

MISS DANCE DRILL TEAM ILLINOIS 2008-2009

Hosted by IDTA Special Events

Rules & Regulations

General: The Illinois Drill Team Association is proud to announce the 2008 Miss Dance Drill Team Competition. This prestigious competition – Showcase of Stars – includes the Miss, Teen Miss, Junior Miss, Solo Flag, Duets, and Trios competitions. This year's event will take place on Sat., Nov. 1, 2008 at Mattoon High School. (NOTE: Only IDTA member performers are eligible for possible cash prizes.)

Eligibility: Contestant must be a U.S. citizen. She must be a registered student of the school which she is representing. She must be an active member of her school dance/drill team. The contestant shall not be less than 16 or more than 19 years old as of 3/26/09. Eligible "Miss" contestants should be in their Junior or Senior year of high school.

Judging:

Routines: Contestant must possess and display talent in a routine of not less than 1 ½ minutes and not more than 2 minutes. This talent may be in any or all phases of dance-drill team (i.e. dance, lyrical, pom, etc.). Timing will start with the first beat of the music and will cease with the last beat. 2-point penalty for over/under time.

Routine judging will be 70% of the scoring. Scoring will be on appearance, routine, execution, and showmanship. Limited to 3 gymnastic feats. 5-point penalty for suggestive moves or moves done in poor taste.

Props: Props or sets may be used in the routine. All props and/or sets must be rubber-tipped in order to prevent scratching the floor. 2-point penalty for failing to use protective tips.

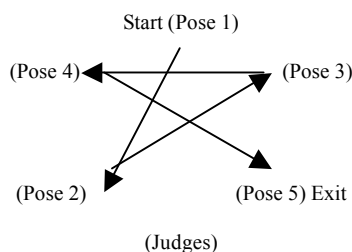
Uniform: Uniform or dress for performing your routine is at the discretion of the contestant's director. Uniform should be in good taste. Only soft or rubber-soled shoes are allowed on the floor. It is preferred that contestants wear shoes but bare feet and half-soles are permitted. 5-point penalty for inappropriate costume. (NOTE: Half-soles, bare feet, and mid-drifts are allowed as this competition follows the guidelines of Miss Dance Drill Team USA. However in regular IDTA competition, participants must have footwear that covers the entire sole of the foot with the exception of pedinis and mid-drifts are not allowed.)

Modeling: Contestants will be judged on modeling **five (5)** dance/drill team positions and/or combinations. The poses/dance combinations should be designed to highlight your dance ability, style, balance and creativity in choreography. Total timing must not be longer than 45 seconds. Contestants must perform in the compulsory modeling format. Contestants are to wear **plain** black leotards with **long sleeves** (no trim), black tights (no net or lace), with appropriate soft or rubber-soled shoes (i.e. ballet or jazz shoes).

No music is played during the modeling. Modeling is 15% of your score. Contestants are scored on appearance, presentation, and execution of positions. 2-point penalty for over time. 2-point penalty for not walking from position to position (no strutting, jazz walks, runs, marching, dancing, leaping, etc.). 2-point penalty for not performing all five dance positions and/or combinations. 2-point penalty for uniform infractions.

MODELING FORMAT

Start in **Pose 1** (pause), then WALK 8 steps to **Pose 2** (pause), WALK 8 steps to **Pose 3** (pause), WALK 8 steps to **Pose 4** (pause), WALK 8 steps to **Pose 5**, then exit.



Interview Question: The contestants will be asked an interview/impromptu question with the answer not to exceed 30 seconds. The contestants must wear their modeling leotard with a plain, black dance skirt and appropriate shoes. No notes or props. Scoring will be based on response, confidence, projection, poise, diction, and enthusiasm. The judging of the answer will be 15% of the total score. 2-point penalty for over time. (NOTE: Modeling & Interview are closed to the general public – only those personal guests of the dancer are allowed.)

Registration: Contestants must fill out the Registration form along with the Showcase of Stars Release form and submit them by Wednesday, October 15, 2008. Contestants will be notified of the schedule approximately one week prior to the event. The approximate start time will be 9:00a.m.

Entrance Fee: The fee is \$50. Make your check payable to "Illinois Drill Team Association".

Announcement of "Miss" Contestants: Contestants are asked to change into a semi-formal dress for the announcement of contestants and winners. Please do not feel that you need to buy a new dress.

Qualification for Miss Dance Drill Team USA Pageant: The Top Ten Miss Dance Drill Team Illinois finishers will be invited to compete in the Miss Dance Drill Team USA Pageant. The event will be held in Irvine, CA. The date is TBA but in previous years it has been held in March. The contestants will be given the required materials to register for this competition. Go to www.mddtusa.com for more information. The coach is **NOT** required to attend. A parent or guardian may act as the coach or chaperone.

Miss Dance Drill Team Illinois & Top Finishers: Miss Dance Drill Team Illinois and the 1st Runner-Up **may** be asked to perform their award-winning routines at State Competition, depending on the schedule. The Top Finishers will also be recognized in the IDTA State Program.

School Information: Mattoon High School is located at 2521 Walnut Ave., Mattoon, IL 61938. Please do not call the school with questions.

Questions: If you have any questions, please contact Special Events officer, Kris Mendoza, at kmendoza128@hotmail.com.