



**Dear Officials,**

It is the beginning of summer! We hope that all of you are enjoying the sun and warm temperatures. The Core Group is hard at work prepping for training this fall. Registration for officiating for next season is already in full swing. If you know of anyone that is interested in joining JAM please refer them to our website. It won't be long until summer is over and the new season begins!

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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**State Tournament Update**

In June, the MSHSL Board of Directors approved an action in response to the State AAA High Kick event. The action passed was the suspension of the four head coaches from Chaska, Eastview, Lakeville South, and Wayzata for a term of one year. (The Eden Prairie coaching staff resigned shortly after the tournament for reasons unrelated to the event).

The action taken by the MSHSL does not affect our roles as officials, and please remember to refrain from posting online comments or publicly discussing the events and the MSHSL's decision.

**2015-16 Season At-A-Glance**

<b>Through June 30</b>	Early Bird Registration
<b>July 1 - September 30</b>	Open Registration
<b>October 1 - October 23</b>	Late Registration
<b>October 3</b>	Northern Training
<b>October 19</b>	Season Open for Practice
<b>October 24</b>	Metro Training
<b>January 30</b>	Section Tournaments
<b>February 6</b>	Section Tournaments
<b>February 12-13</b>	State Tournament



**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.







## 2015-16 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

### JAM Qualifying Member

#### Requirements:

- Registered MSHSL dance team official
- Must attend JAM Metro or Northern Training
- Members transferring from other dance team associations
- 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
- Must demonstrate proficiency in the score sheet and judging in order to judge larger meets

### 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.

### JAM Level 2

#### Requirements:

- Meet MSHSL Level 2 requirements
- Must attend JAM Metro or Northern Training

#### Eligible For:

- Regular season and section assignments

### 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, parents, and current fall coaches 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

**Emily Puza** will be expecting twins on October 2.



### EMPLOYMENT

**Sara Nystuen** received her Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in Curriculum & Instruction. She is now the Supervisor of Educational Technologies and Training at the Center for Spirituality and Healing.



### MAY & JUNE BIRTHDAYS

<b>Kim Meyer</b>	May 1
<b>Ashley Artmann</b>	May 5
<b>Jennifer Brehm</b>	May 5
<b>Rachael Rupp</b>	May 10
<b>Allison Schultz</b>	May 11
<b>Kate Smith</b>	May 12
<b>Ashley Agre</b>	May 19
<b>Jessika Leonard</b>	May 22
<b>Heather Lynch</b>	May 26
<b>Franzi Schneider-Krumpus</b>	June 4
<b>Terri Mason</b>	June 5
<b>Amanda Clemens</b>	June 8
<b>Tara Dolder</b>	June 13
<b>Lora Meier</b>	June 15
<b>Stacy Abel</b>	June 27

## New things in your life?

Email us to be included in the next membership newsletter!

# JAM DANCE TEAMS

JAZZ STAMINA CREATIVITY CONTROL PRECISION MOVEMENT TURNS VISUAL MEMORY LEAP ROTATION DISTRIBUTION CONFIDENCE INTRICACY LEAPS COMBINATIONS STRENGTH TRANSITIONS REVEAL  
 FORMATIONS DIFFICULTY KICKS PACE LEVELS JAM ACHIEVE  
 JUMPS KNOWLEDGE FLEXIBILITY SPOTTING LEAPS REACTION  
 EXECUTION FLOOR HEIGHT TECHNIQUE COUNTS TIMING FLUENCY PRESENTATION POWER EXPRESSION JAZZ UNIQUE  
 VARIETY ACCURACY STRENGTH LEAPS TRANSITIONS REVEAL  
 UNITY

## In the Spotlight

### JILL KORTENHOF



**Resides In:** Savage  
**Occupation:** HR Fairview Health Services  
**JAM Member Since:** 1996

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

**A:** Being able to see the growth of dance team since I first started in it myself as a dancer and now as an official for the last 19 years.

**Q: Tell us a little about your dance background.**

**A:** I danced at Stage Door in Coon Rapids during my elementary and junior high years (competitive jazz, tap, ballet etc). When I was in 10th grade I was part of Blaine Bengalettes and was captain my senior year.

**Q: Favorite dance team trend.**

**A:** Unique cuts or pieces of music.

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

**A:** I work for Fairview four days a week as a Recruiter for Ridges Hospital. For the last 12 years I take dance classes for adults in Burnsville. (This gets harder every year). I have been married for 18 years and have 2 children who I love to watch play sports. My family has a Havanese puppy who keeps us very busy. In my spare time I enjoy camping, traveling, being outdoors, and scrapbooking.

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

**A:** HMM.. I root for the Packers (married a cheese head). GO PACK GO.

### Laurie Schaust



**Resides In:** Delano  
**Occupation:** Hope Chest Retail Sales & Lulu's Retail Therapy  
**JAM Member Since:** 2007

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

**A:** I love that I am still connected to high school dance team! I love working with and getting to know all the other judges who share the same passion for dance team that I have.

**Q: Tell us a little about your dance background.**

**A:** I introduced dance team to Delano High School when I was a sophomore in school. We took the concept to our superintendent and he said if you can find a supervisor you can do it! Then when they needed a coach a few years later I took the job and coached for 27 years. I loved it and took my team to 3 consecutive dance championships in Jazz Funk.

**Q: Favorite dance team trend.**

**A:** I love the ever-changing themes that the teams come up with. I also continue to be in awe of the athleticism of the dancers!

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

**A:** I started my own little business "LuLu's Retail Therapy" I buy inexpensive fashion trends to wear and sell at salons and boutiques. I also work at Hope Chest for breast cancer. It is a resale consignment store in Bloomington. My favorite passion besides dance are my grandchildren. I have 6 and love to spend time with them and my family.

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

**A:** I cannot swim! I am afraid of the water...my grandkids are always saying that they want to teach me.

### Stephanie Sorbel



**Resides In:** Maple Grove  
**Occupation:** Stay at home Mother  
**JAM Member Since:** 2012

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

**A:** This is my way to still be involved in the dance world, and after coaching for five years, it's fun to see dance from another perspective.

**Q: Tell us a little about your dance background.**

**A:** I studio- danced my entire life, until high school when I danced for Maple Grove Senior High. This was the start of their program, so we were nothing like they are today, but still fun to say I danced for Maple Grove! I danced at Bethel College for 4 years, and then started a team at PACT Charter School and coached there for the next four years.

**Q: Favorite dance team trend.**

**A:** I love kick dances with a theme!

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

**A:** I stay home with four kiddos, so their hobbies have become mine... endless hours of board games, reading books, jumping on the trampoline, and cuddles on the couch. My interests outside of my kids are running and seeing movies.

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

**A:** I have very short, stubby toes and was nicknamed, "Stubbs" in high school.





## 2015-16 Scheduled Meets List

Date	Day	Site	Type
1/23/16	Saturday	Eastview	Showcase
1/23/16	Saturday	Lakeview (Cottonwood)	Invitational
1/23/16	Saturday	New Prague	Invitational
1/23/16	Saturday	Simley	Invitational
1/26/16	Tuesday	ACGC	West Central Conference Championship
1/30/16	Saturday	Chisago Lakes	2AA Section Meet
1/30/16	Saturday	Mound Westonka	3AA Section Meet
2/6/16	Saturday	Albert Lea	1AA Section Meet
2/6/16	Saturday	Dover-Eyota	1A Section Meet

## The Dance Mile Minneapolis

What better way to enjoy the summer weather with a group of your friends or fellow officials dancing down Nicollet Mall. The Dance Mile is a great way to share your love of dance with the community. Dancers will be led by a DJ spinning a playlist that guarantees to keep you moving. At the finish line there will be contests, performances, and a dance party!

### Schedule of Events

**Date: August 15, 2015**

**5:00-6:00pm- Registration & Bib Bedazzle**

**6:00-6:30pm- Zumba Warm Up, Performances**

**6:30-7:30pm- Minneapolis Dance Mile**

**7:30-8:00- Dance Party, Dance Acts, Contests**

For registration information and fees please visit their website.

<http://thedancemile.com/location/minneapolis-2015/>

### CONNECT WITH JAM

**WEBSITE:** [jamdanceteams.org](http://jamdanceteams.org)

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