



JR. HIGH TEAM MATCH RULES & REGULATIONS - 2022-2023

Sponsored by *Danzinskule Education Foundation*

SCHOOL NAME: _____ TEACHER: _____

Listed below are the rules for the Jr. High Ballroom Team Match event. These regulations have been established to help safeguard the fidelity of the program and to ensure that the team match event is a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone involved. These rules also emphasize the “Recreational” nature of the team match event. Should any point arise which is not covered in the rules, it will be referred to the Events Coordinator and *Danzinskule Education Foundation* board whose decisions will be final.

LIABILITY: Anyone attending a Jr. High Ballroom Team Match event does so at his or her own risk. *Danzinskule Education Foundation*, school districts, or any school involved is not liable for students, teachers, or parents attending a team match event. **It is the responsibility of a parent or legal guardian of the student to provide transportation to and from any team match event unless a school bus is provided.**

AWARDS: The Alpine Jr. High Team Match event will award a perpetual trophy to the school which displays the most **SPIRIT** and to the school that shows the best **SPORTSMANSHIP**. One couple from each school will be recognized with an **EXCELLENCE AWARD** (dedicated dancer) and every dancer will receive a ribbon associated with the placement of the team score. (Bronze, Silver or Gold)

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1. Each participating school must register their team match teams by the established due date at register4comps.com website. Acceptance of late entries will be determined by available space at the team match event and a late fee of \$25 per team will be assessed. Each school must comply with the Jr. High Team Match Rules and Regulations found on the registration website.
2. Each student participant and parent must sign a **Media Release Waiver Form** found on the register4comps.com website in order for their dancer to participate in the team match event. This form will be effective for all team match events held during the school year
3. Each Jr. High team match team may consist of Middle School age students who must attend the school they represent. **All exception must be approved by the Team Match Events Director.**
4. Students must dress according to the following guidelines in order to participate in Jr. High Team Match event.
Boys - White long-sleeved, button down, collared shirt, black pants, **black socks**, and **black tie**.
Girls - Black colored skirt with even hem-line to the knee, black spankies, or trunks, and a **BLACK** shirt.
Guidelines specific to the BYU competition must be met in order to participate.
See BYU registration form for more details at BYUdancesport.com
5. Shoes for the Team Match events are as follows:
Boys - Heel height not to exceed 1.5 inches and the shoes need to have a thin sole that do not create black scuff marks on the floor. A ballroom dance shoe is preferred.
Girls - It is strongly recommended that the dance shoe heel height does not exceed 2 inches and has an ankle or arch strap to keep the shoes secure on the foot. **No spike heels**. If using a ballroom shoe, **then heel guards are required**.
6. Each team consists of four (4) couples for the Fall Jr. High Team Match held in November and Winter Team Match held in March.
7. A team qualifies to participate at any team match by adhering to the most recent curriculum (specific and complete dance steps, with no changes or embellishments). Dancers are not required to learn a specific routine, but must select the steps approved by the Jr. High team match committee of teachers.

8. Teams not adhering to the specific and complete dance steps will be automatically given a “Bronze” ribbon and asked to meet with the Team Match Events Director to review the steps.
9. Teams **MUST** dance at the skill level of their students. For example: If a team has a level 2 student, then all the students on the team must dance the level 2 curriculum. Level 1 students may dance up to a Level 2 team, but Level 2 dancers may **NOT** dance down to a Level 1 team.
10. Only those students who are enrolled in a ballroom class held at a Jr. High School (Either part of a public school, private school, or Charter school) are eligible to take part in a Jr. High Team Match event. If students are not from a Jr. High school ballroom program, then the entire team is subject to disqualification from the team match event.
11. Students who participate at a Jr. High Team Match event must take part in a Jr. High School ballroom program during the same school year a team match is offered.
12. Number of teams a school can bring to an event is determined once all the school team numbers are submitted to the organizers. It is the goal of the event to allow as many students the opportunity to participate, but taking into consideration the time frame of the team match event.
13. Level 1 teams are considered “**Newcomer Teams**” and are defined as “**New to the sport of Ballroom Dance**”. Level 1 students have been dancing for only the current school year. **Any student is considered a Level 2 dancer if they have already danced for one school year.**
14. Double dancing for Fall and Winter team match is allowed and the **minimum** number of boys or girls per team is two (2). Each school can bring as many double dancing teams that the event can manage based on the time frame of the event. Both boys or girls are allowed to share partners to allow maximum participation at the Fall and Winter events, however there is **NO double dancing at the BYU team match.**
15. If there are not enough Level 1 dancers for a school to participate in a team match, then the school may seek couples from other schools. Schools may only provide couples (boy and girl) so that the students can practice without having to go to the other school (no individuals if possible). **Combined teams cannot qualify to attend BYU State Team Match.** The school that has the need for the couples will be the represented team. (i.e.: If Northridge doesn’t have enough students to create one team, then they can create a combined team and all the dancers will represent the “Northridge” team.)
16. **In order for a team to participate at the State Jr. High Team Match held at BYU, a team must first qualify by participating at the Winter Jr. High Team Match.** Due the fact that Jr. High during school programs have different students for each semester, it is not required that the same students who dance at the Fall Jr. High Team Match dance at the BYU Jr. High Team Match.
17. Final interpretation of these rules and regulations will be determined by *Danzinskule Education Foundation* board and it’s members. Any concerns or questions regarding the rules or implied rules will be referred to the board and the *Danzinskule* events Director.

School Name	Phone #	
Lead Teacher Signature	Phone #	Date
Principal Signature	Phone #	Date

