

HIGH SCHOOL DANCE FAQ's

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 Varsity 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?*

The MSAA Dance State Tournaments will be scheduled on the following weekends, with the goal of hosting them at a neutral site whenever possible. Final dates will be announced prior to the start of each season.

Fall Season: Second weekend in November

Winter Season: First weekend in March

*Please note: This can be subject to change

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. *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.

10. *What is the flooring at States Tournament?*

The MSAA has purchased (2) panels (also known as runners) for both the warm-up and competition floors. Dancers will perform on the court/floor. No marley is provided.

Panel measurement: 5' 3" (10 panels) 630" x 12

Center has the MSAA logo

Please note: At cheer invitationals, there may be a chance the dance teams are asked to perform on cheer mats. Please consult with the individual tournament director on what can be provided.

11. *What is New Englands and how do I qualify?*

New Englands 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 Englands, the next highest scoring team will be offered the opportunity to enter. Information regarding New Englands is typically posted to the MSAA website in January.