

JAM DANCE TEAMS

Member Updates

Website

Did you know we had a "Members Only" portion of our website? This password-protected section houses the various forms and documents needed for the season such as kick count/timing forms, tabulation programs, Superior Judge documents, policies, bylaws and much more. We have also added recaps of the Core Group meeting minutes for your information.

You can visit this section under Members > Forms & Documents. We will continue to post updated material to this section of the website prior to the beginning of the season. The expectation is that you will download specific information to your own USB to use throughout the season.

The password for this section was included in the registration form and will also be given out at training.

Member Referral Program

You may have seen our new promotion on our Facebook, Twitter or website. We really want to grow our membership and recruit new members from all corners of the state. As an incentive to you, if you refer a new member, you will be entered to win one of two \$50 Target gift cards!

If you refer a new member who resides in the metro area, you will earn one entry into the drawing. If you refer a new member who resides outside the metro area, you will earn two entries into the drawing. There are no limits to the number of entries current members may earn. You can either email the Core Group to let us know you referred someone or your referral can include your name on their registration form. We will hold a random drawing after all 2014 trainings have concluded.

Accepting Meets

As a reminder, you may only accept meet assignments during the competition season through the JAM Scheduling Team and the Assignr electronic assignment program. If you are asked to officiate outside of these methods, please inform the Scheduling Team.

Member News



BABIES

Laura Harding is expecting her second child in December.

Nicole Brong is expecting baby #2 this winter and is taking a break this season.

Sara Nystuen will be adopting a baby boy this December.



WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Jenna Weis married Carl Skoglund on August 16.

Lauren Jenkins married Derek Hageness on September 26.



EMPLOYMENT

Kate Schmalz accepted a coaching position with the Crosby-Ironton dance team.



MOVING

Melanie Schmidt recently moved to Olympia, Washington.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are so delighted to welcome 22 new members to JAM this year!

Ashley Agre
Samantha Axt
Jenna Bakken
Kelli Dibble
Stephanie Domalik
Kristi Gephart
Kaitlin Giles
Jessica Haugen
Gina Hay
Ariel Hogan
Kristine Jungels



AUG & SEPT BIRTHDAYS

Emily Dirksen	8/1
Martha Speckel	8/1
Jenna Skoglund	8/1
Brianna Welle	8/6
Kaelynn Kampa	8/8
Jennifer Gilhoi	8/10
Laura Harding	8/11
Gina Hay	8/16
Sadie Oraskovich	8/18
Jennifer Sainsbury	8/18
Emily Johnson	8/22
Jenna Quick	8/22
Amy Rath	8/28
Susan Kelley	8/30
Melissa Penner	8/31
Jayne Smrstick	9/2
Laine Rajkowski	9/12
Alyssa Strickland	9/13
Laurie Schaust	9/17
Jenna Bakken	9/22
Heather Goldade	9/24

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In the Spotlight

LAURA GRIMLUND



Resides In: Minneapolis
Occupation: Human Resources at C.H. Robinson
JAM Member Since: 2013

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

A: I get to be back in the dance community. Plus, I am learning all about Minnesota geography from traveling to so many different schools throughout the season!

Q: Tell us a little about your dance background.

A: I danced for 15 years at Summit (before it was Summit Dance Shoppe) and then danced for two years for the Premier Dance Team at the University of Minnesota.

Q: Favorite dance team trend.

A: Since my background is mostly studio, I like to see some of the more stylized and technical jazz dances.

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

A: I like to cook and try out new recipes. I workout a lot and I am currently applying for grad school.

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

A: I have my Level 1 Certification from the International Sommelier Guild. Questions about wine? I'm your gal!

JESSAMY THOMAS



Resides In: Moorhead
Occupation: Dialysis Technician at DaVita
JAM Member Since: 2011

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

A: I am a big fan of the post-meet conference. I love to rehash each routine.

Q: Tell us a little about your dance background.

A: I started studio training at age two and I've been hooked on dance ever since! I studied ballet, tap, jazz, pointe and hip hop. I danced for four years and served as captain/kick choreographer of my high school dance team. I also danced for the Concordia College Zea Mays and I just started teaching tap, jazz and hip hop at a local studio.

Q: Favorite dance team trend.

A: Not my favorite, but I'm still trying to figure out how the sideways kickline became a trend. Don't they know we can see their bent knees and flexed feet when they do that?

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

A: I love anything to do with summer: softball, sand volleyball, water skiing, fishing, bonfires and reading while laying in the sun. I'm also involved with children's ministry and my church choir.

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

A: I like to knit. I make really nifty mittens with can cozies attached.

JULIE BAYERL



Resides In: St. Paul
Occupation: Leadership Assistant at Minnesota State Senate
JAM Member Since: 2007

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

A: I love having an excuse to go and watch dance competitions and I love traveling to all parts of the state.

Q: Tell us a little about your dance background.

A: I took tap and ballet as a child, Just For Kix in middle school and joined dance team in high school.

Q: Favorite dance team trend.

A: I find routines that are done to unexpected music very interesting.

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

A: I'm involved in local and state politics (go vote November 4th!), I enjoy embroidering everything from kitchen towels to wall hangings. And my husband and I always try to see our favorite bands when they come to town. Although, we've missed a few since my son was born in January.

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

A: I twirled baton for 13 years including three years with my high school marching band.



2014-15 Scheduled Meets List

Date	Day	Site	Type
11/17/14	Monday	Buffalo	Mississippi 8 Conference Meet
11/20/14	Thursday	Rochester Century	Rochester All-City Conference Meet
11/20/14	Thursday	Wayzata	Lake Conference Meet
11/21/14	Friday	Armstrong	Northwest Suburban Conference Meet
11/22/14	Saturday	Burnsville	Invitational
11/22/14	Saturday	Eagan	Invitational
11/22/14	Saturday	Maple Grove	Invitational
11/22/14	Saturday	Shakopee	Invitational
11/22/14	Saturday	Wabasha-Kellogg	Invitational
11/24/14	Monday	St. Francis	Mississippi 8 Conference Meet
11/24/14	Monday	Mounds View	Suburban East 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	Rocori	Central Lakes Conference Meet
12/1/14	Monday	Centennial	Northwest Suburban Conference Meet
12/2/14	Tuesday	Burnsville	South Suburban Conference Meet
12/2/14	Tuesday	St. Croix Lutheran	Tri-Metro Conference Meet
12/3/14	Wednesday	Eden Prairie	Lake 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	Holy Family	Catholic Jamboree
12/6/14	Saturday	Hutchinson	Invitational
12/6/14	Saturday	Irondale	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
12/8/14	Monday	Irondale	Northwest Suburban 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



Scheduling Update

As you can see from the list of meets below, this is going to be a very busy season. As participation in the sport continues to grow, many teams decide to schedule their own events; unfortunately, there are only so many dates on the calendar within the season. Even though JAM recruits a number of new members each year, there also is a limited number of officials throughout the state. JAM has been working diligently with schools to coordinate logistics and explore options so that schools can host their events and contract with trained officials. This year, several host schools have coordinated their meets to allow for shared panels of judges – meaning that for two events in one day, or for two days in a row, the same panel of officials is planned to be scheduled so that both events can take place. JAM wants to thank all of the schools that have worked with our association to coordinate these logistics.

Due to the increasing number of events, JAM has regrettably declined a handful of meets since there simply are not enough officials registered and expected to be trained at this time. The JAM Core Group has approved the decision to limit the number of meet requests, and their resulting number of officials needed, to a number within a reasonable range of our current membership levels. JAM members submit their availability in the fall of each year, and JAM also places certain restriction on its members due to promotional levels, experience and conflicts of interest. Therefore, JAM cannot guarantee which members and how many are available on any given date. The association also needs to ensure that backup officials are available in the event of inclement weather, illness of other emergencies. When the capacity of our membership has been reached for a certain date, JAM can no longer accept meet requests for that date. Dates that are closed at this point include December 6, 13, 20 and January 10, 17, 24.

Scheduling services are currently free to both JAM members and host schools. JAM accepts meet requests from host school on a first come, first serve basis. One thing to keep in mind if you are planning to host a meet or if your desired meet date is no longer open for officials, is that the greater the number of meets on the same date, the fewer the number of teams that may be available to attend your event. For example: If a date has 10 meets on the schedule, then there is greater chance that a smaller number of teams will participate at each meet since there are more options than a date with only 3 meets.

JAM has been providing scheduling updates via the web site and social media for the past several weeks, and will continue to accept member registrations through November 4th; however, all prospective members are encouraged to register now so that they can participate in the required training sessions and to allow time to fulfill all MSHSL requirements.

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Date	Day	Site	Type
12/11/14	Thursday	Chaska	Metro West Conference Meet
12/11/14	Thursday	Edina	Lake Conference Meet
12/12/14	Friday	Frazee	Invitational
12/12/14	Friday	Worthington	Quad Meet
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
12/15/14	Monday	Brooklyn Center	Tri-Metro Conference Meet
12/15/14	Monday	Cretin-Derham Hall	Suburban East Conference Meet
12/15/14	Monday	Osseo	Northwest Suburban Conference Meet
12/16/14	Tuesday	Chisago Lakes	Mississippi 8 Conference Meet



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Date	Day	Site	Type
12/16/14	Tuesday	Eastview	South Suburban Conference Meet
12/16/14	Tuesday	Richfield	Metro West Conference Meet
12/18/14	Thursday	Hopkins	Lake Conference Meet
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	Crosby-Ironton	Northern Lights 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	BOLD	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
1/3/15	Saturday	Tracy-Milroy-Balaton	Invitational
1/8/15	Thursday	Becker	Granite Ridge Conference Meet
1/8/15	Thursday	Glencoe-Silver Lake	Wright County Conference Meet
1/8/15	Thursday	Minnetonka	Lake Conference Meet
1/10/15	Saturday	Big Lake	Mississippi 8 Conference Championship
1/10/15	Saturday	Elk River	Northwest Suburban Conference Championship
1/10/15	Saturday	Henry Sibley	Invitational
1/10/15	Saturday	Lakeville South	Invitational
1/10/15	Saturday	Marshall	Invitational
1/10/15	Saturday	Minnetonka	Invitational
1/10/15	Saturday	Rochester Century	Invitational
1/10/15	Saturday	Winona	Invitational
1/12/15	Monday	Park (Cottage Grove)	Suburban East Conference Championship
1/12/15	Monday	Rochester John Marshall	Rochester All-City Conference Championship
1/15/15	Thursday	Aitkin	Northern Lights Conference Meet
1/15/15	Thursday	Concordia Academy	Tri-Metro Conference Meet
1/15/15	Thursday	Wayzata	Lake 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



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Date	Day	Site	Type
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	Totino-Grace	Invitational
1/17/15	Saturday	Waconia	Invitational
1/17/15	Saturday	Wayzata	Invitational
1/17/15	Saturday	Yellow Medicine East	Invitational
1/19/15	Monday	Rocori	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	Alexandria	Invitational
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
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	Mounds View	Invitational
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	Rochester John Marshall	Invitational
1/24/15	Saturday	Simley	Invitational
1/27/15	Tuesday	ACGC	Dual Meet
1/29/15	Thursday	Cannon Falls	Invitational
1/30/15	Friday	Frazee	JV Championship
1/31/15	Saturday	Big Lake	Section 2AA
1/31/15	Saturday	Sauk Rapids	Section 4AA
1/31/15	Saturday	Mound-Westonka	Section 3AA
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
2/7/15	Saturday	Montevideo	Section 3AA