

**CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS**  
**CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**  
**2024 DANCE TEAM STATE TOURNAMENT**  
**ALERT PAGE**

TO: Dance Team Advisor/Coach  
FROM: Dance Team Committee  
DATE: February 8, 2024  
RE: 2024 State Dance Team Tournament

**PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR DANCE TEAM ADVISOR/COACH RECEIVES**

**THIS INFORMATION**

Your school has filed a Dance Team Entry Form and has been scheduled to compete in our 2024 Dance Team State Tournament on Saturday, February 24, 2024 (snow date Sunday, February 25, 2024). This is the ONLY copy of information being sent to your school. Please make copies for all who may need this information.

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE CASCIAC OFFICE IMMEDIATELY IF YOUR TEAM MUST WITHDRAW. IF A TEAM FAILS TO NOTIFY THE CIAC THAT THEY ARE WITHDRAWING, THEN THEY WILL FORFEIT THEIR ENTRY FEE.**

**IF YOU MUST WITHDRAW AFTER 2:00 PM ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 2024, PLEASE NOTIFY KATHY SWILLINGER AT 203-675-6237.**

Six Divisions of competition have been formed. Your team has been placed in one of these Divisions based on the size of your competing members.

1. Pom
2. Large Hip Hop
3. Small Hip Hop
4. Large Jazz
5. Small Jazz
6. Kick

**\*\*Note – on the day of the competition, if you are missing dancers, you will still compete in the Division that you were assigned as of Wednesday, February 21 2024 (Remember that the judges do not judge your team based on the number of dancers, but rather on your team’s performance).**

The State Dance Team Tournament will be held at:

**HAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL**

**2040 DIXWELL AVE, HAMDEN, CT 06514**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024**

**(SNOW DATE – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024)**

**In the event of inclement weather, local radio and TV stations will be notified. A decision will be made early on the morning of Saturday, February 24, 2024. In addition, you can check the casciac website ([www.casciac.org](http://www.casciac.org)) for any changes to the schedule.**

#### **SPECIFIC RULES RELATIVE TO THIS TOURNAMENT**

1. Teams will perform according to the Order of Performance. Please note: bumping up by division will occur in each and every case for “no shows.” For example – if your school is slated to perform in Pom in the fifth position, and the Pom team ahead of you does not show up, then your team will perform in the spot ahead, and all schools in the Pom division will bump up one position. Divisions will alternate with “exhibition” teams filling in the gaps in time.
2. Registration will begin at **9:00 am. Dancers and Coaches ONLY will enter through the Registration entrance located on the “Plaza” side of the building (looking at the high school it will be on the right). Spectators will enter on the opposite side of the building (the Parkway side – looking at the high school it will be on the left).** Doors to the lobby will open for spectators at 9am and the gym doors will open at 10:00am. **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE GYM UNTIL 10:00 am (except Coaches to test music) SO PLEASE INFORM YOUR PARENTS/FANS THAT THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN TO HANG SIGNS/BANNERS UNTIL THE GYM OPENS.**
3. Warmups will begin at 10:30am and will go in competition order. The event will begin at 11:00am. Each team will be allotted 4 minutes of warmup time, which will take place in the cafeteria on the second floor. Please be lined up outside the cafeteria a few minutes before your assigned time, so as not to miss it. There will not be a Safety Judge watching warmups – penalty points will be deducted for any infractions that occur during the actual performance. Our Safety Judge is Lauryn Bryant ([bryant.lauryn2@gmail.com](mailto:bryant.lauryn2@gmail.com)) – please make sure that you contact her in advance with any questions that you have

regarding legality of your routine moves, etc. REMEMBER THAT THE MAXIMUM TIME FOR YOUR ROUTINE IS 2:15 (two minutes-15 seconds).

4. In the event of a tie for first place, both teams will be named as Champions and the next team would be named as the Runner-up. If two teams place for second, both teams will be named as Runner-ups, and the next team would be third, etc.
5. When your team arrives at Hamden High School, the Coach/Advisor must enter with the team and they must have a copy of your team Roster (see attached Roster Sheet). This Roster MUST BE TOTALLY FILLED OUT and all names on it must match the names of Dancers that your school sent to CIAC when they registered you for this event. Three (3) Coach/Advisors will be allowed to enter with the team through Registration. **A DANCER WHOSE NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM THAT YOUR SCHOOL SUBMITTED THROUGH THEIR SECURE WEBSITE, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER WITH OR PERFORM WITH YOUR TEAM. Identification of Dancers may be requested at any time. Security will be tight so please advise your family members and friends that no one except for Dancers and Coaches will be allowed on this side of the building.**
6. Teams will be housed in classrooms on the B and D wings of the second floor of the high school. The Cafeteria is located on the second floor as well (in the C wing). **IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO USE THESE CLASSROOMS – NOT A RIGHT. EVERY YEAR, I GET COMPLAINTS FROM TEACHERS WHOSE CLASSROOMS ARE UTILIZED, DUE TO DAMAGED OR MISSING ITEMS OR THINGS BEING WRITTEN ON THE CLASSROOM BOARDS. IF THIS HAPPENS AGAIN THIS YEAR, WE WILL LOSE THE RIGHT TO HAVE ACCESS TO THESE SPACES AND YOU WILL END UP STORING YOUR TEAM’S BELONGINGS IN HALLWAYS. AS A COACH, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BEHAVIOR OF YOUR DANCERS FOR THE ENTIRE TIME THAT THEY ARE AT THIS EVENT. NO CLASSROOM SHOULD HAVE STUDENTS IN IT WHO ARE NOT BEING SUPERVISED. THE ONLY ITEMS ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOMS WILL BE WATER BOTTLES – NO OTHER FOOD OR DRINKS ARE ALLOWED. Last year I spent an hour throwing away cases of food and drinks that were left behind. There will be a concession stand set up as well as an eating area that your teams can utilize for food and drinks. Trash bins will be set up in the hallways outside the classrooms – please make sure that all water bottles and trash are thrown in these bins before you leave. I WILL BE CHECKING EACH ROOM AFTER THE TOURNAMENT FOR TRASH OR DAMAGE.**
7. **Conduct and Good Sportsmanship** – we have been exceedingly proud of our High School Dance Teams and the goodwill and sportsmanship that they have shown to each other over the past 16 Tournaments. We ask that all Coach/Advisors continue to remind their dancers that they are representing their schools at this event, and as a representative, they are expected (along with their fans) to exemplify the image of a high school dance team.

8. T-shirts, as well as other dance apparel will be available for purchase on the day of the event. Shirts can be pre-ordered by going to [grrteesmsp.com](http://grrteesmsp.com). This is the site that CIAC uses for apparel sales and they have designed the shirts.
9. **ALL TICKETS FOR THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE SOLD ONLINE ONLY.** THE PRICE IS \$10 FOR ADULTS. \$5 FOR STUDENT GRADES 1-12 AND SENIOR CITIZENS (age 65 and older). ALL CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER ARE FREE.
10. **Please remind your dancers not to bring valuables to the event such as jewelry or excessive amounts of money.** We are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Coaches should have a tote bag that can hold cell phones, money, or any meds that a dancer might need.

**Please refer to our Tournament Guidelines which are found in the Tournament Packet on the casciac website. (by now you should have all read through this packet and sent any questions to myself or the safety judge). Our goal is to have a “penalty” free event. Make sure that you are using “hands free” poms if you are competing in the Pom Division and performing any hip over head rotation moves. (see Pom guidelines). No jewelry may be worn except for earrings – the size of which is found in the Tournament Guidelines packet. No glitter that flakes off or sprays or powder that linger in the air or fall onto the performing surface are allowed. Proper footwear must be worn.**

**The schedule of warmup and performance times will be emailed to you the Wednesday before the Saturday tournament. Please make sure that your families/friends know that the event will begin at 11:00am and should be done by approximately 3:30pm. Please make sure that your bus driver gives you their cell number so you can stay in touch. There is no bus parking at Hamden High. If your team is arriving by bus, then you must be dropped off on the Plaza side of the building and your driver must leave the grounds immediately and come back to pick you up beginning at approximately 2:45pm. Buses will be lined up for pick up by security.**

## 2024 DANCE TEAM ROSTER

Coaches, you must bring this Roster with you to Registration beginning at 9am on Saturday, February 24 2024. No Team will be allowed to register without this roster sheet filled out. Please print or type the names in alphabetical order.

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

Members of the Team:

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