



Dear Officials and Coaches,

We hope you are enjoying summer! It's hard to believe it's nearly August already. Fall is just around the corner which means conditioning and performance teams, winter season planning and JAM's annual training! The Core Group has been busy this summer - rewriting our policies and bylaws, establishing our membership levels and preparing for registration. If you haven't already registered as a member, do so now! More information on registration for the upcoming season can be found below.

Coaches, as you prepare for next season, be reminded that we are always available to review potential dangerous moves and uniform selections. Feel free to contact the Core Group at jamcoregroup@gmail.com and we will route your questions through the Rules Coordinators for confirmation.

We hope you find these newsletters entertaining and informational. If you have ideas for upcoming newsletters, do not hesitate to let us know!

Happy Summer!
JAM Core Group

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2014-15 Registration Information

It's quick and easy to join JAM! Follow these four steps:

1. Complete the process to register as a official with the Minnesota State High School League.
2. Determine your membership level (see next page).
3. Complete the JAM registration form and submit your payment.
4. Attend a member training workshop.

Membership levels, fees and dates have been revised. See our website for full registration details: www.jamdanceteams.org/join-jam

Membership Fees

Payment Received	Restricted, Qualifying, Level 1, 2, 3	KCT/Tab Only
Early Bird: July 1 – July 31	\$100	\$60
Open Registration: August 1 – September 30	\$110	\$70
Late Registration: October 1 – November 4 <i>*Registrations received after October 24 will be accepted as KCT/Tab Only</i>	\$130	\$90

Fees & Refunds	Amount
NSF Returned Check Fee	\$35
Membership Refund Request Received by July 31	Full Refund less \$20 Handling Fee
Membership Refund Request Received by September 30	50% Refund
Membership Refund Request After October 1	No Refund

JAM MISSION STATEMENT

JAM was formed for the purpose of promoting, training and increasing the number of quality dance team officials throughout the state of Minnesota. JAM subscribes to a four-fold mission:
1) To provide information and facilitate discussions between judges, coaches, activities directors and MSHSL. 2) To encourage standards of sportsmanship at meets and competitions.
3) To offer a mentoring program to new and/or inexperienced judges. 4) To maintain and support its quality judges and strive to increase our credibility as trained, knowledgeable professionals.



JAM DANCE TEAMS

2014-15 Membership Levels

If you are unsure about which membership level you should be at, please contact the Core Group.

- KCT/Tabulation Member Requirements:**
- Registered MSHSL dance team official
 - Must attend JAM KCT/Tab Training
- Eligible To:**
- KCT and tabulate regular season and post-season meets
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- JAM Restricted Member Requirements:**
- Registered MSHSL dance team official
 - Must attend JAM Metro or Northern Training
 - For MSHSL dancers in their 1st or 2nd school year out
 - For MSHSL high school dance team coaches (fall or winter) in their 1st or 2nd school year out
 - For parents or siblings of current MSHSL high school dancers or in their 1st or 2nd school year out
- Eligible To:**
- KCT and tabulate regular season meets
 - Trial judge and participate in the mentor program
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- JAM Qualifying Member Requirements:**
- Registered MSHSL dance team official
 - Must attend JAM Metro or Northern Training
 - At least the 3rd school year out as a dancer/coach/parent
 - Members transferring from other dance team associations (unless Restricted Member status applies)
 - Required to trial judge at least 2 times & complete the JAM Mentoring Program
- Eligible To:**
- 1st year eligible to judge with JAM
 - KCT and tabulate regular season and post-season meets
 - Judge small regular season meets
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- JAM Level 1 Requirements:**
- Meet MSHSL Level 1 requirements
 - Must attend JAM Metro or Northern Training
 - Successful completion of JAM Qualifying Member year
- Eligible For:**
- Regular season assignments (excluding judging conference championships)
- NOTE: Certain members at this level may be assigned to judge, KCT or tab at Conference Championships and KCT or tab at Sections, depending upon their efforts and quality of officiating.
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- JAM Level 2 Requirements:**
- Meet MSHSL Level 2 requirements
 - Must attend JAM Metro or Northern Training
- Eligible For:**
- Regular season and section assignments
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- JAM Level 3 Requirements:**
- Meet MSHSL Level 3 requirements
 - Must attend JAM Metro or Northern Training
- Eligible For:**
- Regular season and section assignments
- NOTE: State tournament assignments are directed by the MSHSL, not JAM

EXCLUSIONS FOR ALL MEMBERS: Former dancers, coaches, and parents may officiate as outlined for each JAM level listed, EXCLUDING their former team's conference and class. This exclusion is lifted after four school years of disassociation with the former team.

Please be sure to check the website for our policies on conflicts of interest, leaves of absence and those ineligible to join JAM.

Member News



BABIES

Laura Christopherson had a baby girl, Emma, on April 25.

Sarah Hudyma had a baby boy, Andrew, on June 18.

Stacy Abel had a baby boy, Carter, on July 14.



WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Jenna Weis will be getting married to Carl Skoglund on August 16.



EMPLOYMENT

Jessamy Alto accepted a new position with DaVita Healthcare Partners, Inc.



JUNE & JULY BIRTHDAYS

Franzi Schneider-Krumpus	6/4
Terri Mason	6/5
Amanda Clemens	6/8
Lora Meier	6/15
Kelly Hagen	6/23
Stacy Abel	6/27
Charity Hall	7/1
Lisa Hart	7/1
Natasha Meister	7/2
Karna Hay	7/5
Shelbey Jurek	7/7
Tara Dolder	7/13
Melissa Erp	7/14
Lauren Theobald	7/15
Rhonda Dehler	7/19
Lauren Cochran	7/22
Lindsay Weber	7/27
Missy Tutewohl	7/28
Kim Diedrichs	7/31

JAM DANCE TEAMS

JAZZ STAMINA CREATIVITY CONTROL PRECISION MOVEMENT TURNS VISUAL MEMORY LEAP ROTATION DISTRIBUTION CONFIDENCE INTRICACY LEAPS COMBINATIONS STRENGTH TRANSITIONS REVEAL VARIETY ACCURACY LEVELS
FORMATIONS DIFFICULTY KICKS PACE LEVELS JAM ACHEIVE JAM ACHEIVE JAM ACHEIVE
JUMPS KNOWLEDGE FLEXIBILITY SPOTTING LEAPS REACTOR PRESENTATION EXECUTION FLOOR HEIGHT EXTENSION TECHNQUE COUNTS TIMING FLAGRAHNT SYSTEMS
SKILLS POSITURE COMBINATION UNITY

In the Spotlight

SADIE ORASKOVICH



Resides In: Maple Grove

Occupation: Family and Consumer Science Teacher at Champlin Park High School

JAM Member Since: 2013

Q: What is your favorite part about being a MSHSL dance team official?

A: Dance team is a passion of mine. When my coaching career came to an unexpected end I knew I wanted to stay involved with dance team and judging was a great fit. My favorite part, aside from always having a prime viewing spot, is the first competition and the last competition of each season. I enjoy seeing the progress teams make throughout the season. I also enjoy the intensity of sections and State.

Q: Tell us a little about your dance background.

A: I took ballet, tap, and jazz lessons for 5 years and spent 6 years on the Pequot Lakes Dance Team where I was an officer and choreographer. I coached for 14 years.

Q: Favorite dance team trend.

A: I continue to be impressed with kick combinations and jazz combinations. The growth in the level of difficulty amazes me. My favorite thing to see is when a team competes with entirely fresh and new choreography from season to season. I'm not one for signature moves or recycled choreography; some moves should be retired.

Q: Outside of dance, what are your interests and hobbies?

A: I enjoy working out at the Firm, time with family and friends, reading, traveling, organizing, being at the lake, swimming at the lake, boating at the lake....I love the lake life.

Q: What is something people would be surprised to know about you?

A: I love Prince. Back in my college days I spent many evenings/early mornings at his parties at Paisley Park.

MARTHA SPECKEL



Resides In: North Mankato

Occupation: Speech and Language Pathologist, MN Valley Education District

JAM Member Since: 2010

Q: What is your favorite part about being a MSHSL dance team official?

A: Being involved in a organization which was a big part of my fondest memories from high school...dance team season!

Q: Tell us a little about your dance background.

A: I participated in tap and jazz as a young child, then joined my high school team in 10th grade. I continued on in college for two years as part of a club team.

Q: Favorite dance team trend.

A: Uniforms! They are ever evolving and add to the experience every time. I REALLY disliked our glitzy tops and big hair in the 90s.

Q: Outside of dance, what are your interests and hobbies?

A: I enjoy reading, camping, gardening, and playing outside with my kids in the snow and summer heat.

Q: What is something people would be surprised to know about you?

A: I have a motorcycle and enjoy riding whenever I can.



EMILY PUZA



Resides In: Waconia

Occupation: Sales & Marketing Coordinator for DeltaTech Controls

JAM Member Since: 2005

Q: What is your favorite part about being a MSHSL dance team official?

A: Everything! I love being able to actively stay involved with MN Dance Team and watching the amazing dancers and see what new skill, technique and creativity they bring each year! I love getting to know so many people from all different walks of life that share the same passion of DANCE! Over the last 10 years, I have met some extraordinary ladies that will be forever friends!

Q: Tell us a little about your dance background.

A: I started dancing at the age of 3 at a local studio. I was a member on the competitive team throughout high school and also a member on my college dance team. I have also enjoyed taking adult jazz and hip-hop classes with some of my judging friends. I'm also directing a Just For Kix Dance program in Shakopee and am busy gearing up for my 2nd season!!!

Q: Favorite dance team trend.

A: It's hard to choose just one! I do love seeing what the latest "hair style" will be for the season from bump-its, to low buns, high buns, buns that sit on top of your head to letting it all hang loose!

Q: Outside of dance, what are your interests and hobbies?

A: I really cannot sit still and love to keep busy with my family and friends, gardening, cooking, reading, crafting, outdoor country music festivals, traveling and the list goes on! I most definitely look forward to summer when I can spend the days boating on all of Minnesota's great lakes!

Q: What is something people would be surprised to know about you?

A: After high school I didn't think I wanted to dance in college so I joined the Rugby team. I quickly learned that I was not cut out for that as I was hauled off the field with a broken ankle during the first 30 seconds of my first match! Thankfully I was off of crutches just in time for spring dance tryouts!



2014-15 Scheduled Meets List

Date	Day	Site	Type
11/17/14	Monday	Buffalo	Mississippi 8 Conference Meet
11/22/14	Saturday	Eagan	Invitational
11/22/14	Saturday	Wabasha-Kellogg	Invitational
11/24/14	Monday	St. Francis	Mississippi 8 Conference Meet
11/25/14	Tuesday	Bloomington Kennedy	Metro West Conference Meet
11/25/14	Tuesday	Lakeville South	South Suburban Conference Meet
11/25/14	Tuesday	North (St. Paul)	Metro East Conference Meet
11/25/14	Tuesday	Rochester Century	Rochester All-City Conference Meet
11/25/14	Tuesday	Rocori	Central Lakes Conference Meet
12/2/14	Tuesday	Burnsville	South Suburban Conference Meet
12/4/14	Thursday	Chanhassen	Metro West Conference Meet
12/4/14	Thursday	Fergus Falls (Underwood)	Quad Meet
12/4/14	Thursday	Tartan	Metro East Conference Meet
12/6/14	Saturday	Apple Valley	Invitational
12/6/14	Saturday	Chaska	Invitational
12/6/14	Saturday	Detroit Lakes	Invitational
12/6/14	Saturday	Hayfield	Invitational
12/6/14	Saturday	Hutchinson	Invitational
12/6/14	Saturday	New Ulm Cathedral	Quad Meet
12/6/14	Saturday	Rogers	Invitational
12/6/14	Saturday	Target Center	Invitational
12/8/14	Monday	Academy of Holy Angels	Tri-Metro Conference Meet
12/9/14	Tuesday	Eagan	South Suburban Conference Meet
12/9/14	Tuesday	Rogers	Mississippi 8 Conference Meet
12/9/14	Tuesday	Simley	Metro East Conference Meet
12/11/14	Thursday	Albany	Granite Ridge Conference Meet
12/11/14	Thursday	Annandale	Wright County Conference Meet
12/11/14	Thursday	Chaska	Metro West Conference Meet
12/12/14	Friday	Frazee	Invitational
12/13/14	Saturday	Albany	Invitational
12/13/14	Saturday	Bemidji	Invitational
12/13/14	Saturday	Eastview	Invitational
12/13/14	Saturday	Fridley	Invitational
12/13/14	Saturday	Rochester Mayo	Invitational
12/13/14	Saturday	Waconia	Invitational
12/13/14	Saturday	Zumbrota-Mazeppa	Invitational
12/16/14	Tuesday	Chisago Lakes	Mississippi 8 Conference Meet
12/16/14	Tuesday	Eastview	South Suburban Conference Meet
12/16/14	Tuesday	Richfield	Metro West Conference Meet



2014-15 Scheduled Meets List

Date	Day	Site	Type
12/18/14	Thursday	Jordan	Minnesota River Conference Meet
12/18/14	Thursday	Rochester Mayo	Rochester All-City Conference Meet
12/18/14	Thursday	Superior, WI	Lake Superior Conference Championship
12/19/14	Friday	Brainerd	Central Lakes Conference Meet
12/19/14	Friday	South St. Paul	Metro East Conference Championship
12/20/14	Saturday	Academy of Holy Angels	Invitational
12/20/14	Saturday	Edina	Invitational
12/20/14	Saturday	Lake City	Invitational
12/20/14	Saturday	Prior Lake	South Suburban Conference Championship
12/20/14	Saturday	Robbinsdale Cooper	Metro West Conference Championship
12/22/14	Monday	ACGC	Small Invitational
1/3/15	Saturday	Rocori	Invitational
1/8/15	Thursday	Becker	Granite Ridge Conference Meet
1/10/15	Saturday	Big Lake	Mississippi 8 Conference Championship
1/10/15	Saturday	Henry Sibley	Invitational
1/10/15	Saturday	Lakeville South	Invitational
1/10/15	Saturday	Minnetonka	Invitational
1/10/15	Saturday	Rochester Century	Invitational
1/10/15	Saturday	Winona	Invitational
1/12/15	Monday	Rochester John Marshall	Rochester All-City Conference Championship
1/15/15	Thursday	Concordia Academy	Tri-Metro Conference Meet
1/16/15	Friday	Alexandria	Central Lakes Conference Championship
1/16/15	Friday	Central (Norwood-Young America)	Minnesota River Conference Meet
1/17/15	Saturday	Belle Plaine	Invitational
1/17/15	Saturday	Farmington	Invitational
1/17/15	Saturday	Hawley	Invitational
1/17/15	Saturday	Lewiston-Altura	Three Rivers Conference Championship
1/17/15	Saturday	Monticello	Invitational
1/17/15	Saturday	Rochester Mayo	Big 9 Conference Championship
1/17/15	Saturday	Yellow Medicine East	Invitational
1/17/15	Saturday	Wayzata	Invitational
1/22/15	Thursday	Fridley	Tri-Metro Conference Championship
1/22/15	Thursday	Montevideo	West Central Conference Championship
1/22/15	Thursday	St. Cloud Cathedral	Granite Ridge Conference Championship
1/23/15	Friday	Annandale	Dual Meet
1/23/15	Friday	Belle Plaine	Minnesota River Conference Championship
1/23/15	Friday	Fergus Falls (Underwood)	Invitational
1/24/15	Saturday	Blaine	Invitational
1/24/15	Saturday	Dover-Eyota	Invitational



2014-15 Scheduled Meets List

Date	Day	Site	Type
1/24/15	Saturday	Eastview	Showcase
1/24/15	Saturday	GFW	Invitational
1/24/15	Saturday	Lac Qui Parle	Camden County Conference Championship
1/24/15	Saturday	New Prague	Invitational
1/24/15	Saturday	Pelican Rapids	Invitational
1/24/15	Saturday	Prior Lake	Invitational
1/24/15	Saturday	Simley	Invitational
1/27/15	Tuesday	ACGC	Dual Meet
1/29/15	Thursday	Cannon Falls	Invitational
1/31/15	Saturday	Big Lake	Section 2AA
1/31/15	Saturday	Sauk Rapids	Section 4AA
2/7/15	Saturday	Aitkin	Section 4A
2/7/15	Saturday	Austin	Section 1AA
2/7/15	Saturday	Bloomington Kennedy	Section 2A
2/7/15	Saturday	Bloomington Kennedy	Section 1AAA
2/7/15	Saturday	Bloomington Kennedy	Section 3AAA
2/7/15	Saturday	Dover-Eyota	Section 1A

2014-15 Scheduling Notes

Due to the large number of meets on a given date, especially Saturdays, we may need to decline requests once we reach capacity on certain dates. To avoid this, please get your meet requests in now.

When there are two meets held on the same day or next day which are located near each other, we may suggest doing a double-header to better utilize our membership. Please look at the already-scheduled meets and keep this in mind when requesting your meets.

Whenever possible, please plan to start your weeknight meets after 7:00pm. This allows more of our members to be available for your meet. This is especially important in meets located outside of the metro area.

To request officials, email our Scheduling Team at: jamscheduler@gmail.com. We will respond to your request and answer any questions you may have. We strive to assign the best officials available for your meet. We also try to assign officials who live close to the meet site or those willing to carpool to reduce applicable mileage fees.

We can help you determine how many officials are needed for your meet, as well as assist with basic meet planning. If you're interested in full-out competition organization, we can get you connected to our partnered meet coordinators.

We look forward to serving you next season!

2014-15 Season At-A-Glance

Through July 31	Early Bird Registration
August 1 - September 30	Open Registration
October 1 - November 4	Late Registration <small>*Registrations received after Oct 24 will be accepted as KCT/Tab Only</small>
October 11 or 18	Northern Training
October 13	MSHSL Rules Meeting & Exam Available Online
October 25	Metro Training
Week of October 27	New Member Gathering
November 4	MSHSL Rules Meeting & Exam Due
November 4	Last Day to Register as an Official with MSHSL & JAM
November 8	KCT/Tab Training
December 1	MSHSL State Consideration Application Due
January 31	Sections
February 7	Sections
February 13-14	State