

Parents,

Your daughter is trying out for the Jesuit Rangerettes for 2021-2022. Dance Team is a very demanding activity requiring time, skill and leadership. It is very important to have your support in this endeavor.

Please take time to read the Constitution with your daughter. Please print this sheet, sign below and return the form with your daughter by July 23, 2021.

We have read the Constitution and should our daughter make the team, agree to abide by all regulations. Also, as parents we will support the team, director and booster club. We do realize that we will be asked to help with booster club and team activities to help make this year a success.

Parent/Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Effective immediately through the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year.

Constitution of the Jesuit Rangerettes  
Dance/Drill Team  
2021-2022

**Article I. Purpose**

The purpose of the Jesuit Rangerettes dance/drill team shall be twofold: 1) Perform and entertain audiences through precision dances, compete in dance/drill team competitions and 2) boost morale and spirit at both Jesuit and Ursuline. The dance/drill team shall develop character, leadership, and individual responsibility in each member while maintaining high moral standards. It is the dance/drill team members' purpose to represent the schools in a manner in which will reflect credit upon the schools as well as upon the members of the organization. Each member agrees to abide by the rules and regulations in this constitution.

**Article II. Qualifications and Requirements**

- A. Members in this organization shall be restricted to Ursuline girls: freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors. (Incoming freshmen may audition).
- B. At least one parent/guardian for each candidate must be present at the orientation meeting or must contact the director prior to the meeting if a conflict arises.
- C. Candidates are encouraged to have an overall "C" average at the time of tryouts.
- D. All candidates must be on time and attend all tryout practices.
- E. Students will perform a specific required routine at tryouts. Judging will be based on appearance, showmanship, dance ability, technique, flexibility, knowledge of material, kicks and splits.
- F. The performance of the candidate for the line will be evaluated by a panel of three qualified judges.
- G. Members will have on file: online information sheet, all Ursuline athletics forms, Ursuline medical release form, and signed constitution.
- H. Candidates will follow the school policy for any disciplinary action.
- I. Candidates may not see their scores unless they were not chosen for the team. Those not chosen may see their scores one week after tryouts. The decision of the judges is final.
- J. Anyone who meets the above qualifications will not be discriminated against because of race, creed or handicap.

**Article III. Personal Qualifications:**

- A. A candidate must want to be a dance/drill team member and must be willing to accept critique that will help her attain the team standard and make her work enjoyable.
- B. A candidate must have perfection as her goal and understand that the schedule and discipline of a dance/drill team member demands a high degree of determination, hard work, strength and dedication. Each student may be corrected in front of the

group. A candidate must understand that it is a privilege, not a right, to be a dance/drill team member.

- C. A candidate must be willing to abide by the rules, follow directions from directors and officers and demonstrate responsibility at all times.
- D. A candidate must have good coordination and the ability to learn and memorize dances in a short period of time for performances.
- E. A candidate must understand that any decision made by the directors and/or officers is in the best interest of the team. You must have a desire to cooperate to be one of the group. Individual exhibitions are not for Rangerettes.
- F. A candidate must want to learn to act as in drama. Projection is very important.
- G. Rangerettes will be encouraged to be aware of their appearance both in and out of drill team.
- H. A candidate must enjoy learning dances, performing and promoting school spirit.
- I. A candidate must be willing to participate in all fundraisers, activities and trips 100%. All fundraisers will benefit the team rather than the individual.
- J. A candidate will be asked to get a physical from a doctor or a physician yielding that you are physically able to complete all requirements of the line including stretching, kicks, dancing, and running. Medical certification may be required if a health condition arises that interferes with your ability to participate. Communicating that certification to the director and the Ursuline athletic trainer is your responsibility.
- K. Members must complete all medical requirements for Ursuline and stay up-to-date with medical compliance.

#### **Article IV. Membership**

- A. Line Dance/Drill Team members must try out each year. There is no set number on the team.
- B. Members will participate in all activities in which the organization is involved. Members will participate in all activities in which the organization is involved. This includes all social, community service and activities that promote team bonding outside of practice. Exceptions may be approved by the directors. Practice is mandatory – see Article VI.
- C. Members must exhibit and maintain a satisfactory attitude toward school policies and regulations.
- D. All members are required to attend drill team summer camp. Exceptions will be made for school conflicts or family emergencies. No member may leave camp for any reason other than illness or death in the family. Missing camp will minimally result in ineligibility to perform at the first football game. Final decisions will be made at the directors' discretion. *This does not include new members.*
- E. The term of membership shall be recognized as the time immediately following tryouts through tryouts of the following year.
- F. All financial obligations must be met in order for a member to maintain performance status. All school property must be returned in satisfactory condition or paid in full.
- G. Members may be a part of outside activities. Rangerettes must come first except for school events. If a schedule conflict arises, you will be a dance team member first.

Participating in another activity which causes you to miss a dance team activity will be considered an unexcused absence. While we encourage our dancers to take technique classes at a dance studio for continued improvement, missing Rangerettes for studio classes, practices, privates, or performances are also unexcused absences.

- H. Members are financially obligated for their own uniforms, fundraisers and fees. All payments are final. There will be no refunds or exchanges. All financial obligations must be fulfilled by the established deadlines and cleared by the end of the dance team term.
- I. Members must exhibit and maintain a satisfactory attitude toward school policies and regulations.

#### **Article V. Parental Permission and Responsibilities**

- A. Parents must give their permission for their daughter to fulfill all of the responsibilities of being a member of drill team before she is officially accepted.
- B. Parents must be willing to meet all financial obligations (by the set deadlines) involved in having their daughter as a drill team member. Unfortunately, scholarships do not exist.
- C. If financial obligations are not met by due dates the member will not be allowed to perform until it is paid. If there is a balance at the end of the year it will be turned over to Ursuline and records could possibly be held.
- D. Parents are responsible for arranging transportation to and from activities, except when transportation is provided by the school or director. Demerits may be given to any student who is not picked up 15 minutes after a function concludes.
- E. Parents will be encouraged to participate in various Booster Club activities. These activities help defray costs for each member of the team.
- F. Parents must be willing to cooperate with the director and keep her informed of dates that might conflict with drill team activities.

#### **Article VI. Practice Session Responsibilities**

- A. Practice will be required each Monday and Wednesday after school in the fall semester and Monday afternoons and Wednesday nights in the second semester. There will also be occasional additional and/or weekend team practices. Elite will also practice outside of regularly scheduled practices. Wednesday and Friday morning band practices are also required during the first semester. Physical Education, Fine Arts or a General Elective Credit will be received for this class and all practice requirements for performances which will be evaluated by the director(s) as for any other academic class.
- B. Summer practice sessions will be held. Members are encouraged to attend.
- C. Veteran members are required to work Lil Rangerettes Summer Camps unless there is a school conflict.
- D. Occasionally, summer technique classes will be offered. All members are encouraged to attend.
- E. Members must arrive on time to practice and stay until dismissed by the director(s).

- F. Members must attend school all day on the day of a performance in order to be eligible to attend that performance.
- G. Members must attend school the day after a performance or trip if applicable.
- H. Any member who sits out or is absent from practice for 15 minutes or longer will receive a demerit. This includes leaving practice early for unexcused scheduling conflicts such as studio dance classes. More than one 15 min session per day, or continuously over the span of multiple practices, yields that the student may be replaced or removed from a performance at the discretion of the director
- I. It is the responsibility of each member to notify the director Linda Coffin and her officer of her absence before drill team practice begins. Lack of notification results in the appropriate demerits given. Director(s) email address [lcoffin@jesuitcp.org](mailto:lcoffin@jesuitcp.org), [debrapullenroth@gmail.com](mailto:debrapullenroth@gmail.com) or [ksimion@jesuitcp.org](mailto:ksimion@jesuitcp.org)
- J. Work is not an excused absence from practice or performance. Also, work is not an excuse for leaving a drill team event early or arriving late.
- K. Unless approved by the director(s), doctor/dentist appointments along with driver's ed., obtaining a driver's license and outside activities are unexcused absences and will result in the appropriate demerits.
- L. Cell phones must be turned off or on silent during all practices. Members may not check phones on breaks unless given permission by director(s). Phones will be placed in drill team bags during practices.

#### **Article VII. Routine Evaluation and Performance**

- A. At the discretion of the director(s), all members will be evaluated for every routine unless ill or injured. At any point up until the final practice before a performance, director(s) may remove a dancer demonstrating lack of knowledge of material or inability to perform for any reason. However, she must attend the performance in uniform and assume her responsibilities as usual.
- B. Any girl who misses a practice with or without the band may be eliminated from any performance. This schedule may change pending on the rehearsal schedule.
- C. Each football routine will most likely be performed twice (one home game and one away game). The forms will not be reset for the second game unless there is time regardless of evaluation.
- D. The director(s) has the final decision on who makes the performances and that decision may not be argued.
- E. If a member misses a practice they will sit out a performance.
- F. Inability to perform:
  1. Any member suffering from illness or injury will be excused from workouts, dancing full out, or performance only by a written note from a doctor.
  2. Grade probation: any member failing to meet the grade requirements as set forth by Ursuline Academy guidelines will not be allowed to participate.
  3. Any member "cut" from a particular performance must remain dressed out and present for all subsequent practices and/or performances. She must continue to stretch and work out and uphold all responsibilities.
  4. Football season: Failure to make summer payments by deadlines.
  5. Contest season: Failure to make contest payments by deadline.

#### **G. Football Games:**

1. A complete uniform check will be held prior to all activities and performances. This includes hair and makeup. Members will meet at designated location and time. Members will march to and from the game as a group.
2. In order to be focused, members will remain in stands with the team with the exception of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter break. Members may visit friends and family during this time. All members must be back in their seats with two minutes left in the third quarter. Failure to return on time will cause the member to lose third quarter privilege the next week. The director(s) reserves the right to rescind third quarter privilege at any time. Ladylike conduct is expected in the stands as well as third quarter.
3. No part of the uniform may be removed during third quarter.
4. Uniforms may only be worn for performances.
5. There will be no gum chewing at games or performances.
6. There will be no eating in the stands except during third quarter.
7. Cell phones may not be used at any time during a game or performance with the exception of third quarter for football games.
8. Members will participate in the cheers/dances initiated by cheerleaders, officers and band.
9. No part of the uniform may be removed during the game unless designated by the director or captain.
10. All members will attend all pre-district, district, and playoff games. Any absence that is not approved will result in the appropriate demerits. Family vacations and college visits are unexcused absences, please plan accordingly.
11. All members will ride the designated team bus to and from performances. Members may ride home with parents if, and only if, the performance is near their home and written request has been given to the directors by Wednesday prior to the game.

#### **Article VIII. – Other Athletic Performance**

- A. The team will perform at Jesuit and Ursuline basketball games as well as Jesuit and Ursuline soccer games. The team will perform at other school requests as well.
- B. These performances are mandatory and all rules from football season will apply.
- C. Other performances may be required.

#### **Article IX. Absences and Tardies**

- A. Every member must be present for every practice session, game, camp, pep rally etc... Only excused absences, (approved by directors) will be accepted and each will be evaluated individually. Parental grounding, work or bad weather will not be excused.
- B. An unexcused absence will result in demerits.

- C. Any member who has missed practice will be eliminated from a performance. The director(s) will choose the performance. This decision will be based on how it affects the team's performance.
- D. If a member is tardy to practice or absent for any reason and the line has renumbered or numbered, the member will automatically be dropped to an alternate position and will be worked in if needed. If a member is worked in they will be placed in the back of all formations.
- E. Any member who continuously leaves practice early or arrives late for unexcused reasons may receive additional consequences at the discretion of the directors.
- F. If a member is absent more than allowed by the state, the member may not receive credit for the class and may be dismissed.

#### **Article X. Grades: Pass/Fail**

Grades will be determined by the number of demerits received each semester. Failure to participate may result in a failing grade.

#### **Article XI. Uniforms and Equipment**

- A. Members will purchase their own practice uniforms, parts of the field uniform, and other necessary clothing required.
- B. All financial obligations regarding uniforms must be concluded by the deadline set forth by the directors. Students who have not made payments by the deadline will not perform until the payment has been made in full.
- C. Uniforms are to be clean, and in good condition and fit properly before each performance. The uniforms must conform to the standard set by the director(s). This includes hair and makeup.
- D. Members must wear a designated uniform to practice and performance. Incorrect attire will result in the appropriate demerits.
- E. All designated uniforms will be worn by members only and only when designated by the director to publicly represent team membership.
- F. Each member will be assigned a field uniform and garment bag. The member assumes full responsibility for the care of the uniform and props. Prior to the end of school or dismissal from the team, all uniforms bought by the team must be returned in satisfactory condition. If not, she will pay full replacement costs for the missing or damaged parts.
- G. A cleaning fee may be charged for each uniform returned not cleaned at the end of the year.
- H. The initial costs of all required uniforms, camp wear, and camp will be approximately \$1500 to be paid in a maximum of 3 installments during the months of June, July and August.
- I. **If a member quits at any time they are responsible for full payment with no refunds.**
- J. Any student who has not paid in full by deadlines given will not perform in the first football game. There will be additional contest fees once a trip is determined. All

contest fees must be paid by the deadlines given by the director(s) or the member may not participate. There will be no refunds.

- K. Small additional costs may vary for big sis/lil sis gifts, football season, supplies, Christmas, Spring show, banquet and some community service projects.
- L. Each member will be issued various props and equipment for use throughout the year. The member assumes full responsibility for the care of these items until return.

## **Article XII. Transportation**

- A. Transportation for most events will be provided by the team. All members are required to ride to and from drill team activities/ functions in the designated provided transportation. Emergency situations will be handled according to school handbook policy and individually by the directors and/or school administration. Non emergencies must be approved by the director prior to the activity.
- B. Location of football game/contest may determine if a member may leave with a parent. An email from the parent must be sent to the director(s) at Wednesday practice in order to be able to leave at the end of the game with parents. Parents will meet their daughters at the bus after the game.
- C. Members will conduct themselves appropriately on all trips and abide by all bus and plane regulations.
- D. Parents may be asked to help in sponsoring out of town performances.
- E. When planning a family event, make arrangements to be back in town 48 hours prior to a team function. Demerits for an unexcused absence will result if a member is absent or tardy. Delayed flight and/or airport drama are not excused unless the drama occurred before the 48-hour time frame. For example, if camp is Monday July 16, plan to be back in town on Saturday not Sunday. If your flight is delayed you will have 24 hours to create plan "b." Demerits may be given if the conflict happened Sunday but not if it happened Saturday.
- F. Carpools will need to be arranged for some members to get to and from drill team practices and events after school and/or morning practices. Parents will be expected to assist in this area.
- G. For local contests, parents will be expected to drive their daughters to and from these events or arrange a carpool with another parent. Girls are not allowed to drive themselves to and from contests.

## **Article XIII. Managers**

- A. There may be 1 or more managers (non-performing members) selected by the director to uphold all duties, rules and regulations presented in this constitution.
- B. Managers are responsible to the directors and will arrive along with officers 15 minutes earlier than the line.
- C. Managers will attend all performances (in designated team attire) and all practices. Managers will also participate in various fundraising and other designated functions.
- D. Managers will keep attendance and other records of the team.



- E. Managers are required to help organize the closet and keep track of music.

#### **Article XIV. Dance Officers, Elite, and Social Officers**

A separate constitution/demerits lists exist for Officers, Elite, and Social Council. Only current members in grades 10 and 11 may try out for dance officer. Candidates must attend a mandatory parent/student orientation meeting prior to tryouts. Girls with one year of service may audition for Social Council and Elite.

#### **Article XV. Contest**

- A. The dance/drill team will attend several competitions during the winter and spring. All team members must attend every contest unless on probation.
- B. All members must attend tryouts before they will be allowed to perform. Formations will be set mathematically. All members are not guaranteed to perform. Alternates will be chosen. Tryouts will be used for all competition routines, but not every competition.
- C. All members must attend every practice session and competition in order to practice and prepare the routines. The director(s) will select the most qualified alternate in the case a position becomes available.
- D. Following tryouts, all members must still attend each practice prior to the competition regardless of if they are in the routine or not. If a member in the routine misses more than one day prior to a competition, her position in the routine may be permanently replaced by an alternate. If a member misses a performance of a contest routine she may be replaced.
- E. Team members may be responsible for all financial obligations related to the contest. This includes bus and hotel rental. There will be no refunds.
- F. The director(s) will decide on all contest destinations.
- G. Contest trips are not considered family vacations and allowances will not be made to accommodate your family members including the team member.
- H. Members will be expected to be with the team the entire trip. This includes travel and overnight accommodations.
- I. Members should plan ahead for absences for trips when it comes to their academics.
- J. Private dance lessons and studio dance practices are not valid reasons for missing a contest practice. Members may risk losing their spot in a contest dance if they miss practice.

#### **Article XVI. Conduct**

- A. Drill Team members must display appropriate behavior both in and out of school. Dismissal or suspension from the team may occur for reasons including but not limited to:
  - 1. Smoking
  - 2. Use of alcohol and/or drugs
  - 3. Physical fighting in school or at a school function
  - 4. Suspension from drill team or from school more than once in a semester

5. Failure to comply with school rules and regulations
6. Lack of participation and fails to follow instruction from directors or officers
7. Lack of respect towards directors, officers or fellow teammates
8. Visible tattoos at all in any uniform
9. Visible body piercing in the Rangerettes environment
10. Inappropriate use of Social Media in referring to the organization, the director(s), team members or schools - this includes posting pictures while representing the team.
11. Failure to accept officers on all social media accounts
12. Failure to follow school rules and guidelines placed in the school's handbook
13. See list of demerits.

### **Article XVII. Probation/ Suspension**

- A. General probation or suspension, including the demerit system, means temporary dismissal from the team, not class time. The duration and intensity will be determined by the director and/or Ursuline Academy. A member on probation will not participate in drill team activities, performances or practices.
- B. Scholastic Probation
  1. Ursuline Academy determines eligibility for all Rangerettes.
  2. Ursuline Academy will communicate with the director in regards to member eligibility.
- C. General probationary considerations
  1. Failure to comply with any regulation as stated in the constitution may result in probation for the member in question until the reason for probation is corrected to the satisfaction of the director(s) and the administrators.

### **Article XVIII. Demerits**

- A. A list of offenses granting demerits are distributed and discussed with all team members.
- B. The director(s), officers, and managers will be responsible for handling demerits. Demerits will be given to discourage behavior that interferes with practices, performances or general appearance of the team. The 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. and managers will document the demerits in the team demerit notebook.
- C. Demerits will be accumulated throughout the year. Demerits may only be removed by the Director(s). If a member feels she has wrongfully received a demerit, she should notify the director immediately.
- D. Members may be notified through email or in person of deductions. The director(s) will be copied on all emails.
- E. Upon accumulation of 8 demerits a member will sit out of a performance. The member will be expected to attend the event in full uniform but will not be allowed to dance.
- F. Any offense granting more than one demerit is first approved by the director(s). Ultimately, demerits come from your directors.

### **Article XIX. Awards**

- A. Rangerettes of the week are selected for that week's football performance by the officers and/or Director(s). This honor is dependent upon dance ability, attitude, work ethic and/or consistency.
- B. Banquet awards are chosen either by a vote of the team and/or by the director(s).

### **Article XX. Dress Code**

- A. Team members will dress in a lady like manner at all times. School dress code is followed. You are a human billboard for our team image. Please represent our team with class and lady like effort.
  - 1. Appropriate shorts, pants or skirts of appropriate length. Not sheer.
  - 2. No visible undergarments. (This applies for both in and out of dance/drill team uniforms.)
  - 3. Appropriate tops. Not sheer.
  - 4. Make up...tasteful. Hair... a natural color.
  - 5. Appropriate hair accessories.
  - 6. Shoes in good condition.

### **Article XXI. Body Language**

It is understood that poor body carriage, lifeless arms and lack of dancing full out during practice or performance gives the appearance of a dancer who does not make the team a priority. Each member of the team represents the team and community throughout the team year and will be expected to do so with appropriate body carriage, positive attitude and energy.

### **Article XXII. Audition for Outside Activities**

It is understood that any current team member who chooses to audition for an outside program/activity will fully participate 100% in all drill team activities, practices or performances even if the time frame of the outside audition conflicts with team activities. Outside auditions/practice/performance is considered an unexcused absence and will result in demerits and possible dismissal from the drill team. Rangerettes may not be a part of an outside competition performance team that conflicts with Rangerettes. The Rangerettes contest calendar will be issued in the fall each year.

### **Article XXII Parent Booster Club**

- A. There will be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Sponsorship positions as well as various other volunteer positions.
- B. All parents are members of the booster club.
- C. All parents are expected to help with all activities including fundraising.
- D. Senior Class parents are responsible for organizing Ranger Day Breakfast.
- E. Junior Class parents are responsible for organizing Spring Show.
- F. Sophomore Class parents are responsible for organizing banquet.

- G. All money raised through team and booster club fundraising will be used for uniform/contest costumes, transportation, choreography and music needs, team props, camp needs, team gifts such as, but not limited to, banquet gifts, Spring Show needs, and any other items the director(s) feel is necessary to the team.

**Article XXII. Constitutional Changes**

- A. The constitution is subject to change at any time.
- B. If necessary, the director may alter rules in the constitution according to the situation (ex. A member becomes ill at an out of town football game. The member will be allowed to be transported home with friends after contacting parents.)
- C. The director may add Articles to the Constitution as needed for that particular high school drill team.
- D. The director may enforce other rules as they become necessary during the school year for the benefit of the organization.