

**ILLINOIS DRILL TEAM ASSOCIATION
HEARTBEATS
NOVEMBER 2009**

SHOWCASE OF STARS

Showcase of Stars will be held this weekend, November 7th at Mattoon High School. Join us for a fantastic day of solo, duet and trio performances!

**IDTA REGIONAL CONTEST
JANUARY 9, 2010
ORELLA GANSMANN
CONTEST COORDINATOR**

IDTA will be hosting the January 9th, 2010 Regional Contest at Belleville East High School

When Mascoutah found it would be unable to host their contest due to the construction of the new high school, IDTA tried to find a way to keep that date with a contest in the metro east area. Fortunately, Belleville East offered their facility with IDTA hosting the contest. Belleville East will be involved with the concessions, but other aspects of the contest will be handled by IDTA.

All entries should be sent to:
Orella Gansman
1502 Hampton Ct.
Belleville, IL 62223

WAUBONSIE VALLEY REGIONAL CONTEST

Due to factors out of their control, Waubonsie Valley has had to cancel the contest scheduled for December 6th, 2009. IDTA looks forward to their being able to host next year.

JOIN IDTA TODAY! MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Welcome to a new and exciting IDTA season! The first order of business is to complete your team's membership forms. All membership forms are available on our website, www.idta.org. Your membership costs are as follows: \$75.00 for a Varsity team and \$50.00 for a JV or Jr High team if membership is completed by November 30, 2009. Membership fees increase after the 30th of November. The last date to become a member of IDTA is February 15, 2010. IDTA would like to encourage you to join today!! Be ready to accept qualification at the first contest on December 6th by becoming a member today! Good Luck this season! Toni Royster: Membership Coordinator

REGISTERING FOR A REGIONAL CONTEST

**Orella Gansmann
Contest Coordinator**

The entry form for any Regional Contest is on the web site. You can find the information on deadlines and where to mail your entry to on the Contest List. Please use the forms available on the web site for entering contests.

If you have team members interested in entering the Solo category, that entry form is also available on the web site.

Hosts may be contacting members via email or regular mail, but do not wait to be contacted if you are interested in entering a particular contest.

ENCOURAGE YOUR FANS TO JOIN IDTA!

Michelle Deets

I am so proud to lead this organization! The time has arrived when coaches and their teams participate in IDTA regional contests throughout the state of Illinois. Over the past few months, many discussions have occurred regarding possible themes for shows, music selection and costuming. Countless hours have been spent in developing and choreographing routines.

Soon to be revealed to IDTA audiences and judges is the investment of time, energy and commitment of coaches and team members as they unveil the 2009-2010 premiere performance of the category routine.

We have a unique opportunity to offer the faithful fans of IDTA--be they former team members or supporters of current team members. I would like you to consider offering this membership to our devoted fans!

IDTA FAN CLUB

The IDTA Fan Club is open to any supporter of a current or former IDTA student-athlete. The cost is \$15.00 and includes a complimentary State program (which is a \$10.00 value in itself) and the member's name is listed in the State program. (Membership in the Fan Club does not include voting privileges nor the right to run for an office.)

The form for this membership is located on the important forms page of the IDTA web site. The deadline for membership is February 15.

On behalf of the IDTA officers, I hope that this year will be an exciting experience for coaches, their teams, and their fans! We all wish you the best of luck and success throughout this contest season.

NOMINATIONS AND RESUMES FOR OFFICER POSITIONS DUE JANUARY 31

The positions that will be vacant for the 2010-2012 term are President, Judging Coordinator, Special Events Coordinators (2) and Southern Board of Director. You may refer to your IDTA Constitution and By-Laws for the description and duties of each position.

Please email your nominations and resumes by January 31, 2010 to Tara Zobrist at tzobrist79@hotmail.com. Resumes should be limited to 200 words or less and written in sentence form, not as a list.

The unofficial ballot (with names and resumes) will appear in the February edition of the HEARTBEATS.

DEADLINE FOR PROGRAMS IS JANUARY 15, 2010!

Kim Romero

ATTENTION ALL COACHES!!! In order for your team to be included in the State program you MUST submit your team picture and bio in the following format before January 15th, 2010 – NO LATE ACCEPTANCES.

Please email bio and photo to kromero@highlandcUSD5.org

- team bio must be typed as a Microsoft Word document
- the bio may NOT be more than a 1/2 page long
- use Times font – size 12
- include the following items:
 - School Name
 - Team Name
 - Coaches

- Captains
 - brief bio
 - 5x7 Picture (saved as a JPEG – 300 resolution) **labeled with school name**
- NOTE: If the photo has been taken by a professional, you MUST send the picture release

If you have any questions or concerns, email the above address. Any pictures and bios received after January 15th will not be used!

COACHES FORUMS: ON-LINE ASSESSMENT

Cyndi Kraemer

Just a Reminder: Coaches will receive a confirmation from Cyndi Kraemer within a few days of taking the on-line assessment.

IDTA UPDATES

Due to the resignation from Kris Mendoza from Special Events, the IDTA officers appointed Christy Fisher to fill the remainder of the term.

IDTA FEATURED TEAM

New this year to the IDTA website is the IDTA Featured Team! Periodically, a team will be featured on our website. All you have to do is submit 20 pictures via email to christy_fisher@hotmail.com. Please send the pictures as jpg files, other formats cannot be accepted. These pictures should depict your team in a positive way. Show us your teamwork, team spirit, and sense of community. We want to see you at practices, games, fundraisers, community events, etc. Once we've had a chance to check out your pics on the website, we'll let another team show us their spirit! If you have any questions, please contact Christy Fisher at christy_fisher@hotmail.com.