

GHS Dance Team 2020-21 Overview

Tryout Process

Anyone wishing to be a part of the 2020-21 GHS Dance Team is required to attend tryouts. This includes both new and returning members. No one is guaranteed a spot on the team; all members must earn their spot each year. Additionally, team members who were previously competitive members of the team are not guaranteed a position in competition routines this season - team status as a competitive member or an alternate is earned yearly.

A pre-tryout clinic will be held on Saturday, April 4th from 1:00-3:00pm in the GHS Cafeteria. This clinic is not required, but is a great way to learn more about team expectations, required tryout skills, and to learn part of the tryout routine in advance.

Tryouts will be held on Saturday, April 18th and Sunday, April 19th. Attendance at both tryout dates is required. Any dancer who has a conflict should notify Coach Kim (email greenfielddance@gmail.com) ASAP to discuss accommodations. Accommodations will not be made if the coach is notified after tryouts have already taken place.

Day one (Saturday) will consist of discussing team expectations, reviewing required skills, and learning audition choreography. On day two (Sunday), after a brief warm up and review session, candidates will perform for judges in small groups.

In addition to attendance at tryouts, dancers must submit the following materials no later than Saturday, April 18th:

- Completed tryout application
- (2) completed teacher recommendation forms, each in a signed and sealed envelope

Failure to complete and submit required tryout materials will result in inability to tryout.

General Expectations

Further expectations, including specific policies on attendance, grade maintenance and eligibility, discipline, etc. are outlined in the team handbook, which will be provided to all dancers at the New Team Meeting on Tuesday, April 21st once team selection has been finalized. This is meant to provide a brief insight into expectations to ensure that all candidates feel they can uphold these guidelines and standards and make a full commitment when deciding to tryout for the team.

Attendance

Attendance at all practices, workouts, performances, competitions, and any other team events that may arise throughout the season is expected. A general outlook of the season is provided in this packet, and a complete schedule will be provided to dancers who are selected for the team at the first meeting. All efforts should be made to schedule appointments and events

around the team schedule. Excused absences include illness, pre-planned vacations/trips, and mandatory school events. Excused absences should be reported to the coach as soon as the dancer becomes aware of the conflict. Unexcused absences include any unreported absence as well as a reported absence without a reasonable explanation. Disciplinary action for excessive absences is at the discretion of the coach. Please note that competition choreography weeks/weekends and competition week practices are mandatory.

Academics

A student-athlete's top priority is academics. Specific eligibility guidelines are outlined in the handbook, but all GHS student athletes must maintain a GPA of 1.5 or higher in order to remain eligible for athletic participation. Additionally, attendance at school is the first priority - a dancer who is not present at school for at least half of the day cannot attend a practice or performance that evening. In the event of a weekend performance or event, dancers must attend school on the Friday before in order to participate.

Behavior

As a member of the GHS Varsity Dance Team, you will represent not only yourself but your team, your coach(es), your school, and the Greenfield community. All team members are expected to act with respect and integrity at all times. Bullying or inappropriate behavior at any time, in or out of uniform, will not be tolerated.

Competition Team Status

As previously stated, selection for the team does not guarantee placement in competition routines. During tryouts, dancers may be selected as alternates for our competition pom or jazz routines. Alternate status can change - if a dancer significantly progresses before we learn our competition routines, they may be put into the routine. However, please note that anyone chosen as a competitive alternate at tryouts is NOT guaranteed to be put into competition routines this season. If you are not interested in being a part of the team if you are selected as an alternate, please indicate this when asked on your tryout application.

Cost

In addition to the required school athletic fee, dancers are responsible for purchasing their own dance shoes, tights, and various team apparel (warm ups, team t-shirts or tank tops, backpacks, etc.). The cost varies from year to year and may be less for returning members who can utilize items bought in previous seasons. However, the estimated cost at the beginning of the season is around \$200 per dancer. Additional fees for extra tights, shoes, etc. may arise throughout the season as needed.

In addition, we will be attending Badgerette summer camp this year. There will be a fee to attend camp (which includes overnight stay, camp instruction, competition, and meals) - estimated \$350 per dancer, dependent on number of team members and offset from fundraising efforts. A \$100 deposit will be due after team members are selected, and more information will be provided to those who are selected for the team.

Any dancer with concerns about finances should contact the athletic office upon team selection to discuss a payment plan. We will do our best not to exclude anyone due to finances.

Schedule

Upon team selection, dancers and parents will be provided with a more specific schedule. This is meant as a general overview of important, mandatory dates so that team members can plan their schedules accordingly and ensure that they are able to fully commit to the team. Dance team is a multi-season sport, with our first practice weekend already taking place in May 2020 and basketball/competition season wrapping up in late February or early March 2021. As a coach, I do my best to accommodate schedules of other sports and school activities, but team members are expected to schedule their commitments around the team schedule whenever possible. A continuous conflict that impacts attendance may result in a dancer being benched or becoming an alternate in competition routines at discretion of the coach.

April 2020

- Pre-tryout clinic - Saturday, April 4th 1:00-3:00pm (GHS Cafeteria)*
- Preliminary Tryouts - Saturday, April 18th 12:00-4:00pm (GHS Main Gym)
- Final Tryouts - Sunday, April 19th 11:00am-3:00pm (GHS Main Gym)
- New Team Meeting - Tuesday, April 21st 6:00pm

*Pre-tryout clinic is not mandatory, but may be very helpful to those wishing to tryout.

May 2020

- Practice weekend - May 16th/17th, specific times TBD
- Dan Jansen Festival Fundraiser - weekend of May 22nd-25th (Memorial Day Weekend)

June 2020

- Practice weekend - dates/times TBD

July 2020

- Team workouts/technique - Tuesdays beginning on the 7th, 1:00-2:30pm
- Practices - Thursdays beginning on the 9th, 12:30-3:00pm
- Pre-camp practices - 20-23 and 27th, 12:30-3:00pm
- Camp send-off performance - 23rd in the evening
- Badgerette Camp at Carroll University - 28th-August 1st

August 2020

- Team workouts/technique - Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30pm
- Practices - Thursdays, 5:00-8:00pm
- Tentative performance at Waukesha Dance Daze, Waukesha North High School - details TBD

- Tentative Badgerette Midwest competition in Illinois (overnight) - 14th/15th (additional practices may be scheduled prior to this weekend if we attend)
- Competition choreography week - 17th-21st
- Friday night home football games - typically beginning the last 1-2 weeks of August

September 2020

- Practices - beginning the first week of school, Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30-8:00pm
- Friday night home football games - schedule TBD
- Competition choreography weekend - 12th/13th
- Homecoming week - 21st-24th, daily practices 5:30-8:00pm
- Homecoming (pep rally, parade, team dinner, football game) - 25th

October 2020

- Practices - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-8:00pm
- Friday night home football games - schedule TBD
- Daily practices the week before Friends and Family Showcase
- Kids clinic - Friday evening before showcase
- Friends and Family Showcase - Saturday evening in late October

November 2020

- Practices - Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 5:30-8:00pm
- Daily practices (Mon-Thurs) during the week of a competition
- Power of Purple Competition - date TBD
- Tentative other competition - date TBD
- *No practices during Thanksgiving Break*

December 2020

- Practices - Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 5:30-8:00pm
- Daily practices (Mon-Thurs) during the week of a competition
- Basketball games, dates TBD (typically Friday nights and occasional Tuesdays)
- Watertown Competition - date TBD
- 1-2 winter break practices scheduled, date/time TBD (in between Christmas and New Years)

January 2021

- Practices Monday-Thursday 5:30-8:00pm, beginning Monday 1/4/21
- One Saturday practice scheduled before regionals (date TBD dependent on competition schedule)
- Basketball games, dates TBD
- Badgerette Badger State competition - date TBD
- WACPC Regional competition - 30th

February 2021

- Practices Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30-8:00pm; additional Wednesday practices as needed if a basketball game causes us to miss a Tuesday practice
- Daily practices before a competition week
- Basketball games, dates TBD
- WACPC State competition, dependent on placement at regionals on 1/30 - 6th
- End of season banquet - late this month or early March

Additional team performances, fundraisers, and events will arise throughout the season. This is meant to be a general overview, not a finalized schedule.