

Showcase of Stars 2008-2009

Hosted by IDTA Special Events

Rules & Regulations for the following events: “Teen” Miss Dance Drill Team Illinois, “Junior” Miss Dance Drill Team Illinois, Solo Flag Illinois, Duets, & Trios Competition

General: The Illinois Drill Team Association is proud to announce the 2008 Teen 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 registered student of the school that he/she is representing. He/she must be an active member of his/her school dance/drill team. Eligible “Teen Miss” contestants should be in their Freshmen or Sophomore year of high school. Eligible “Junior Miss” contestants should be in Junior high school or Middle school. Contestants in the Solo Flag, Duet and Trio competition may be at any high school age/grade.

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.

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.)

Teen Miss: The objective of the Teen Miss Dance Drill Team Illinois competition is to encourage dancers at the Freshmen or Sophomore grade level who are interested in competing on an individual level. It is our goal to assist in the development of these talented dancers as they prepare for the Miss Dance Drill Team Illinois competition in their Junior and/or Senior year of high school. The Teen Miss contestants DO NOT compete in the areas of Modeling and Interview!

Junior Miss: The objective of the Junior Miss Dance Drill Team Illinois competition is to encourage dancers at the Junior high school/Middle school grade level who are interested in competing on an individual level. It is our goal to assist in the development of these talented dancers as they prepare for the Teen Miss and Miss Dance Drill Team Illinois competition in their high school years. The Junior Miss contestants DO NOT compete in the areas of Modeling and Interview!

Solo Flag Illinois: The objective for Solo Flag Illinois is to provide the participants of flag and color guard teams from around the state an opportunity to compete and show their talents on an individual basis. A school may enter as many Solo Flag contestants as they wish. Any style of flag performance is acceptable, i.e. lyrical flag, short flag, rifle, combination, etc. Solo Flag Illinois competitors may also compete in the Duet and Trio categories.

Duets & Trios: A school may enter as many Duets (2 dancers or flag performers) and Trios (3 dancers or flag performers) as they wish. Performers will be recognized in the program and announced by stating the school and contestants names. The Duets and Trios are an open division – any style of dance or flag performance is acceptable. This category will not be broken down into A – AA- AAA as in typical IDTA competition. Performers may enter all categories. For example, a junior may enter the Miss, Solo Flag, Duet, and Trio competitions. However, a contestant may not enter more than once in an individual category. (For example, that same junior may not enter in 2 duet routines.) Every effort will be made to allow ample time in between performances. The coach will be notified as soon as possible of any major scheduling issues.

Sportsmanship: Outstanding sportsmanship is expected at all times! Up to a 5-point penalty will be assessed for poor sportsmanship – the coach and/or contestant(s) will be immediately notified.

Registration: Contestants must fill out the Registration form along with the Showcase of Stars Release form and submit them by Wednesday, October 15, 2008. For Duets and Trios, each contestant must submit a signed Release form. 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 per routine. Make your check payable to “Illinois Drill Team Association”.

Announcement of Contestants: Contestants in the Teen Miss and Junior Miss categories 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. Contestants in the Solo Flag, Duet, or Trio categories are asked to wear their performance outfit or team apparel.

Miss Dance Drill Team USA Pageant: This prestigious event is held every year in Irvine, CA. This year’s date is TBA but in year’s past it has been held in March. Soloists, Duets, Trios and Teams from Illinois are encouraged to compete in California. Those teams and individuals who have competed in the past have enjoyed the experience of competing in a national venue. Only the contestants competing in the “Miss” category must qualify at the state level, other categories are open registration. Please go to www.mddtusa.com for more detailed information about categories, cost, hotel, etc. The coach is not required to attend. A parent or guardian may act as the coach or chaperone.

Teen Miss, Junior Miss, Solo Flag, Duets, and Trios Top Finishers: The Teen Miss, Junior Miss, Solo Flag, Duets and Trios 1st place finishers may be asked to perform their award-winning routines at the State Competition, depending on the schedule. Top Finishers will 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.