

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION



NEW Dance Team Information

Are you a new dance coach or started a new dance team at your school? Please review the following information.

All resources, dance forms and important information is posted on our website: <u>https://www.msaa.net/activities/msaa-dance</u>

Steps to Take:

- Confirm that your school/principal is a member of MSAA
 - The principal of your school must be a member of MSAA and student activities dues need to be paid for each season
 - *If not*, please take the steps provided at the following link: <u>https://www.msaa.net/student-activities/student-activities-registration</u>
- Email <u>madancedirector@gmail.com</u> to be added to contact list to receive information throughout the season

FAQ

1. Do I have to register my team each year with MSAA?

Yes! Membership fees are due annually for each season (fall and winter) and once confirmed with the MSAA office, your dance team is considered sanctioned to compete.

2. How many seasons are there and can I compete in only one season?

There are two seasons: fall and winter. You may compete in one season or both. You must fill out the intent to enter/roster form for each season, if you plan on competing in both seasons.

3. How many divisions or genres are there and can I compete in multiple divisions with the same team?

There are 3 divisions or genres: pom, jazz and hip-hop. You can compete with the same roster/team in 2 genres.

4. Where can I find information on rules and regulations?MSAA rules and regulations are posted on the MSAA website - www.msaa.net

5. How many athletes can compete?

Minimum is 6 dancers on the floor and maximum is 23.

6. Are there any invitational or competitions that my team can compete at?

Please click on the link on the MSAA Dance website titled "Sanctioned Events." Most of these competitions are hosted by cheerleading teams. If there is a dance division offered, it will typically be listed.

7. When is States?

States typically will occur for the following seasons and posted to the MSAA website: Fall Season: The Saturday prior to Thanksgiving Holiday Week Winter Season: The first Saturday in March

*Please note: This can be subject to change and is not a guaranteed.

8. Do I need to qualify first to compete at States?

At this time, there is no qualifier to compete at States. The only requirement is that you fill out an intent to enter/roster form that is located on the MSAA dance website, 14 days prior to the tournament date. Also, linked here: Form

9. Can JV teams compete at States?

At this time, YES! First place in each division will be announced but not medaled or receive a trophy. JV teams need to fill out the same intent to enter/roster form

10. How do I get information regarding States?

You will receive information from the director's email containing the coaches' packet, order of appearance, and any other information, a week-and-half prior to the competition.

11. What is New England's and how do I qualify?

New England's only occurs during the winter season and the tournament is typically held in the second or third week of March. It is presented by the Council of New England Secondary School Principals' Association and is not hosted or facilitated by MSAA. The top Four (4) teams in each division from each state will be allowed to enter in the following divisions: Pom, Jazz and Hip Hop. In Massachusetts, if any of the top 4 teams opt out of competing at New England's, the next highest scoring team will be offered the opportunity to enter. Information regarding New England's is typically posted to the MSAA website in January.