

PGHS

Varsity and JV Ballroom Team Audition Packet

Tryouts

Clinic: May 15th from 3:00 until 6:00
pm in the C gym

Tryouts: May 16th from 3:30 pm until
finished in the C gym

Tryout Attire: Black Latin pants/syllabus
skirts, white shirts, dance shoes

PGHS BALLROOM DANCE TEAM

What are we looking for?

We want excited, motivated, hard working and dedicated team members to join the Ballroom Dance Team for the school year of 2017-2018. If you fit the description, be at tryouts!

Monday, May 15th from 3:00 until 6:00 pm, C gym

You will be learning a small routine you will need to know for try outs in three styles (Cha Cha, Waltz and coach's choice). You will need to bring the completed application with picture and agreement form with you to tryouts, signed by you and a parent/guardian. We encourage you to bring a partner with you so you may more quickly learn the steps, however a partner is not necessary to try out.

Tuesday, May 16th 3:30 until done in the C gym

You will have until 4:00 to practice/get warmed up and check in. The men will try out first followed by the ladies. Each contestant receives a number which they will wear. All contestants will leave the room and line up in the hall to wait their turn. We will dance 4-6 contestants at one time. A judging panel of three will select up to 12 men and 12 women for the team. We will fill both a Varsity and JV team. Closed tryouts: Parents will not be able to watch their child tryout.

The members of the PGHS Ballroom Dance Team not only represent their school but also the community in which we live. We want to select representatives that will enhance the reputation that has been built by coaches in the past. Besides possessing and developing dance skills, students must be excellent team members. Among the qualities we expect are:

Cooperation
Dedication
Regard for Others/Respect
Physical Vigor
Rhythmic Skills
Self-Motivation
Academic Awareness

Varsity

TIME REQUIREMENTS:

Class: Varsity: Sign up for the class which is held “A” day 1st period, but attendance at PG for A days is required (at least through A1-3) for all team members. Before school rehearsals will be held all year, starting in September. Class will run from 6:00 am – 8:50 am.

Extra Rehearsals: Extra rehearsals are required around performance and competition times. They will be scheduled in advance. The month of January through May are busy with competitions and shows which also make for extra rehearsals (most will be before school on A days), with possible Saturday practices.

Competitions and Performances: Students are required to compete in at least two individual competitions such as UVU, BYU Dance Sport (November and/or March, Alpine Classic, etc.) during the year. This is a grade requirement.

Students will be performing at various events throughout the year. Some of those performances include: assemblies, competitions (individual as well as team), PGHS concerts, basketball halftimes, and others that may come our way. Grades will be affected if you miss pre-scheduled performances, BYU Nationals, and our Fall and Spring Concerts.

Tardies: Roll will be taken at the beginning of every class/team practice. If the student is not present at the time their name is called they will be counted tardy. If the student is more than 10 minutes late at an extra rehearsal they will be counted tardy.

Scholastics and Standards:

The team member is expected to maintain a 2.5 GPA. If a single term should drop below a 2.5 the member will be put on probation for 4 weeks. Any team member participating in illegal or immoral activities will be dismissed. Among these activities include alcohol, smoking, drugs, sexual misconduct, huffing, and the like.

Probation:

Probation is the loss of performance and possible activity privileges. The length of probation may be 2 weeks to 2 months depending on the seriousness of the infraction.

Members will be placed on probation for the following:

1. GPA of less than 2.5
2. Five tardies over 10 minutes (leaving the class early without permission is the same as a tardy).
3. Two unexcused absences. Dismissal upon receiving the third unexcused absence.
4. The student will be dismissed upon receiving probation the second time.

JV

TIME REQUIREMENTS:

Class: We will meet on Mondays after school from 3:00-5:00 PM. And on Wednesday Mornings from 6:00-7:30 AM. Friday mornings will be reserved for additional practices at PGJR.

If for any reason you cannot be to class it is the responsibility of the Team Member to notify the Coach **BEFORE** class. Text or email. Do NOT miss class. It is crucial everyone is there every time. Since we only meet twice a week it is hard to keep progressing if classes are missed. Do not send a message with another team member. You contact Coach directly.

Extra Rehearsals: Extra rehearsals are required around performance and competition times. They will be scheduled in advance. The months of January through May are busy with competitions and shows which also make for extra rehearsals (most will be Friday Morning practices, with an occasional Saturday practice for concert prep).

Competitions and Performances: Students are required to compete in at least two individual competitions such as UVU, BYU Dance Sport (November and/or March, Alpine Classic, etc.) during the year. This helps us become better and strengthens each dancer.

Students will be performing at various events throughout the year. Some of those performances include: assemblies, competitions (individual as well as team), PGHS concerts, basketball halftimes, and others that may come our way. Pre-scheduled performances, include our Fall and Spring Concerts, are required.

Tardies: Roll will be taken at the beginning of every class/team practice. If the student is not present at the time their name is called they will be counted tardy. If the student is more than 10 minutes late at an extra rehearsal they will be counted tardy. Consequences for tardies will be decided by the team, which may include in extra laps, pushups, removal from routines, etc. Please note that when someone is not there then someone else is without a partner. It moves us backward when team members miss because we spend time to catch up and reteach instead of moving forward. Please **BE THERE ON TIME** ready to **DANCE!!!**

Scholastics and Standards:

The team member is expected to maintain a 2.5 GPA. If a single term should drop below a 2.5 the member will be put on probation for 4 weeks. Any team member participating in illegal or immoral activities will be dismissed. Among these activities include alcohol, smoking, drugs, sexual misconduct, huffing, and the like.

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Financial Requirements:

We must require the students involved to pay a membership/extra-curricular activity fee since we do not receive money from the school to run our program. The fee will be \$500.00 for the year and will be used for the following items: local travel expenses (school bus), team t-shirts, events and socials, costume construction and rental (Dry cleaning men's black pants, repair and maintenance, dress maker alterations, Construction, accessories. This rental fee is non-refundable), music editing, sound/lighting equipment expenses, guest choreographers/instructors and choreography, and the like. The first \$150.00 installment will need to be paid by May 26th, 2017 to reserve your spot on team. The second installment of \$200.00 is due Friday, September 8th, 2017. The final \$150.00 will need to be paid no later than Friday, October 13th, 2017. I understand that if I leave the team after the first quarter, no amount of the fee will be refunded. Of course, you can pay the full amount earlier than October 13th, 2017. And, non-payment of fees results in loss of team membership.

This membership fee does not include the cost for the construction of the competition costumes. A team fund-raiser (BYU Concessions) will be held to make the funds required for this purpose. All team members will be required to participate in this fund-raiser. All costumes including competition costumes are the property of Pleasant Grove High School.

Other expenses which will be the responsibility of the students throughout the year will be as follows:

Ballroom Shoes: dance shoes are required for practices and performances. The ladies need to purchase a Latin and standard shoes and the men will need a black leather dance (or dress) shoe. We would like to order these in July to be set for our boot camp in August. A flyer will be emailed to each of you with the shoe options and pricing.

Entrance fees for competitions such as the BYU Fall Dance Sport, local competitions (such as the Alpine Classic or Hillcrest Competition), BYU National Championships, etc. The cost of these competitions varies from \$5.00 to \$14.00).

Overnight Trips (if any): In the past, some overnight trips (such as to Idaho from Thursday until Sunday) have been taken. Before planning an overnight trip, a parent's meeting will be held to discuss plans, cost and receive parent approval. We may hold a fund raiser for the purpose of helping the student raise money for their trip. If we are not able to do so, the student will be responsible for earning the cost of the trip on their own. The cost of the trip will be about \$220 to Idaho. Another possible trip is to Washington/Oregon/Northern California, which would cost around \$600 in March/April. We would not do multiple trips. Trips must be paid in full 30 days prior to trip or the trip will be cancelled.

End of Year Banquet/Party: The Ballroom Team has celebrated their year's success in various ways. A banquet will cost between \$15 and \$20 per person. Other celebrations have cost up to \$30 per person. We will vote as a team prior to scheduling our end of year celebration and costs will be considered and approved by the team.

Summer Events

We will be working with Professionals flying in from all over the country the last week of July – July 31st – August 4th, 2017. More information to come when scheduling is confirmed. Plan on 4-6 hours per day this week to be prepared for each session with the professionals. We also have been invited to teach ballroom dance to participants at the U of U Summer Burn Camp. More details to follow at parent meeting.

All members are required to attend the technique/syllabus hours which will be held August 7th through 11th in the C gym from 8-2 pm. This will be a total of 30 hours over a one week period of time. The team will learn syllabus routines to compete at individual competitions and for our team match events. Varsity team will break off to learn medley routines while JV learns show routines. They will receive a step list and video for all syllabus routines taught during the week. These steps are required to be passed off by the end of first term.

Summer Events are included in team membership/extra-curricular program fees.

Grading:

The grades issued for academic purposes for the team are calculated upon evaluating the following areas: Attendance, Hard work, Participation (Attitude, preparation, dance shoes, correct dress), one paper per term (required by the District) and Improvement. Participation in concert, medley and national week, concert preparations and costume clean-up is crucial, expected, and graded.

Leadership:

I am a strong proponent of Youth Leadership. Anyone wanting a leadership position should mark it on the application form. The coach expects each officer to fulfill his/her duties on time and work together with other officers to keep team moral at its highest. The following positions are available:

President/Captain
Vice-President/Co-Captain(s)
Social Chairs
Historian
Fund-Raiser Coordinator
Costume Coordinators (2)
Team Member

Captain: Participate in the organization of parties, labs, trips, performances, and end of the year banquet/celebration. Make sure officers and other team members carry out responsibilities. Help motivate and encourage team members. Do not talk negatively about any team members or the coach. Initiate the contacting of team members at various times.

Co-Captain(s): Assist the president in all his/her responsibilities. Participate in the organization of parties, labs, trips, performances, team shirts and end of year banquet/celebration. Help in contacting team members at various times. Perform all assigned duties, as requested by coach.

Social Chairs: Organize and follow through on parties. Keep track of and organize recognition of birthdays and other important events. Carry out responsibilities assigned by captain for labs, trips, and banquet. Takes pictures throughout the year and keeps a scrapbook of our team.

Historian: To take pictures of all events and some class days. They will also be in charge of the end of the year booklet and putting that together. Compile pictures, articles, and write about or organize team members to write about events during the year. Participate in the end of year banquet slide show or video show. The historian will also work with the teacher in publicity for concerts and shows.

Fund-Raising Coordinator: Be extremely motivated and help the team to achieve the most they can in earning money for costumes... Present fund-raising ideas to the team for acceptance. Keep track of concessions sign ups and make sure everyone fulfills their fundraising responsibility.

Costume Coordinator(s): Responsible for organization of costume closet. Keep log of all costumes and numbers. Responsible for collecting costumes after each performance and make sure all costumes come back and in good order. Keep track of and help with repairs as needed.

Team Member: To have a good attitude and an uplifting spirit. Never put anyone down! You are to act like professionals and adults. Have respect for the instructor, other members and property. You are to participate when asked and be supportive of the officers elected. It is your job to have the best year ever!

If any officer or team member is not fulfilling his/her responsibilities, they will receive a warning. Upon a second warning, they will be asked to turn the position to someone who would better carry out the position (coach approved).

Fundraising Requirements: We will be working the Stadium of Fire, the home football games, and at least one basketball game per month for the months of November through February. The funds raised will go towards our costuming goals and then towards each member's ballroom fees. Parents and team members will be assigned to help, since we have 24 slots to fill every football game. Due to our work ethic this past year, they are giving us a better stand, needing more workers, however, it comes with the potential to make our needed funds much faster.

Additionally, we need all parents and team members to sign up for and help run our PG Invitational Ballroom Dance Competition on either September 22nd and 23rd, 2017, or preferably October 13th and 14th, 2017. This is a fun event, and if run well, will help tremendously towards our costuming needs/fundraising goals.

PGHS Ballroom Team Agreement Form

I understand the time requirements involved – (Please initial each line)

_____ Class period is on A days, which includes before school on A days and 1st period. JV team will meet after school on Mondays and before school on Wednesdays (unless the schedule doesn't permit with other sports teams). Varsity Team Members must attend PG for A1-A3.

_____ Extra rehearsals are required around performance and competition time.

_____ Student is required to compete in at least two individual competitions, in addition to team competitions per semester.

_____ Student will be performing as well as competing in many team events throughout the year.

_____ Tardies and unexcused absences affect the team as a whole and can affect the student's membership and grade.

_____ Student is required to inform the instructor if they will not be able to attend an extra rehearsal at least one rehearsal in advance.

_____ Student is required to inform the instructor if they will not be able to attend a performance at least two weeks in advance (unless there is a family emergency).

_____ I understand the financial requirements involved --\$150.00 will need to be paid by May 26th, 2017. The second installment of \$200.00 will need to be paid by Friday, September 8th, 2017. Third installment of \$150.00 due on or before Friday, October 13th, 2017. I understand that if I leave the team after the first quarter, no amount of the fee will be refunded. And, I understand that non-payment of fees can terminate my team placement.

_____ I understand the GPA requirement to remain on Varsity team and will abide by the standards stated previously.

_____ I will be able to purchase the dance shoes required for the team. I agree to wear the approved attire for all team practices and at competitions.

_____ I will actively participate in the fund raiser for the competition costumes.

_____ Entrance fees for the individual competitions will be the responsibility of the student as well as overnight trips (if any).

_____ I understand any costumes made/issued during the year, as well as the team's current inventory, is the property of Pleasant Grove High School.

(This is simply a summary of the above document. Please make sure you understand all the membership requirements before signing.) ***By signing this agreement form, the applicant and the parents agree to abide by the above expectations.***

Applicant Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

_____ JV ___ Varsity ___
PGHS Ballroom Team Information Sheet

Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____ Shirt size: _____

Parent Names: _____ School Grade next year _____

Email: _____ Birthday _____

What activities are you involved in at PGHS? What do you see as possible conflicts with PG Ballroom Team:

What are your hobbies/interests outside of high school:

Are you interested in serving as a Ballroom Officer? _____ If so, which office: _____

What qualities do you feel you can/will add to our team: _____

What goals have you set for yourself for the upcoming school year: _____

Goals for the next 5 years: _____

Anything else you'd like to tell me about yourself: _____

- 1) Will you be able to pay the required team fee? Yes No
- 2) Do you work? Yes No If yes, when and where?
- 3) When it is time to work, do you commit to work the ENTIRE time? Yes No
(This includes fundraiser, competition help, concert, team practices, etc.)

Please attach a current (within the past year) picture to the top left hand corner of this form.