



Dear Officials,

The fall season is officially in full swing and just around the corner is another exciting winter season! Be sure to keep checking your e-mail as there will be a lot of updates regarding training and MSHSL news. If you have friends or family that are interested in joining JAM this season please have them register as the final date to register is approaching next month. The Core Group is thrilled for training this year as there will be new faces and information for officials!

Happy Fall!
JAM Core Group

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Annual JAM Training

As a reminder, annual JAM training will take place at St. Cloud Tech High School on October 3rd or at Valley Middle School on October 24th.

The training day is an exciting full day that allows each membership level to refresh and learn new information for the upcoming season.

- 7:30-8:00am: General Registration Qualifying, Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3**
- 8:00-9:30am: Level 2 and Level 3 Superior Judge Training (Optional)**
- 9:00-9:30am: Level 2 and Level 3 Registration**

Please bring a notebook and/or scratch paper, pens, and a calculator. Superior Judge Training is for Level 2 or Level 3 officials that have never attended superior judge training, have not been in the role of superior judge, or would like a refresher of the responsibilities.

Your active participation is requested at training. This year will be full of new information and rules updates. Remember, we can all learn from each other so the more discussion, the better!

MSHSL Reminders

Mark your calendars - the MSHSL online rules meeting and open-book exam will be available on October 12 and must be completed by November 3. Watching the annual presentation and passing the online test are requirements of all MSHSL officials. It is a rules change year and there will be procedural updates and other information that will be applicable for the upcoming season.

Rules books are expected to be mailed to MSHSL officials in early October. Be sure to contact the League office directly if you do not receive your rules book by October 12.

2015-16 Season At-A-Glance

- September 30** Open Registration Ends
- October 1 - 23** Late Registration
 - October 3** Northern Training
 - October 12** MSHSL Rules Meeting Available Online
 - October 24** Metro Training
- November 3** MSHSL Rules Meeting & Exam Due
- November 21** Mentor Program
- December 1** MSHSL State Application Due
- December 5** Mentor Program
- January 30** Sections
- February 6** Sections
- February 12-13** State

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

Mentor Program

Our Mentor Program will be held on Saturday, November 21 at Maple Grove Invitational and Saturday, December 5 at Apply Valley Invitational. JAM requires that all first-year members participate in the mentor program in order to be eligible to judge. Additional trial judging experience is also required. We will discuss the mentor program and trial judging, along with how to sign up for these requirements, in more detail at annual training.

Member Updates

Member Referral Program

You may have seen the continued 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 2015 trainings have concluded.

Website

We will be updating all applicable forms from the new 2015-2017 Rules Book on the website in the next few weeks.

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



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
Vanessa Owens	8/18
Nicole Brong	8/19
Emily Johnson	8/22
Jenna Quick	8/22
Amy Rath	8/28
Susan Krisnik	8/30
Melissa Penner	8/31
Jayne Smrstick	9/2
Kate LaFerriere	9/3
Marisa Miller	9/5
Kaylee Evans	9/9
Laine Rajkowski	9/12
Alyssa Strickland	9/13
Samantha Johns	9/14
Laurie Schaust	9/17
Jenna Bakken	9/22
Heather Goldade	9/24
Daenon Bronken	9/28
Colleen Christensen	10/5
Sara Hordyk Portner	10/5
Shannon Ross	10/5
Kelly Otteson	10/8
Laura Grimlund	10/9
Valisa McKinney	10/10
Kadee Hedstrom	10/13
Lois Wagner	10/15
Katie Remer	10/28
Andrea Hamad	10/27
Amanda Ballensky	10/28



BABIES

Emily Johnson is expecting a baby on March 20, 2016.

Ashley VanOverbeke had a baby girl, Brynna Noelle, on May 26th.

Jenna Skoglund had a baby boy.

Becky King had a baby girl, Haddie, on July 18.

Emily Puza had twin boys, Carter James 6.5 lbs., and Chase Roger 6.4 lbs. on September 29.



WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Kaelynn Kampa married Tyler Kamps on August 29th, 2015.

Elisia Tarnowske married Bill Zadra.

Lois Wagner married Bob Buschard.



EMPLOYMENT

Katie Ohlund is teaching at South Metro Dance Academy in addition to Ovations Dance Studio.

Breanna Blaskey is a new Beachbody coach.

Britt Thelemann is a new Beachbody coach.

Elisia Tarnowske started a new job.

Jamie Jewison is Project Manager at Towers Watson.

JAM DANCE TEAMS

In The Spotlight

JODIE ANDERSON



Resides In: Burnsville
Occupation: Paralegal at McEllistrem
JAM Member Since: 1993

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

A: Watching the routines and seeing how creative each team can be with their choreography.

Q: Tell us a little about your dance background.

A: I attended a studio for 6+ years and performed in the competition groups. I then went onto middle and high school danceline. In my senior year, I was captain with my sister Jill and another friend.

Q: Favorite dance team trend.

A: Difficult kick combinations.

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

A: I like to watch my son in football, baseball and scouts. I like to scrapbook, but need to clean my office to get those books again! I also like to walk, spend time with the family, and work in the garden.

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

A: I married my high school senior year boyfriend. We have been together for 26 years.

JENNIFER SAINSBURY



Resides In: St. Paul
Occupation: Client Support Specialist
 Project Manager at Loffler Companies
JAM Member Since: 2006

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

A: My favorite part about being an MSHSL dance team official is being a part of an amazing sport that continues to grow and reach new levels!

Q: Tell us a little about your dance background.

A: I started dancing at Lori's School of Dance in Hutchinson, MN at age 4. Then I joined the HHS Dance Team and was sole captain senior year. My love of dance grew, so I continued at the College of Saint Benedict competing on the National Team and serving as co-captain senior year.

Q: Favorite dance team trend.

A: My favorite trends from my days in the late 90's was the "walk with shoulders" and "Terry Lilly arms"! Now, I love the "trend" of plain-old-fabulous dancing. I can't believe the level of talent in so many young dancers.

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

A: I started playing golf at a young age thanks to the influence and encouragement of my dad and brother. I'm thankful for the skills I developed early as I continue to play in events and for fun. I also enjoy being a member of the Saint Paul Athletic Club and have taken to yoga and participating in Member Happy Hours.

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

A: I've bowled in leagues for about 5 years now and carry a 170 average.

KEELY RASK



Resides In: Fridley
Occupation: Marketing Assistant
 at Sherman Associates
JAM Member Since: 2014

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

A: I love seeing all of the talent Minnesota dance teams have to offer, while watching from the best seats in the house.

Q: Tell us a little about your dance background.

A: I started dancing when I was 13 (late starter, I know) and danced at 2 different studios, on the Spring Lake Park Dance Team, and the Winona State University Dance Team. I also currently teach at a dance studio.

Q: Favorite dance team trend.

A: My favorite would be when teams use popular songs from past decades, especially the 80's.

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

A: I love traveling every chance I get, and I love playing bingo :)

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

A: I work a full-time job in marketing for a real estate company, part-time at a dance studio and then judge on the side. I live a crazy, busy life, but I love it!



2015-16 Scheduled Meets List

Date	Day	Site	Type
11/14/2015	Saturday	St. Francis	Small Invitational
11/16/2015	Monday	Big Lake	Conference Meet
11/20/2015	Friday	Spring Lake Park	Conference Meet
11/21/2015	Saturday	Burnsville	Invitational
11/21/2015	Saturday	Byron	Invitational
11/21/2015	Saturday	Delano	Invitational
11/21/2015	Saturday	Eagan	Invitational
11/21/2015	Saturday	Maple Grove	Invitational + Mentor Program
11/21/2015	Saturday	Sartell	Showcase
11/21/2015	Saturday	Shakopee	Invitational
11/21/2015	Saturday	Wabasha-Kellogg	Invitational
11/23/2015	Monday	North Branch	Conference Meet
11/24/2015	Tuesday	Benilde	Conference Meet
11/24/2015	Tuesday	Farmington	Conference Meet
11/24/2015	Tuesday	Rochester Mayo	Mini Meet
11/24/2015	Tuesday	Simley	Conference Meet
11/24/2015	Tuesday	St. Cloud Apollo	Conference Meet
12/1/2015	Tuesday	Bloomington Kennedy	Conference Meet
12/1/2015	Tuesday	Hill-Murray	Conference Meet
12/1/2015	Tuesday	Lakeville North	Conference Meet
12/3/2015	Thursday	Andover	Conference Meet
12/5/2015	Saturday	Apple Valley	Invitational + Mentor Program
12/5/2015	Saturday	Chaska	Invitational
12/5/2015	Saturday	Detroit Lakes	Invitational
12/5/2015	Saturday	Forest Lake	Invitational
12/5/2015	Saturday	Hayfield	Invitational
12/5/2015	Saturday	Hutchinson	Invitational
12/5/2015	Saturday	New Ulm Cathedral	Small Invitational
12/5/2015	Saturday	Rogers	Invitational
12/8/2015	Tuesday	Henry Sibley	Conference Meet
12/8/2015	Tuesday	Lakeville South	Conference Meet
12/8/2015	Tuesday	Monticello	Conference Meet
12/10/2015	Thursday	Chanhassen	Conference Meet
12/10/2015	Thursday	Maple Grove	Conference Meet
12/10/2015	Thursday	Orono	Conference Meet



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Date	Day	Site	Type
12/11/2015	Friday	Crosby-Ironton	Conference Meet
12/12/2015	Saturday	Albany	Invitational
12/12/2015	Saturday	Bemidji	Invitational
12/12/2015	Saturday	Eastview	Invitational
12/12/2015	Saturday	Fergus Falls (Breckenridge)	Invitational
12/12/2015	Saturday	Lakeville North	Invitational
12/12/2015	Saturday	Waconia	Invitational
12/12/2015	Saturday	Zumbrota-Mazeppa	Invitational
12/15/2015	Tuesday	Chaska	Conference Meet
12/15/2015	Tuesday	Prior Lake	Conference Meet
12/15/2015	Tuesday	Rogers	Conference Meet
12/15/2015	Tuesday	South St. Paul	Conference Meet
12/15/2015	Tuesday	Willmar	Quad Meet
12/17/2015	Thursday	Coon Rapids	Conference Meet
12/17/2015	Thursday	Mayer Lutheran	Conference Meet
12/17/2015	Thursday	Rochester Century	Conference Meet
12/18/2015	Friday	ACGC	Invitational
12/18/2015	Friday	Frazee	Invitational
12/18/2015	Friday	Sauk Rapids-Rice	Conference Meet
12/19/2015	Saturday	BOLD	Invitational
12/19/2015	Saturday	Edina	Invitational
12/19/2015	Saturday	Lake City	Invitational
12/19/2015	Saturday	Richfield	Conference Championship
12/19/2015	Saturday	Rosemount	Conference Championship
12/21/2015	Monday	Tartan	Conference Championship
12/29/2015	Tuesday	PEM (Plainview)	Invitational
1/2/2016	Saturday	ROCORI	Invitational
1/7/2016	Thursday	Hutchinson	Conference Meet
1/9/2016	Saturday	Alexandria	Invitational
1/9/2016	Saturday	Belle Plaine	Invitational
1/9/2016	Saturday	Buffalo	Conference Championship
1/9/2016	Saturday	Henry Sibley	Invitational
1/9/2016	Saturday	Lakeville South	Invitational
1/9/2016	Saturday	Rochester Century	Invitational
1/9/2016	Saturday	Totino-Grace	Conference Championship
1/9/2016	Saturday	Winona	Invitational
1/11/2016	Monday	Central HS (Norwood Young America)	Conference Meet
1/11/2016	Monday	Melrose	All-Area Meet
1/11/2016	Monday	Rochester Mayo	Conference Championship



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1/11/2016	Monday	Sauk Rapids	All-Area Meet
1/14/2016	Thursday	Aitkin	Conference Meet
1/15/2016	Friday	Sartell	Conference Championship
1/16/2016	Saturday	Anoka	Invitational
1/16/2016	Saturday	Cannon Falls	Invitational
1/16/2016	Saturday	Chatfield	Conference Championship
1/16/2016	Saturday	Farmington	Invitational
1/16/2016	Saturday	Goodhue	Invitational
1/16/2016	Saturday	Hawley	Invitational
1/16/2016	Saturday	Monticello	Invitational
1/16/2016	Saturday	Northfield	Conference Championship
1/16/2016	Saturday	Totino-Grace	Invitational
1/16/2016	Saturday	Wayzata	Invitational
1/16/2016	Saturday	YME	Invitational
1/18/2016	Monday	Belle Plaine	Conference Meet
1/18/2016	Monday	MACCRAY (Clara City)	Small Invitational
1/23/2016	Saturday	Blaine	Invitational
1/23/2016	Saturday	Detroit Lakes	JV Championship
1/23/2016	Saturday	Dover-Eyota	Invitational
1/23/2016	Saturday	Eastview	Showcase
1/23/2016	Saturday	GFW (Fairfax Middle School)	Invitational
1/23/2016	Saturday	Lakeview (Cottonwood)	Conference Championship
1/23/2016	Saturday	New Prague	Invitational
1/23/2016	Saturday	Simley	Invitational
1/26/2016	Tuesday	ACGC	Conference Championship
1/29/2016	Friday	New Ulm Cathedral	Dual Meet
1/30/2016	Saturday	Chisago Lakes Area HS	SECTION MEET
1/30/2016	Saturday	Mound Westonka	SECTION MEET
1/30/2016	Saturday	Wadena-Deer Creek	SECTION MEET
2/1/2016	Monday	New Ulm Cathedral	Dual Meet
2/6/2016	Saturday	Albert Lea	SECTION MEET
2/6/2016	Saturday	Bloomington Kennedy	SECTION MEET
2/6/2016	Saturday	Bloomington Kennedy	SECTION MEET
2/6/2016	Saturday	Bloomington Kennedy	SECTION MEET
2/6/2016	Saturday	Dover-Eyota	SECTION MEET
2/6/2016	Saturday	Montevideo	SECTION MEET
2/12/2016	Friday	Jazz	State Tournament
2/13/2016	Saturday	High Kick	State Tournament