

Juan Diego Academy Emeralds Contract

2015 - 2016

Purpose and Mission

It is the purpose of the JDA Emeralds to promote school spirit, provide entertainment at athletic events, and to represent the school and community at community events and dance team competitions. The mission is to provide dancers with a successful and meaningful educational experience. Team members have personal goals of high academic achievement, increasing their dance ability, learning effective time management, and forming strong friendships. The success of this team is due to a strong commitment from the dancers, parental involvement and experienced sponsors. The dancers exhibit good sportsmanship, positive attitudes toward team members, competitors, schoolmates and parents.

Requirements

- A. For each semester, members must:
1. Be passing all classes
 2. Be current in Christian Ministry Hours
 3. Have no conduct referrals or detentions
 4. Attend all required dance team activities
 5. Inform the sponsor in advance of inability to attend a required dance team activity

**Failure to abide by these conditions will result in suspension/removal from the team*

- B. Officers will be chosen on a yearly basis by a means determined by the sponsor.

Conduct

A. By accepting the privilege and honor of being a member of the Emeralds, a dance team member accepts the fact that her actions are more prominent than those of persons not associated with such an activity.

B. Because of this prominence, and because members represent Juan Diego Academy, exemplary behavior is mandatory at all times, anywhere in the community of JDA and at all functions where dance team members are recognized as representatives of JDA.

C. All rules and regulations imposed on any JDA student will be imposed on dance team members. Members are responsible for knowing all school policies and procedures. Student parent handbook.

D. A merit/infraction system will be used throughout the school year to manage minor violations. Merits may be earned for behavior above and beyond that which is expected of a dance team member. The system is as follows:

1. 1 infraction will be issued for such offenses such as tardiness, wearing jewelry, talking, chewing gum, missing poms or uniform items, failing to follow instructions, etc.
2. A dance team member will sit out a performance if she receives 5 infractions during a season, or for more serious offenses such as missing practice without notification

E. Poor conduct/behavior under any of the above circumstances could result in warning, infractions, and/or suspension/removal from the team. Inappropriate behaviors not only reflect on the individual, but can also affect the image of the entire team. The good of the squad always comes before any one individual. No one is irreplaceable or indispensable. If it is in the best interest of the squad that an individual or individuals be moved from a performance or from the team, this action will be taken by the sponsor in consultation with the administration. Parents and dancers are free to discuss with the sponsor all decisions and questions about conduct, however the decision of the sponsor is final in all disciplinary matters.

Uniforms and Other Expenses

A. Performance top, skirt, dance top, dance pant and poms will be provided by the Juan Diego Academy and therefore are property of the school.

B. Dance team members must purchase other personal items such as dance shoes, socks, tights, tote bag and etc.

C. Uniforms are to be kept clean, neat and in good repair at all times. Uniforms may ONLY be used for performances.

D. Any equipment provided by Juan Diego Academy for the dance team is the property of the school and must be returned as directed by the dance team sponsor. Uniforms and poms that is ruined, lost, or stolen will be replaced by that member at her own expense.

E. The JDA Emeralds will plan fundraising events as needed to help defray the costs associated with competitions and other special events. All dancers and parents are expected to take an active role in all fundraisers.

F. Attending summer dance camp is IMPERATIVE in uniting the team and preparing for the upcoming year. Dance team members are expected to attend camp together. Fees are the responsibility of the individual.

G. Payment for uniforms must be paid at registration. The cost for each participant will be \$150.00.

Learning/Teaching Routines

- A. Members are expected to be attentive and cooperative when learning routines. Repeated disruptions, especially during practice, will result in warnings, infractions and possible removal from that performance. Continued problems will result in calls to parents, additional game suspension and possible removal from the team.
- B. Constructive criticism/suggestions given in a polite manner are welcomed. Complaining and/or rudeness to the teacher of the routine are a disruption and will carry with infractions.
- C. Everyone must practice the steps learned in practice, on their own, before the next class/practice in order to be prepared to go on. Steps missed when absent should be learned within one day of return. All performances will require a try-out. Officers and/or the director will judge try-outs for pep rallies, basketball games, and other non-competition performances.

Practices

- A. All practices are MANDATORY*. Practices are Tuesday – Thursday from 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (*Schedule subject to change.*)
- B. Missing a scheduled practice the day before an event will result in the individual not performing for that event and sitting out for the next scheduled performance.*

**Exceptions to A and B for academic or health reasons must be approved in advance by the sponsor.*

- C. Members must dress out for all practices unless otherwise notified. Clothing should be appropriate for the activity. Dance shoes are required.
- D. The *Student-Parent Handbook* policy on school attendance/ absences will be followed.
- E. Members must contact the director whenever absent from practice.

Parent/ Dancer/ Sponsor Contract Agreement

Dancer's Name

Parent(s) Name

Parent/Guardian:

I/We, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the above named student have read the Dance Team Contract and understand/agree to abide by it. We understand that the sponsor has the final say in my/our daughter's participation on the team. We agree to help in any way we can with the success of the team.

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/2015

Dancer:

As a member of the Dance Team, I have fully read the contract and understand what is expected of me to remain a member in good standing. I will keep myself knowledgeable and informed of all the rules and procedures. I consider it an honor to be a member of the Juan Diego Academy Emeralds and will always do my best to respect my team members, the sponsor, and my school community. I also understand that the sponsor has the final say in my participation on this team and will do all I can to make it successful.

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/2015

Sponsor:

As a sponsor of the dance team, I pledge to keep parents informed, to treat all members with dignity, respect, and fairness, to be reasonable in practice expectations, and to always keep in mind that academics need to be highly considered within my framework of expectations.

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/2015