TEAM PRACTICE AND PERFORMANCES

- A. Drill team members must attend practice sessions as determined by the director. Absence from practice may result in a missed performance if the director determines that the absence has hindered the ability of the team to practice productively.
- A. Students should use discretion in his/her commitments to multiple extracurricular activities.
- B. There will be tryouts for each performance. The director will judge routines. Factors such as attitude, manners, and effort will be taken into consideration as well as ability. Students unable to execute the routine to the expected standard or who have exhibited excessive negativity regarding practices will not be chosen to perform.
- C. If a member is removed from the performance due to tryouts, absences, illness, or injury, that member must continue to attend practices and team performances in uniform unless the illness or injury prohibits him/her from doing so.
- D. A student may only perform if in correct and complete uniform at the time of performance.
- E. Drill team members who have auditioned and passed on the current week's routine will not be disciplined for making mistakes that were clearly unintentional during performance.

