



MDTA NEWS

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Missouri Dance Team Association 2022 State Championship

Saturday, February 26, 2022

Family Arena
St Charles, MO



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President's Message

Greetings coaches!

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your teams in a much better situation than you were facing one year ago at this time. Although I know everything is not back to normal, I do hope that you and your teams are getting to do things that were missed out on last year.

We here at MDTA have been very busy planning and working on things that are new and exciting for all teams in the state of Missouri. Many of these new initiatives are outlined within this newsletter, so please take the time to read through everything and be as informed as possible.

We are in the process of launching a new website which we hope you will find easy to navigate and more importantly will work on mobile devices unlike our previous website. We will make an official announcement when the site is up and ready for use. The old site is still accessible currently, but note we are not updating anything on that site currently. If you have a specific question regarding anything, please reach out to your regional representative and they will be happy to assist you.

Speaking of the regional representatives, I am thrilled to announce that we have added 3 new members to our board. Each one of them has a specific role and we are so excited to start our working relationship with them. In this newsletter you will see who these people are and what their role here at MDTA is. Help us in welcoming them to the board, although all of them have previously held some role or has been a part of our organization. It is always exciting to have new people with new ideas and expertise.

As of now, we are planning to hold the Missouri State Dance Team Championships in person on Saturday, February 26th, 2022 in St. Charles at the Family Arena. However, I do want to be as transparent as possible and let you know that if things change, we will switch to a virtual contest as we did last year. I, along with the board, are very hopeful that we will back in person for 2022. FINGERS CROSSED!

Please be sure to join MDTA and have your assistant coaches join as well. We hope to offer you many chances to connect, learn and grow no matter how long you have been coaching. We are here for you. Please reach out with concerns or questions as we want to assist and make this year as positive and stress free as possible.

A final reminder that we want all of you to be active and responsible to know and understand information regarding MDTA. We will communicate as much as possible, but we must rely on you to read and be aware of the information. Of course, if you are unclear, please reach out for clarification.



**In dance,
Brett**





Aboard!

Please welcome the newest member of the
Missouri Dance Team Association Executive Board!

Anise Glenn
Member at Large



My name is Anise Glenn! I am excited about my new role joining MDTA! I have been dancing for 22 years and am still dancing currently. I attended Pattonville High School and was a member of the Varsity dance team. In college, I was a member of the Lindenwood Lionettes for 4 years and became a 3X NDA National Champion! I am in my 3rd year as an assistant dance team coach for Nerinx Hall high school located in Webster Groves. I am also a member of Ashleyliane Dance Company. I love all things dance and I am excited to be engulfed in the dance world in a new way with MDTA!



WHAT'S NEW AT THE

State Championship 2022



- Verbal Critiques will be emailed to the coach the day of (or day after) depending on WiFi capability.

- Coaches NO LONGER need to provide proof of music and information regarding music!



(See the Updated Music Policy on Page 5)

- Team Photos will be taken after each performance.



- The soloist category will max out at 200 participants this year!
- Each soloist may only do ONE routine.

- Coaches will now photograph their own scoresheets at the score verification table.
- This means no scoresheets will be handed out at the end of the competition.



- A detailed time schedule will be utilized for State 2022 similar to the contest held in 2020 at the HyVee Arena.
- Teams will be given assigned times for Inspection, performance preparation, full run-through (no music), holding, on deck, and performance time.



COACHES ARE ALLOWED TO CREATE THEIR OWN MIXES OF LEGALLY PURCHASED MUSIC!

Updated MDTA Music Policy 2022

All recordings used in dance routines at MDTA contests should comply with U.S. copyright law. Music should be legally purchased or obtained. Coaches will not have to complete or submit any form regarding their music to compete in an MDTA contest. By competing in an MDTA contest, all coaches and teams acknowledge the rules of MDTA and agree to abide by them.

Therefore, coaches can once again create mixes of various songs as long as they have legally purchased the music.



COMPETITION *Updates*

Yvonne Cole Lindbergh Invitational



Saturday, December 4, 2021
Lindbergh High School

Additional Information/Questions, email:
lhsinvitational@gmail.com
Website with information found [HERE](#)

Lee's Summit North Dance Invitational



January 21 and 22, 2022
Lee's Summit North High School

Contact: Shelley McCain
shelley.mccain@lsr7.net

Fort Zumwalt North Invitational



Saturday, January 22, 2022
Fort Zumwalt North High School

Contact: Karen Asbell @ kasbell@stcharlessd.org
Website with information found [HERE](#)

Farmington Dance Invitational



Saturday, January 15, 2022
Farmington High School
Weather Make Up Date: Saturday, Jan 22, 2022

Contact: Janna Hagerty
jhagerty@farmington.k12.mo.us

Dance Team Union Regional Competition

Saturday,
January 8, 2022
Francis Howell North
High School



The Kansas City Classic Saturday, December 11, 2021 Liberty High School



Contact:
Melanie Dailey
melanie@larkspurdance.com
Maggie Willis: maggie.willis@lps53.org
Website with information found [HERE](#)

**Dance Team Union
Regional Competition**

hosted by the Lee's Summit West Westside Girls

Saturday,

December 18, 2021

2600 SW Ward Rd

Lee's Summit, MO 64082



Link to Register [HERE](#)

Mehlville Invitational



**Saturday,
February 19, 2021
Mehlville Senior
High School**

Contact: Miranda Widmann
mehlvilleinvitational@gmail.com

**Missouri Dance Team Association
2022 State Championship**

**Saturday,
February 26, 2022
Family Arena
St Charles, MO**



DANCE SHOWCASE

Information

***Southwest Missouri
Dance Team Showcase***

**Thursday, November 4, 2021
7pm**

**Carthage High School
2600 S River St
Carthage, MO**

Contact: Melanie Perkins
perkinsm@carthagetigers.org
417-850-5597

***Innovative Showcase
St Louis***

**January 8, 2022
Oakville High School
5557 Milburn Road
St. Louis, MO 63129**

Contact:
innovativechoreography@gmail.com

***Annual Pom Expo
Hillsboro High School
Friday, March 11, 2022
7pm***

Contact: Erica Huskey
huskey_eric@hsdr3.org



If you are hosting a
competition or contest this
year, please contact
Melissa Albright at
sw.mdtarep@gmail.com
to have it added!



Join MDTA Today! Membership is currently \$10!

Four groups are targeted for MDTA membership. They are:

- Individuals who are actively coaching a middle/junior high or high school dance team
- Individuals who are former middle/junior high or high school dance team coaches
- College or University dance team coaches
- Business owners whose company offers services associate with dance team needs. i.e. uniforms, camps, instructions, etc.

Individual membership provides:

- Access to experienced coaches, judges, and choreographers.
- An opportunity to gain professional development with our new MDTA Mondays (NEW!)-see Page 9 for more details!
- Acts as a networking tool to assist in navigating the dance team world.
- Members can ask questions, collaborate, and communicate with other MDTA members via our Facebook and Google groups.
- The most recent and up to date information about local and state dance competitions and showcases.
- Allows your team to participate in the annual Missouri State Dance Team Championship.

The membership year runs from August 1 thru July 31st.

Membership is \$10 if paid by December 1, 2021. Membership is \$20 if paid after 12/1.

Current Members who DO NOT renew by 12/1 will be removed from our Google mailing list.

We encourage you to reach out to your school Booster clubs to support you by covering this fee. Members can pay by check or online via PayPal.

Questions? Contact Nikki Boekhout, Membership Director at modtamembership@gmail.com

Register Today!

Current Coaches Link (\$10 fee)


<https://form.jotform.com/212407942989064>

Retired Coaches and Judges: membership is Free

<https://forms.gle/GyjqEuPA3aZojWz97>

Dance Business Link: Businesses pay \$100 membership fee

<https://form.jotform.com/212408075556052>




Return of
MDTA
Mondays

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Welcome back our online professional development for coaches via Facebook Live on Monday evenings in the Missouri Dance Team Association (MDTA) Coaches Group! If you are a new coach, or not currently a part of the group, you must request to join the group to participate in the presentations.


These sessions will be recorded and links sent to registered coaches to watch later!




October 18
Topic:
STATE PREPARATION
MEMBERSHIP
WEBSITE INFORMATION



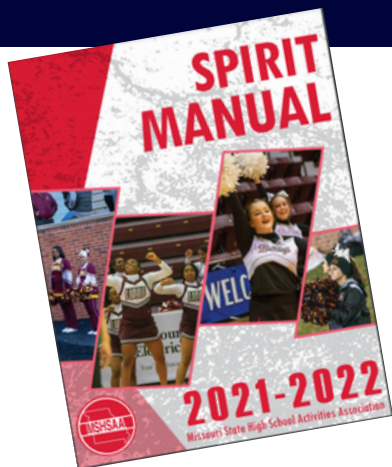
November 15th
Topic:
SAFETY AND RULES
UPDATES
COSTUME QUESTIONS



January 10
Topic:
MID YEAR MOTIVATION
COMPETITION STRESS
UNIFORMS
TEAM BONDING!



February 7
Topic:
STATE Q AND A
BANQUET IDEAS
TRY OUTS



Are You Up To Date on the Spirit Rules?

As coaches, we set rules and guidelines we expect our dancers to follow. It is our duty as a coach to lead the way and follow the rules and guidelines set forth by our state and federal associations.

[Click to view the 2021-2022 MSHSAA Spirit Manual](#)

Listed below are rules most often violated and reported to MSHSAA and MDTA.

Modesty Rule for Dance Costumes

Missouri dance teams are expected to wear costumes that are appropriate for education-based activities and approved by the local school administration for **performances and competitions**. It is the school coach(es) responsibility to be knowledgeable of all NFHS and MSHSAA rules regarding dance and to convey these rules to any company or individual providing a service to the school team (i.e. choreographers, seamstress, prop designers, etc.).

- 1. When the participant is standing at attention, no part of the buttocks, breast, or midriff shall be visible**
- .2. Midriff is defined in Missouri as 3 inches above the belly button all the way around the body. Teams may have a cutout or open back costume. However, if the cut is below the natural waist line in the back the costume is illegal.**
- 3. Bare skin, nude-colored coverings or any material that gives the illusion of flesh shall not be part of the costume in the midriff area.**
- 4. Footwear must comply with NFHS Rule 4-1-5.**
- 5. Participants shall not be permitted to perform/compete in illegal attire.**

All costuming questions should be directed to MDTA President, Brett Elder, at mdtapresident@gmail.com

Jewelry (Section 6, page 13)

Jewelry, etc. shall **not** be worn during practice, games, performances or competitions.

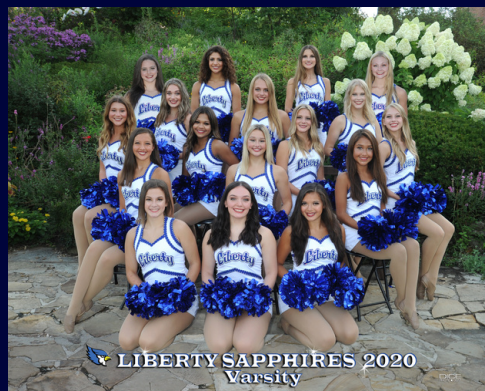
All safety rules found in the spirit manual pertain to every practice, performance (assemblies, games, etc.), and contests, including Nationals. Failure to follow the safety rules can be reported to MSHSAA.



2021 State Champions



Rockwood Summit HS-Class 4



Liberty KC-Class 6



Saint Francis Borgia HS-Class 2



Lee's Summit North HS-Class 5



Bishop LeBlond HS-Class 1



North County High School-Class 3

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Missouri Dance Team Association (MDTA) Coaches
Group and like our Facebook page!*



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www.modta.org

NEW

Website



Relaunch!

Fresh Look!

User
Friendly!

Up To Date
Info!

Mid
October

More
Mobile
Friendly!