

# Del Norte High School Dance



## 2019-2020

<b><u>Physical Night</u></b> DNHS Gym	<b><u>Workshops</u></b> DNHS Dance Room	<b><u>Audition</u></b> DNHS Dance Room	<b><u>Parent Meeting</u></b> DNHS Teacher Lounge (Located in front office)
<p>Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup></p> <p><i>All participants are required to complete their Ticket to Play and Physical in order to audition.</i></p>	<p>Wednesday June, 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00-9:00pm</p> <p>Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:30pm (Followed by a 30 minute parent info meeting 8:30-9:00pm)</p>	<p>Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00pm</p> <p><b><i>Teams will be announced on the website by Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm</i></b></p>	<p>Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup></p> <p>7:00 – 7:30 pm Performance Team</p> <p>7:30-8:00 pm Competition Team</p>

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See Del Norte High School website for more information about the team and to download the tryout packet.

## **DNHS Dance Team Information**

The Del Norte High School Dance Team is a **TEAM** dedicated to becoming one of the premier dance programs in the nation. We are looking for the dancers that are best prepared to promote school spirit, work collaboratively with team members, represent the school and team in a confident and positive manner, exhibit good sportsmanship among students and adults, and share their passion for dance with their audience members. In order to meet this goal, the judges will choose the dancers that best exhibit these abilities during auditions.

If you are chosen as a member of the DNHS Dance Team you may be designated to the following teams and responsibilities:

<b>Performance Team</b>	<b>Competition Team</b>
The performance team is responsible for song leading and halftimes at home football games and some home basketball games. They will also be expected to perform at assemblies, winter and spring dance concerts, or any other opportunity that may arise. Members will attend USA camp in the summer.	The competition team will participate in all aspects of the Performance Team. In addition they will learn routines to compete at regional and national high school competitions throughout the season. Practices will vary and will be determined after the team is finalized.

### **Eligibility**

#### **Academics/Attendance**

- A. A dance team candidate must be a student currently enrolled at Del Norte High School for the 2019-2020 school year. All Inter District Transfers (IDTs) must be completed and approved before the time of tryouts.
- B. District rules of residence eligibility (District transfers) will be in effect for all candidates.
- C. During each grading period, dancers must maintain a 2.0 grade point average.
- D. If dancers do not attain a 2.0 grade point average, they will be placed on probation for the following grading period, as defined by CIF. They must also attend 4 hours of mandatory tutoring at Del Norte each week.
- E. If dancers do not bring their grades up to a 2.0 grade point average at the end of the probationary period, they will be ineligible to participate for the following grading period. One probation is allowed throughout the athlete's high school career. After that probation is used, the athlete will be ineligible to participate in athletics for the rest of their high school career. (Per CIF rule)
- F. If a dancer is not at school for the minimum of 2/3 of their classes, the student is ineligible to participate in an event (football game, performance) that day or evening.

### **Expectations**

#### **Practice Attendance**

- A. Dancers will report appropriately dressed and ready to practice at the time designated by the Coach. **Work and all personal business, including doctor/dentist appointments, Must be scheduled around practice days, or the absence will be unexcused.**

- B. Any anticipated absence from practice or events must be reported to the Coach, **by the student**, as soon as the conflict is discovered. Continual absences may result in being benched from performances or events. Unexcused absences will result in sitting out of the next performance.
- C. If a dancer has an unexcused absence from practice, she will be benched for the next performance.
- D. If a dancer has an excused absence at a practice prior to a performance, the Coach will determine if the dancer is properly prepared to participate in the next performance.
- E. Any dancer who is tardy to, leaves early from, or is absent from a practice, game, or performance will be subject to squad disciplinary action.

### **Games**

- A. Dancers must attend all football games, basketball games, and any other events determined by the Coach.
- B. Dancers must check in with the Coach at the designated location, one hour before game time, unless otherwise specified.
- C. When arriving to a game, dancers will wear specified dance attire, warm ups, sweats, t-shirts, song shoes, and have hair and makeup done prior to arrival.
- D. When singing the team will wear the official uniform designated for that game or event, if any part of the uniform, including poms, is missing, the dancer will not perform.
- E. All dancers when not performing will sit in full uniform in the area designated by the Coach and will actively support the team.

### **Appearance**

- A. All parts of the uniform/costume must be kept neat and clean.
- B. Hair and make up must be done before arriving at a game/performance.
- C. No jewelry is allowed at a game/performance/competition unless specified otherwise.
- D. Do not apply make up or comb hair in public view. You are representing your school at all times.

### **Attitude/Conduct**

- A. Team members must be willing workers and perform duties, including conditioning, practices, and performances **WITHOUT COMPLAINING OR INDIFFERENCE**. Negative attitudes will not be tolerated!
- B. Members must be willing and capable of working as a team in a patient, helpful, positive manner at all times.
- C. Dancers will not partake in derogatory conversation regarding DNHS, the dance team, the coach, DNHS staff, students, or other dancers. Such negative behavior can result in removal from the team. All constructive comments are welcome and should be communicated directly to the coach independently.
- D. At no time will a dancer allow another student who is not a DNHS dancer to wear any of her DNHS Dance Team gear (uniform, costume, warm ups, etc).
- E. No PDA when in uniform (i.e. school, games, performances, competitions, events).
- F. No reference to alcohol or drugs on public domains (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.) will be permitted and will result in immediate removal from the team.
- G. NO SMOKING, DRINKING OF ALCOHOL, OR USE OF DRUGS AT ANY TIME!** Dance team members are advised not to attend student parties where alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs may be present. Such behavior will not be tolerated and may result in immediate removal from the team.
- H.** Problems with poor attitudes or poor conduct at any event whether it is school related or not, may result in removal from the team.

## **Communication**

- A. Schedules/possible changes will be communicated as soon as possible to team members via Google Calendar. Each **team member** will be responsible for staying up to date with the schedule and communicating any conflicts, concerns, or questions directly to the coach ASAP.  
**Communication coming from parents or guardians will not be accepted as appropriate notice.**
- B. Communication with parents is restricted to financial concerns. Any other concerns will need to be addressed by setting either a phone or in-person meeting. These matters will not be discussed outside of designated meeting times, emails, or phone calls.
- C. Concerns with coaching, supervision, team member/parent conflicts, or any other issues must be discussed directly with the coach and may result in mediation if necessary.
- D. All email addresses, phone numbers, and other contact information is confidential. This information is not to be shared with other individuals unless approved by the coach or individual.

## **Competition**

- A. Dancers are expected to maintain their abilities as exhibited at auditions and are encouraged to participate in regular technique classes on their own time outside of designated practice times.
- B. The choreographers for routines will select dancers, by auditioning dancers at the beginning of each choreography session. The selection of dancers should be respected and team members should be supportive of one another.
- C. Dancers selected to compete solo routines for competitions will be limited to one solo each and will be expected to coordinate choreography, rehearsals, and costuming independently. In the event that only a select number of soloists will be able to compete, the coach will decide which soloists will participate by looking at practice attendance, previous competition placement, and number of years on the team.
- D. Soloists must understand and accept that they are not competing against one another, but rather competing to represent Del Norte High School and Del Norte Dance. If dancer conduct is deemed inappropriate and unsupportive, the soloist may lose the privilege to compete in further competitions.
- E. Dancers are expected to be at competitions on time and prepared as designated by the coach.
- F. Dancers are expected to support one another during performances regardless of if they are in the routine or not and must stay at the competition or event until they are dismissed by the coach.
- G. Parents are not permitted in the warm up or changing room areas as space is generally limited. Parents will be expected to connect with their dancer outside of these spaces and times.
- H. Because each member of the team is an important piece in each routine that they are a part of, practices, choreography, competitions, and any other necessary event must be a priority and planned around accordingly. Vacations, appointments, and other commitments must be scheduled in conjunction with the schedule provided by the coach at the beginning of the season.

## **Individual Contribution**

The DNHS Performance and Competition team are supported by Fair Share Contributions, which can be made in full at the beginning of the season or in incremental payments as designated on the schedule given at the parent meeting. These contributions will be expected in full by the designated date in order to participate. As a club, the dance team does not receive any support from the district and depends on the support of the team members, parents, and contributors to keep the program running. Financial contributions will be outlined and discussed during the parent info meeting. There is also the opportunity

to attend USA dance camp over the summer for an additional cost. This opportunity is optional, but HIGHLY recommended.

(\*Approximately\* New Members with USA Camp- \$1964/New Members no camp - \$1543/Returners with USA camp- \$1376/ Returners without camp - \$955)

As a member of the Competition team, the financial contribution is in addition to the Performance team contribution. Again, these contributions will be expected in full by the designated date in order to participate. This will be outlined in further detail during the parent meeting but includes items like competition registration and related fees, costuming, coaching fees, and choreography fees and will be dependent on the number of routines the dancer participates in.

### **Important Summer Dates**

**\*Times are tentative and subject to change.\***

<b>June 10</b>	<b>7:00pm-8:00pm</b>	<b>Parent Meeting</b>
<b>July 9</b>	<b>3:00pm-6:00pm</b>	<b>Summer Practice</b>
<b>July 11</b>	<b>3:00pm-6:00pm</b>	<b>Summer Practice</b>
<b>July 16</b>	<b>3:00pm-6:00pm</b>	<b>Summer Practice</b>
<b>July 18</b>	<b>3:00pm-6:00pm</b>	<b>Summer Practice</b>
<b>July 19-21</b>		<b>WCE Camp @ Great Wolf Lodge (Comp Team Only)</b>
<b>July 23</b>	<b>3:00pm-6:00pm</b>	<b>Summer Practice</b>
<b>July 25</b>	<b>3:00pm-6:00pm</b>	<b>Summer Practice</b>
<b>July 30</b>	<b>3:00pm-6:00pm</b>	<b>Summer Practice</b>
<b>August 2-5</b>		<b>USA Camp @ Cal Lutheran</b>
<b>August 6</b>	<b>3:00pm-6:00pm</b>	<b>Summer Practice</b>
<b>August 8</b>	<b>3:00pm-6:00pm</b>	<b>Summer Practice</b>
<b>August 13</b>	<b>3:00pm-6:00pm</b>	<b>Summer Practice</b>
<b>August 15</b>	<b>3:00pm-6:00pm</b>	<b>Summer Practice</b>
<b>August 20</b>	<b>3:00pm-5:00pm</b>	<b>Summer Practice</b>