

# COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

## CONSTITUTION OF THE DANCIN' DOLLS DANCE/DRILL TEAM

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### Section I

#### Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Columbia High School  
DANCIN' DOLLS.

#### Article II. Colors

The colors of this organization shall follow the traditional school colors of  
maroon and white.

#### Article III. Purpose

- A. To increase and develop character, scholarship, leadership,  
individual responsibility, and to maintain high moral character.
- B. To promote school spirit and good sportsmanship.
- C. To represent Columbia-Brazoria ISD at the major athletic and school  
functions, on and off campus.
- D. To encourage and support interest in all sports, fine arts, and other  
activities at our schools.
- E. To create and maintain satisfactory relations between our drill team  
and nay other persons with whom we come in contact.
- F. To develop and maintain a very high standard of precision dance to  
be preformed at school functions approved by the director and  
administration.

### Section II

#### Qualifications for membership

#### Article I: Basic Requirements

- A. Prospective members must be at least in the eighth grade this year  
and will be at least a freshman in the fall of the next school year.
- B. Each candidate must be passing all courses for the previous six  
weeks in order to attend practice sessions and have no U's in conduct.
- C. In order for a girl to become a member of the drill team, she must be  
physically capable of dancing, drilling, and marching extensively.
- D. Being a drill team member requires after school rehearsals and  
attendance at all required games. Therefore, all members must be  
able to attend required activities and cannot hold jobs that would  
interfere with these activities.

- E. At the time of tryouts, members who are not a member in good standing must tryout again for the team
- F. At the time of tryouts, members who are a member in good standing will not have to try out for a place on the drill team. They will only be required to sign the agreement contract that they will remain on the drill team for the next full school year.
- G. A member in good standing must meet all of the following requirements:
  - a. Does not have more than 2 failing grades for the year
  - b. Does not owe more than 50 makeup hours
  - c. Does not have more than 10 demerits
- H. A prospective member must be a current student at Columbia High School or an incoming freshman for the next school year.
- I. A member may not have any tattoos that are visible in uniform or in a competition contest costume.
- J. A member may not have any body piercings that cannot be removed for performances or competition. Including belly button, eyelid, nose or upper ear.
- K. A member may not have a hair color that is out of the norm of the drill team to look alike at performances or competitions.
- L. A member must pay off their uniform balance by the first football game or they will not be allowed to perform until arrangements have been made to pay the remaining balance.

#### Article II: Transfer Students

- A. A student may transfer on to the drill team if they transfer into Columbia High School within 30 days after line tryouts
- B. A transfer student must be a current member in good standing with their former drill team
- C. A transfer student will have to submit a letter of recommendation from their former director and perform some form tryout at the director's discretion

#### Article III: Grading

- A. Every drill team member must be enrolled in the Dance/PE equivalent class during the fall and spring semesters each school year.
- B. Because dance is performance based and a team activity, it is imperative that members participate in all rehearsals and performances, unless excused by the director.
- C. Each drill team member must follow the Class Rules and Requirements set up by the director i.e. class participation, bring binder to class, bring necessary dancewear to class, be on time to class.

- D. Grades will be based on class participation, bringing appropriate supplies to class, and adherence to the rules and expectations set forth by the director.

### Section III Withdrawals and Removals

#### Article I:

- A. A member may withdraw through her personal choice at the end of the full year. If she needs to withdraw for personal reasons the director must be informed in writing by the parent/guardian prior to the withdrawal at the end of the school year. The student will then begin the process of withdrawal through the counselor's office.
- B. Members of the organization who withdraw by choice to try out for cheerleader, flags, twirlers or any other reason, may not rejoin the group without meeting all requirements for new membership.
- C. A member that no longer meets the physical requirements will be benched for that school year

#### Article II:

- A. Students who fail to maintain grades and/or conduct standards shall be on probation. Probation means that the student shall be removed from activities for the following three weeks. (UIL rules apply here.)
- B. If the student's grades and conduct become satisfactory by the end of the following three weeks, the students may resume participation.
- C. If the student's grades and/or conduct do not become satisfactory by the end of the following three weeks, the student will remain on probation until the next grading period.
- D. If the student fails to maintain grade standards twice in the same school year, the student shall be removed from the drill team and will only be reinstated through the tryout method.
- E. Fighting may be a basis for removal from the team and the member will not be allowed to try out for the next year.
- F. Any member that is sent to DAEP may be removed from the team
- G. Students who are involuntarily removed for conduct reasons may not try out again.

#### Article III:

- A. The failure to maintain any qualification required for membership shall warrant removal by the director from the organization. This includes Section II, Article I, Part A, as determined by the director.

- B. Smoking, use of alcohol/drugs or possession of THC products may be basis for removal from the organization.
- C. Any member that is issued a ticket by law enforcement for the use of drugs or alcohol will be removed from the organization and will only be reinstated by the try-out method.

## Section IV Officers

### Article I: Military Officers

- A. Military officers will be Colonel, Major, Captain, and Lieutenants (The number of Lieutenants may vary as the team size varies.)
- B. Prospective candidates for Military Officers shall be classified as juniors, sophomores, or freshman at the time of the try-outs and must have been a member of the line for at least one year.
- C. Prospective candidates for Colonel shall be classified as Junior or sophomores at the time of try-outs and must have been a member of the line for at least one year.
- D. Colonel candidates must be an officer at the time of try-outs.
- E. Prospective candidates for Military Officers shall present one routine, a notebook, a group routine taught to them, an interview by judges and must show teaching ability.
  - 1. One routine consists of a routine choreographed by the candidate.
  - 2. The notebook shall be the information outlined in the officer handout packet. Notebooks will not be returned to the candidate.
  - 3. Routine taught may be military, kick, jazz, or lyrical.
  - 4. Interview by judge or judges.
  - 5. Candidate will teach and warm up the team one day in class.

### Article II: Vacancy of Military Officers

- A. Any vacancy shall be filled at the Director's discretion.

## Section V Uniforms

### Article I:

- A. Field Uniform is provided by CBISD.
- B. Uniforms for other function are as follows:
  - 1. Pep Rally Uniform

2. Wind Suits
3. Practice Uniforms
4. Competition Uniforms

Article II:

- A. No part of the field uniforms shall be worn except when instructions are given i.e., may not be worn in public places before or after a game.
- B. Uniform should be clean and in good condition for each performance. Any damaged uniform or any uniform not returned at the end of the year shall be paid for by the member issued the uniform.
- C. Accessories (bows, gloves, etc.) shall be paid for by the individual.
- D. Uniforms shall be cleaned before being turned in to the director.
- E. Military Officers shall have the only uniform distinction.
- F. Uniforms and make-up shall be inspected by the military officers before each performance.

Section VI  
Practices and Performances

Article I:

- A. Practice will be held every day during the class period and practices will be held after school as determined by the director. An absence from practice may result in replacement for that week's performance at the director's discretion
- B. All members are required to attend practice sessions and performances whether they have been cut from a performance or not.
- C. All members should be prompt and properly equipped. It is each girl's responsibility to know the time of each practice and the proper dress or prop needed.
- D. Each member shall direct entire attention and concentration to officers and the director.
- E. Members shall be willing to work hard, take direction, and strive for a good performance.
- F. Hair must be securely out of face and be secured back in a ponytail or braid. (to be determined for each performance.)
- G. If any absence, from a practice or performance, is unexcused or not approved prior to the practice or performance by the director, the member shall not perform the following game.
- H. All members must attend 4 or more classes or the equivalent of ½ day of school to participate in practices or performances.

Article II:

- A. Member shall be considered tardy at the time roll call starts.
- B. Absence from any drill team activity is unexcused except for the circumstances listed below:
  - 1. Personal illness or accident with official note
  - 2. Funeral or death in family with contact from parent
  - 3. Special school activities with special permission from the director ahead of time. (i.e. track meet or UIL)

Article III:

- A. Members will be required to participate at all activities in which the team participates as a whole despite weather conditions.
- B. Members will be required to participate in all summer practices which will begin two weeks prior to school.
- C. All members are to attend the summer camp.

Article IV:

- A. Members shall not drink or eat prior to half time at an athletic event unless given permission by the director.
- B. Members' friends are not allowed to sit with the line.
- C. Members shall not wear their uniforms to public places which would not be determined necessary as a stop to or from a function or performance where the uniform is worn. (Members should bring a change of clothes if going somewhere unnecessary to purpose of the team event).
- D. Members of the team shall not leave the group except for emergencies, then only with the approval of the director.
- E. Members shall sit in assigned position at all activities and follow the instructions of the Colonel and/or Director.
- F. Each member must remain for the entire event the team is participating in at the time.
- G. All members shall ride to and from games and competition on the bus provided. Emergency situations will be taken into account, but must be approved by the director. \*A travel change request form must be given to the director twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the performance.
- H. Any part of the uniform shall not be removed unless told to do so by the Colonel or Director.
- I. No jewelry shall be worn at any time during practice or performance.

- J. There shall be no talking after the Colonel gives the order to leave the stands unless answering a direct question of the director or an officer.
- K. There shall be NO gum chewing at any time.
- L. A member who is absent from practice the day of a Friday game or the day before, which is band practice, may not perform at that game.
- M. No purses shall be carried into the stands.

#### Article V: Conduct in Stands

- A. The team shall march in as a group at all performances, unless told otherwise by the director.
- B. The team shall sit as a body, in one section reserved for them, the entire length of the event.
- C. Members shall remain in their seats and cheer at all athletic events where they are present.
- D. Members shall not talk to anyone outside of the team without permission from the director or colonel.
- E. Members shall not turn around in the stands (except for the military officers) without permission from an officer or the director.
- F. Members shall always maintain good sportsmanship and conduct.

### Section VII Demerit System

#### Article I: Demerit System for the School Year

- A. Defined as a system of penalties for certain infringements of rules and regulations.
  - B. May be issued by the director and the military officers with the director's approval
  - C. An accumulation of ten (10) demerits may result in a student conference and parental contact by the director
  - D. An accumulation of twelve (12) demerits in one year may result in a conference between the parent, student, director, and principal
  - E. An accumulation of fifteen (15) demerits in one year may result in dismissal.
- (All demerits are assigned after review of the incident by the director.)

#### Article II: Demerits

- A. Infringements which may result in ten (10) demerits.
  - 1. Stealing from the school or an individual
  - 2. Suspension from School. This will be reviewed as the incident occurs by the director and the principal.

- B. Infringements which may result in five (5) demerits
  - 1. Assignment to ISS for three or more days
- C. Infringements which may result in two (2) demerits.
  - 1. Leaving an activity without permission
  - 2. Non-attendance at a required performance/activity without an excusable absence approved prior to the event
  - 3. Use of loud or profane language
  - 4. Improper care of uniforms
  - 5. P.D.A. (Public Display of Affection)
  - 6. Assignment to ISS for 1-3 days
  - 7. Assignment to Saturday School or After School Detention.
  - 8. Failure to bring required supplies for activity
  - 9. Missing practices or performances for non-excusable reasons or school activity (i.e. work, activities not approved by the director)
- D. Infringements which may result in one (1) demerit
  - 1. Failure to participate sufficiently in events or practices
  - 2. Failure to bring proper uniform
  - 3. Unnecessary talking or moving on the field or in practice
  - 4. Chewing gum at practice or performance
  - 5. Eating or drinking at improper times
  - 6. Not handing in costumes, money, or other items on time. (each late day will have 1 demerit added)
  - 7. Insubordination – rudeness to any member of the team
- E. The number of demerits for the following infringements will be at the discretion of the director
  - 1. Any action which the director feels constitutes a penalty and after the issue has been reviewed.
- F. Merits may be earned for participating in a designated pre-approved function to remove demerits from the member.

Article III: Demerits which apply to officers

- A. One (1) demerit for failure to perform any Officer duty by the due date.
- B. Five (5) demerits for failure to respect officer and/or director confidentiality.
- C. Two (2) demerits for failure to support the decision of the team or officer/director group whether you agree or not.



- D. One (1) demerit for failure to be on time to rehearsals practices or performances (15 minutes early)
- E. One (1) demerit for failure to stay after every Dancin' Dolls function until the director dismisses you.

## Section VIII Competition

### Article I: Team selection

- A. The competition team shall be selected by the director prior to competition.
- B. Team members may be removed from the competition team due to excessive absences from practices.
- C. Expenses for costumes and travel will have to be made through fundraisers by the team.
- F. Members may be asked to pay for personal items for competition.

## Section IX Managers for the Drill Team

### Article I:

- A. All grade requirements for managers shall parallel those of the team members.
- B. Managers shall attend practice and performances of the team with the same rules of conduct applying.
- C. Managers shall be responsible to the director for all assigned duties.
- D. Any disciplinary action taken for removal of team members also apply to the managers.

## Section X Doll Escorts

### Article I:

- A. All grade requirements for escorts shall parallel those of team members.
- B. Escorts shall be elected by the newly selected drill team line at the beginning of the next school year.

### Article II:

- A. Escorts shall serve as a support group and escort the team at various drill team functions.

- B. Be responsible to the director for all assigned duties.
- C. May be removed at the discretion of the director.

## Section XI Lettering Point System

### Article I:

- A. Lettering will be determined through a point system. A total of 20 points would have to be received before a jacket is ordered. The following describes the point system:
  - ½ point for each football game performed at
  - ½ point for each basketball game (possibly 2)
  - ½ point for each baseball game (possibly 2)
  - ½ for special performances and parades
  - 1 point for Division I in any competition
  - 2 points for placing in Solo competition
  - Receiving a title at a competition will result in an automatic drill team letter
- B. Each member must stay for full games unless given permission from the director for the points to count
- C. It is each member's responsibility to keep up with points earned

## Section XII Fundraisers

Each member is responsible for raising her portion of expenses for camp and other activities.

Competition fees are paid out of the CBISD budget account or booster club account.

If a drill team member misses a fundraiser activity, it is their responsibility to have someone work in her place. Prior notification of who that will be, should be done 24 hours ahead of the activity.

## Section XIII Unforeseen Circumstances

### Article I: Unforeseen Circumstances

- A. Should a situation arise which is not specifically addressed in this Constitution, the director and the administrator reserve the right to evaluate and resolve the issue.

