



ELEMENTARY BALLROOM

Recreational Team Match Rules and Regulations 2019-2020

SCHOOL NAME: _____

Listed below are the rules for the Elementary Ballroom Team Match event, which have been established to help safeguard the fidelity of the program and to ensure the team match event is a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone involved. These rules emphasize the “Recreational” nature of the team match event. Should any point arise which is not covered in the rules, it will be referred to the Team Match Coordinator and *dänzinsküle Education Foundation* board whose decision will be final.

LIABILITY: Anyone attending an Elementary Ballroom Team Match event does so at his or her own risk. *dänzinsküle Education Foundation*, any school district, or any participating school is not liable for students, teachers, or parents attending a team match event. It is the responsibility of a parent or legal guardian of the student to provide transportation to and from any team match event.

AWARDS: The Alpine Team Match event will award a perpetual trophy to the school that displays the most **SPiRiT** and to the school that shows the best **SPORTSMANSHIP**. One couple from class level at each school will be recognized with an **EXCELLENCE AWARD** (dedicated dancer) and every dancer will receive a ribbon associated with the placement of the team score. (Bronze, Silver or Gold)

RULES AND REGULATION

1. Each participating school must submit a **Team Match Registration Form** to the Team Match Registrar and an **Elementary Ballroom Team Match Rules and Regulations** form signed by the teacher and principal to *dänzinsküle Education Foundation*. (Sign on back of this page at bottom of this form)
2. Each student participant must submit to the teacher a **Team Match Release Form** that is signed by a parent or legal guardian. This form will be effective for all three team matches held during the Winter Semester of the current year. This signed form must be submitted with the signed Team Match Rules and Regulations Form to *dänzinsküle Education Foundation* by **OCTOBER 23rd, 2019** at the teacher training meeting.
3. Each team may consist of only 4th, 5th, and/or 6th grade students who must attend the school they represent. All other exception must be approved by the Team Match Coordinator.
4. Students must dress according to the following guidelines in order to participate in the Team Match event.
Boys - A white long-sleeved shirt and any dark-colored pants, socks, and shoes are allowed at the Alpine and Utah Valley University (UVU) team match events with a tie of any color, however, black pants, black tie, black socks and white dress shirt are required for the State Team Match held at Brigham Young University (BYU). **We encourage students to use the BYU dress standard at all team match events.** See guidelines at *byudancesport.com* form for more details.
Girls – Any black colored skirt and white shirt are allowed for the Alpine and UVU Team Match events, however, the black skirt and white shirt guidelines specific to the BYU competition need to be met in order to participate. **We encourage students to use the BYU dress standard at all team match events.** See guidelines at *byudancesport.com* form for more details
5. Shoes for the Team Match events are as follows:
Boys – Heel height not to exceed 1.5 inches
Girls – Heel height not to exceed 1.5 inches, and must be block heel style if a dance shoe. No spike heels. An ankle strap is highly recommended to keep the shoes secure.
6. Each team consists of five (5) couples for the Alpine Team Match, five (5) couples plus an alternate couple for UVU Team Match and BYU Team Match.
7. A team qualifies to participate at any team match by adhering to the most recent curriculum (specific and complete dance routines, with no changes or embellishments) and following the class structure of two **60 minutes classes** per week, for a maximum of 13 weeks per semester (26 dance classes per semester).
8. Teams not adhering to the specific and complete dance routines will be automatically given a “Bronze” ribbon and asked to meet with the Elementary Ballroom Director or Team Match Coordinator to review the routines.

9. Teams **MUST** dance at the skill level of their students. For example: If a team has a level 2 student, then all the students on the team must dance the level 2 curriculum. Level 1 students may dance up to a Level 2 team, but Level 2 dancers may **NOT** dance down to a Level 1 team.

10. Teachers must provide a full 26-week (yearly) ballroom dance class to all interested students and give them equal access to the team match events. **Class size may not be minimized to just the team match participants after the first term.**

11. Students who participate in a ballroom class held at an Elementary School and are approved by the school principal to join the class (either part of a public school district, Charter school, or Home School program) are eligible to take part in a team match event. If students are not from an elementary school ballroom program, the entire team is subject to disqualification. Students who participate at a team match event must participate in an Elementary School ballroom program during the same school year a team match is offered.

12. Level 1 teams are considered “**Newcomer Teams**” and are defined as “**New to the sport of Ballroom Dance**”. They are beginning students who do not take ballroom lessons outside of the Elementary Ballroom program. The Level 1 students have been dancing for only the current school year, and do not participate in private ballroom lessons or ballroom medley teams.

13. **Any student is considered a Level 2 dancer if they have already danced for one school year.** They do not take private ballroom lessons or participate on a ballroom medley team.

14. If a student takes private lessons, participates with another ballroom group or medley team, or participates in a competition outside of Elementary Ballroom events, then he/she has “**graduated from**” any team match experience. **Graduated Team Match students may participate in their school’s ballroom classes, and their school parent performances, but may not dance on the team match team.**

15. Each school may register as many double dancing or Non Qualifying teams as desired to participate at the Alpine Team Match after first registering a **FULL team (5 couples)** of the same level.

16. A Non Qualifying team is defined as less than 5 couples. A NQ team may double-dance a **maximum** of three (3) boys per team and three (3) girls per team. The student may NOT double-dance a style that is scheduled consecutively. **Information regarding students who double-dance must be submitted to the Team Match Registrar by the registration due date to ensure proper acknowledgement at the event. Double dancing is NOT permitted at UVU or BYU.** It is required that each school bring an alternate couple to BOTH the UVU and BYU team match events. Dancers may only dance on one team.

17. In order for a team to participate at UVU Team Match or the BYU STATE team match, a team must first qualify by participating at the Alpine Team Match event.

- **The top 32 scoring Level 1 teams from the Alpine Team Match will qualify to dance at UVU Team Match.**
- **The top 20 scoring Level 2 teams from the Alpine Team Match will qualify to dance at BYU Team Match.**

18. If there are not enough dancers for a school to create a team for the Alpine Team Match, then the school may seek couples from other schools. **Combined teams cannot qualify to attend UVU Team Match or BYU State Team Match.** The school that has the need for the couples will be the represented team. (i.e: If Northridge doesn’t have enough students to create one team, then they can create a combined team and all the dancers will dance for the “Northridge” team.)

19. Final interpretation of these rules and regulations will be determined by *dänzinsküle Education Foundation* board and it’s members. Any concerns or questions regarding the rules or implied rules will be referred to the board.

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Lead Teacher Signature	Phone #	Date
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Principal Signature	Phone #	Date

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