



ELEMENTARY BALLROOM

Team Match Rules and Regulations 2024-2025

Sponsored by *Danzinskule Education Foundation*

SCHOOL NAME: _____

Listed below are the rules for the Elementary Ballroom Team Match event, which have been established to help safeguard the fidelity of the program and to ensure the team match event is a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone involved. These rules 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 Team Match Director and *dänzinsküle Education Foundation* board whose decision will be final.

LIABILITY: Anyone attending an Elementary Ballroom Team Match event does so at his or her own risk. *dänzinsküle Education Foundation*, any school district, or any participating school 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 bus is provided.**

AWARDS: The Elementary Team Match event will award a perpetual trophy to the school that displays the most **SPiRiT** and to the school that shows the best **SPORTSMANSHIP**. One couple from each class level from all schools 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)

RULES AND REGULATION

1. Each participating school must register their team match teams at **register4comps.com** website by the established due date. Acceptance of late entries will be determined by available space at the team match event. A late fee of \$25 per team will be assessed for any teams added or dropped past the established due date. Each school must comply with the Elementary Ballroom 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 team may consist of only 4th, 5th, and/or 6th grade students who must attend the school they represent during the same school year a team match is held. Only those students who are enrolled in a ballroom class held at an Elementary School (Either part of a public school, private school, charter school, or recreation program) are eligible to take part in an Elementary Team Match event. If a student who is not enrolled in an Elementary school ballroom program dances in the team match event, then the entire team will receive an automatic “Bronze” ribbon placement. **All other exception must be approved by the Team Match Events Director.**
4. Students must dress according to the following guidelines in order to participate in the Team Match event.
Boys - A white long-sleeved shirt and any dark-colored pants, socks, and shoes are allowed at the event with a tie of any color; however, black pants, black tie, black socks and white dress shirt are required for the UVU team match and State Team Match held at BYU. **We encourage students to use the BYU dress standard at all team match events.** See guidelines at *byudancesport.com* form for more details.
Girls – Any black colored skirt and **BLACK** shirt are allowed for the Elementary Team Match, however, the black skirt and **BLACK** shirt guidelines specific to the BYU competition need to be met in order to participate. **We encourage students to use the BYU dress standard at all team match events.** See guidelines at *byudancesport.com* form for more details
5. Shoes for the Team Match events are as follows:
Boys – Heel height not to exceed 1.5 inches
Girls – Heel height not to exceed 1.5 inches, and must be block heel style if a dance shoe. No spike heels. An ankle or arch strap is highly recommended to keep the shoes secure.
6. Each team consists of four (4) couples for the Elementary Team Match (Level 1 and Level 2 teams); four (4) couples for UVU Team Match (Level 1 teams only) and four (4) couples for BYU Team Match (Level 2 only). It is required that each school bring an alternate couple to BOTH the UVU and BYU team match events.

7. Students may only dance on 1 registered team and only in 1 division (either EB, JH or HS). “Share spots” are mainly for the purpose of accommodating ballroom programs with extra girls. It is strongly recommended share dancing is done on a limited basis and explained well to the parents so they are not upset with the lessened time their student will dance at the team match event.
8. A team qualifies to participate at any team match by adhering to the most recent curriculum (specific and complete dance routines, with no changes or embellishments). Dancers learn specific routines for each dance taught at the monthly Danzinskule Teacher Curriculum meeting.
9. Teams not adhering to the specific and complete dance routines will be automatically given a “Bronze” ribbon placement and asked to meet with the Elementary Ballroom Director or Team Match Coordinator to review the routines.
10. Teams **MUST** dance at the skill level of their students. For example: If a team has level 2 students, 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.
11. Number of teams a school can bring to an event is determined once all school team are registered and 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
12. Level 1 teams are considered “**Newcomer Teams**” and are defined as “**New to the sport of Ballroom Dance**”. They are beginning students who do not take ballroom lessons outside of the Elementary Ballroom program. The Level 1 students have been dancing for only the current school year, and do not participate in private ballroom lessons or ballroom medley teams. **Any student is considered a Level 2 dancer if they have already danced for one school year and they do not take private ballroom lessons or participate on a ballroom medley team.**
13. If a student takes private lessons, participates with another ballroom group or medley team, then he/she has “**graduated from**” any team match experience. **“Graduated Team Match students” may participate in their school’s ballroom classes, and their school parent performances, but may not dance on the team match team.**
14. Each school may register as many double dancing or Non-Qualifying teams as desired to participate at the Elementary Team Match after first registering a **FULL team** of the same level.
15. A Non-Qualifying team is defined as less than 4 couples. A NQ team may double-dance a **maximum** of two (2) boys and two (2) girls per team. It is strongly advised not to register teams with 2 boys and 2 girls in case a student cannot attend at the last minute. If a school dances a team with only 1 boy or 1 girl, then that team will receive an automatic “Bronze” ribbon placement.
16. Boys may NOT double-dance a style that is scheduled consecutively. **Information regarding students who double-dance must be submitted to the Team Match Registrar by the registration due date to ensure proper acknowledgement at the event. Double dancing is NOT permitted at UVU or BYU.**
17. **In order for a team to participate at UVU or BYU STATE team match, a school must first qualify by participating at the Elementary Team Match event.**
18. If there are not enough dancers for a school to create a team for the Elementary Team Match, then the teacher may seek couples from other schools. **Combined teams cannot qualify to attend UVU or 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 yet all the dancers will dance for the “Northridge” team.)
19. Final interpretation of these rules and regulations will be determined by *dānzinskūle Education Foundation* board and its members. Any concerns or questions regarding the rules or implied rules will be referred to the board.

Principal Signature _____ Date: _____

Lead Teacher Signature _____ Date: _____

