



TeamDance *Illinois* State Championship Information

Saturday, March 6th, 2010

TEAMDance *Illinois* “A Night to Remember”

TDI will be hosting “A Night to Remember” Pre-Party on Saturday March 6, 2010 from 6:00 pm–8:30pm at the Peoria Civic Center Grand Ballroom located at 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria, IL 61602. All coaches and teams are invited to attend this party and are encouraged to dress in **Famous** and **Fabulous** attire to celebrate the season’s successes and kick off the State Championship. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:45pm. The presentation will include a multi-media power point regarding the State Championship day and the Peoria Civic Center facility, the True Colors Sportsmanship Award Presentation and the playing of the TDI Movie. After the presentation...let the dancing begin! Choice Tunes will be on hand to DJ. While teams take a break from dancing, we will offer activities to promote “competing with class”. There will be unique opportunities for the teams attending the party to be highlighted at the State Championship the following day.

Teams attending the pre-party will be able to pick up their Registration packet, purchase State Championship Programs and Merchandise between 5:30 pm and 8:00 pm. Be sure to remind your team members to bring money to purchase these items if interested and their cameras to capture photos from their “A Night to Remember.”

The TDI State Championship Pre-Party is free to all qualified teams who have rsvp’ed. Funding for the Pre-Party comes from the Peoria Visitors and Convention Bureau and TeamDance Illinois. This event is open only to rostered coaches and team members.

The official announcement for the Pre-Party is available by clicking on the State Championship page.

Sunday, March 7th, 2010

State Championship Location

The State Championship will be held at the Carver Arena located inside the Peoria Civic Center at 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria, IL 61602.

Team Registration and Check In

Teams may register beginning at 6:30 am by picking up their team registration packet at the team entrance, which is located in the Box Office Lobby. Please check in at the TEAMDance information booth.

The registration packet will include the final logistics of the day and TDI wristbands for all participants and coaches. These wristbands will allow performers/coaches entrance into the Peoria Civic Center and the performance level of the facility.

Teams that attended the Pre-party the night before will have already picked up their packet and will not need to check in again.

Pass Gate for School Administrators

School administrators are eligible for a Pass Gate into the State Championship event. If your school administrator will be attending, please send an email to state@teamdanceillinois.org with the name of the school administrator and their position.

Team and Coach Wristbands

Inside each team packet will be a wristband for each participant and up to three coaches. The number of wristbands in each packet will be determined from the official membership list. Extra wristbands for additional coaches can be purchased for \$10 at the pre-party and the TDI registration table.

Bus Driver Passes

Inside each team packet will be one (1) Bus Driver pass to allow entry into the arena. If your team has additional bus drivers you will need to purchase spectator tickets at the main box office.

Please note: The bus driver will need to go to the TDI Table to receive the wristband for entrance into the arena.

Team Entrance

The team entrance is located in the box office lobby. The doors will open at 6:15am and will remain open throughout the competition.

For security purposes, bags will be searched by Peoria Civic Center Security upon entrance to the facility. Please advise your team in advance of this security screening to aid in the efficient navigation of this checkpoint.

Bus Drop Off and Parking

Buses may drop students off at the new box office lobby. Buses will enter the drive from Jefferson Street and exit on Kumpf Boulevard.

Peoria Civic Center staff will direct buses to the PCC parking lot on Monroe Street. Bus parking in this lot is \$12.00 for the day.

Spectator Parking

There is no onsite parking at the Peoria Civic Center. There are 24 parking structures within a three block radius of the Peoria Civic Center. A map listing all of the parking structures is listed on the teamdanceillinois.org website. To access this page select the Competition icon, then select the State Championship link, and then the State Championship – City of Peoria Information page and then select the parking structures link.

Peoria Civic Center

Carver Arena consists of three levels that we will refer to as follows:

- The **Concourse level** – This is the main level where the spectator seating, concessions, and vendors are located.
- The **Upper Level** – Is located inside the arena and is considered to be all of the seating above the concourse level.
- The **Performance Level** – This is the area located beneath the arena (the underbelly/tunnel area) and is accessible to participants, coaches and TDI Staff only.

Official maps of the Peoria Civic Center and Carver Arena are available on the teamdanceillinois.org website.

Please note that the Peoria Civic Center is a large multi-use facility. On Saturday night, the Peoria Civic Center is hosting a Peoria Rivermen Hockey Game. Additionally, the Peoria Ballet will be presenting Romeo and Juliet. Check out www.peoriaciviccenter.com for more information. On Sunday, the RV Show is being held in the Convention Halls.

State Championship Competition Schedule

The first performance will be scheduled at approximately 7:30am and awards will begin at approximately 6:15 pm and typically last one hour.

Performances will be scheduled to alternate facings in the arena. For example, a pom routine may perform facing Section 1, the next routine may be a Flag routine that will face Section 13, the next pom routine would then face Section 1. This will allow us to efficiently schedule performances and effectively manage spectator traffic flow.

The tentative State Championship schedule will be posted to the TeamDanceIllinois.org website by February 28, 2010. Coaches will receive a final schedule with the RLO, Warm Up, and Performance times in their Team Packet.

The final schedule will be printed in the TDI State Championship program the morning of the contest for spectators. The cost of the programs is \$8.00.

Team Holding Area

Teams will be allowed to sit and store their items in the Upper Level seats section Section 5 - 9 and Section 17 - 21. Only participants and coaches wearing the TDI wristband will be allowed to enter this area by PCC Security personnel.

Since this is a common area, it is suggested that valuables are not left unattended.

Entrance to the Performance Level

Only participants and coaches wearing the State Championship TDI wristband will be allowed access to the Performance Level. There are two entrances to the Performance level

1. The hallway between Section 11 and 12 has an elevator that will transport you to the Performance Level.
2. The “Press” entrance located by Section 11 has a stairway that will take you down to the Performance Level.

Please refer to the facility maps for these entrances.

Dressing Rooms

There are several dressing rooms on the Performance Level where participants can change costume. Teams should only utilize these rooms for changing as all teams need to access to these rooms.

Outside the dressing rooms there are several small rooms with sinks and mirrors for finalizing make up. These too are shared rooms so please try to keep them as clean as possible.

Please advise participants that they **SHOULD NOT** use the restrooms on the concourse level for changing or make up application.

Stretching Area

A small section of Hall D will be designated for stretching. This will be used on a first come first serve basis and you are requested to limit your time to 10 minute intervals. No music will be allowed in this area.

Ready Line Area

The Ready Line Area is located in Hall D and will have identifying signage. Please report to the Ready Line Official at your designated time, which will be listed on the State Schedule in the same manner as Regional Contests

Time and Penalties Area

A portion of Hall D will be designated as a Time and Penalties area. The space provided will be as large as a basketball floor so you will be able to perform your routine full out if you wish. Your official time for this area will be listed on the State Schedule in the same manner as Regional Contests. Each team will be reviewed by a RLO and TPO just as at the regional contests.

In the TPO area, the assumption is that all teams have come to State prepared with a performance that is free of illegal moves. The TPO will review the performance and inform the coach of any illegal moves, but just as during the regional season, there is no guarantee that all illegal moves will be noticed or that a move performed correctly in front of the TPO could be performed illegally on the main competition floor.

TDI will have a boom-box available in this area should you wish to play your music.

Performance Entrance / Exit

Once teams have completed their warm up area they will have approximately 15 minutes to report to the “On Deck” performance area in the tunnel. Teams will be escorted from the Warm up area to the staircase leading to the Performance Level. There will be identifying signage and TDI security personnel. Once in the tunnel teams should report to the On Deck Official at Section 7. The entrance to the performance area is at Section 7 on the Performance Level. Teams will exit the floor from Section 5.

Music Table / Announcer

The music table is located on the Performance floor at Section 6. The music table will have CD, Cassette Tape and IPOD functionality. There will be a Peoria Civic Center and TDI Staff member at this table to assist you. Coaches should bring at least two copies of their performance music to the table. It is suggested that if you have CD's that you bring a back up cassette tape, as some CD's are not readable on all machines.

The announcer will also be located at the music table.

Trainer

A trainer will be available on the Performance Level at Section 7 and in the Time and Penalties area to aid performers. The trainer will have ice and be able to provide basic first aid assistance. If a performer needs assistance ankles, knees, etc the trainer will be able to assist ***if the performer brings their own supplies.***

For more serious medical situations a nurse is located at the First Aid station located on the Concourse Level at Section 11

Team Photos and Action Shots

VIP will be taking team photos at the entrance to the performance floor. They will also be taking action shots during each performance. Photo orders can be taken at the VIP Photography Booth located in the Box Office Lobby or on the Web at www.vipis.com. A link to this website is located on the teamdanceillinois.org website.

The team photograph will be posed and taken just prior to the team taking the floor. Teams can pose however they wish. We encourage a pose that is fun and represents your team's personality. Please pre-plan your team's photo pose!

Spectators will be allowed to take non-flash photography from the spectator stands.

One coach from each team will receive a CD per performance that contains their team photo and all action shoots taken by VIP Photography as part of their State registration fee. These same photos will be available on the VIP website as well. VIP's website: www.VIPIS.com

Videography

Video cameras will **not** be allowed into the Peoria Civic Center. Alive Video will be videotaping the entire State Championship day. Videos may be ordered at the Alive Video booth located on the Concourse Level. Alive Video's website: www.alivevideopro.com

One coach from each team will receive a coach's video of the performance from that day as part of their State registration fee.

Spectator Ticket Prices

All spectators ages 6 and up will be required to have a ticket to enter the arena. Tickets may be purchased at the Peoria Civic Center Box Office beginning at 6:45 am. Wristband prices are as follows:

\$12.00 for adults

\$ 8.00 for children between 6-12 years old

Children under the age of 5 are free.

NEW THIS YEAR!! Pre-Order your tickets!

- Visit www.teamdanceillinois.org and click on the link to purchase spectator tickets
- Identify your team name and purchase your wristbands via PayPal
- Deadline for purchase is 3/3/2010
- Spectator tickets can be picked up from the TDI Information table on Sunday, 3/7/10 from 6:30am-5:00pm.

Spectators ages 6+ will not be allowed into the arena without a ticket.

Banners / Noisemakers / Balloons

Spectators will not be allowed to hang banners inside the arena. They may have hand held signs, but should be courteous to other spectators by not blocking their view.

Noisemakers are not permitted.

Helium Balloons are not permitted inside the Peoria Civic Center.

Coach Hospitality Suite

There will be a Coach Hospitality area located on the Performance Level in the VIP Room. Coach Association members will have access to this room where light refreshments will be served throughout the day.

Food and Beverages

The Peoria Civic Center will have all concession stands open beginning at 7:00 am and closing at 6:00 pm. The Peoria Civic Center will not allow outside food and beverages into the facility.

State Championship Programs

State Championship programs may be purchased at the Night to Remember on Saturday between 5:30 pm and 8:00 pm or on Sunday beginning at 6:45 am at either the Official State Championship Merchandise booth or the TDI Information booth located on the Concourse level in the Box Office Lobby.

The cost of the State Championship program is \$8.00 each.

There will be a limited supply of programs available so purchase early!

State Championship Merchandise

Minerva Sportswear is already selling exclusive TDI State Championship Merchandise is currently available online. The Minerva Sportswear booth will also be selling merchandise onsite and will be located in the Box Office Lobby.

Designs and price lists are currently available on the teamdanceillinois.org website on the State Championship Page. Pre-orders will be accepted for pick-up at the State championship.

JV Elite merchandise will be available for pre-sales ONLY....so be sure to order yours today!

Limited quantities of the TDI Patches and State Qualifier merchandise may be available at this booth also. Immediately following the award ceremony, "State Champion" patches will be available for sale at the TDI Registration booth

Fundraisers

Carnation Sales

New this year! TDI will sell bundles of 3 carnations complete with a fern, flower sleeve and keepsake tag. These will be available at the TDI Registration booth and will cost \$5. Please communicate this to your parents as we have had many parents ask about the availability of flowers for sale in years past. All proceeds go to support TDI programs

Hair Extensions!

Support your favorite team by adding hair extension in your school color. Stop by the Hair Extension booth inside the Upper Concourse between 9:00am – 3:00pm. They cost just \$5. All proceeds go to support TDI programs

Questions and Concerns during the Competition

Questions and Concerns that arise throughout the day may be directed to the TDI Information and State Championship Program Sales booth located in the Box Office Lobby. The TDI Staff at this booth will have radio contact with the State Championship Coordinator who will be able to answer and resolve issues.

State Championship Competition

Championship competition will be offered in the following categories:

Varsity Dance Teams will be competing in A, AA, AAA divisions of Pom, Open Pom, Open Dance, Kick, Lyrical, and Hip Hop.

Varsity Flag Teams will be able to compete in Tall Flag, Short Flag and Lyrical Flag.

JV Elite will be competing across all categories in one JV Elite 8 Division

Judging

The State Championship will utilize the score sheets and same criterion reference system that is used during the Regional Competition Season. Routines will be evaluated for Artistic and Technical content by separately trained Artistic and Technical judges for both Dance and Flag. The total point value a routine can receive is 100 points (50 points from the Artistic Judge and 50 points from the Technical Judge). Each routine will be evaluated by two (2) Artistic Judges (either Dance or Flag) and two (2) Technical Judges (either Dance or Flag). The two artistic scores and the two technical scores will be averaged and the two averaged scores will be added together to arrive at a final score out of 100 points. Each of the judges will also provide a verbal critique that evaluates the performance as it happens. These critique tapes will be available shortly after each performance.

Judges will be seated in the center level of Section 1 and Section 13. This is located in the center of the basketball court.

There will be 3 Officials at the State Championship; the Ready Line, Time and Penalty, and Head Contest Official.

The **Ready Line Official** will be located in Hall D. The RLO will greet and review the team for any potential safety infractions. If an infraction is identified and is corrected prior to taking the floor, no penalty will be assessed. If the team cannot or will not correct the infraction, then depending on the infraction, the team may either be penalized and may take the floor, or they may not be able to take the floor at all.

The **Time and Penalty Official** will be located in Hall D. The TPO will be available to review the routine and answer any potential spirit rule violations. If a violation is identified and corrected prior to taking the floor, no penalty will be assessed.

The **Head Contest Official** will be located on the arena floor. The HCO is the official timekeeper and responsible for assessing any penalty that appears or is performed on the performance floor. Any questions regarding the actual performance should be directed to the HCO.

Critique Tape Pick Up

Critique tapes will be available for pick up outside the Coaches Hospitality Suite which is located on the Performance Level shortly after each performance.

Any critique tapes that are not picked up will be placed in the exit packet at the end of the day.

Closing Ceremony and Awards

Parade of Teams

At the conclusion of the competition, teams will meet on the concourse level and will enter simultaneously from around the stadium as part of the “United Lights” parade. Additional information regarding the closing ceremony will be included in the Registration Packet.

Please be sure to inform your parents about this event. The arena lights are turned off for this event. Teams will be entering the performance floor from 5 pre-determined places in the arena. Please share your designated place with your parents so that they know where you will be entering from.

Teams can choose to bring items that glow in the dark to help identify their teams. TDI will provide neon light wands to all participants as part of their registration packets.

Competition Category Winners

Trophies and medals will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of each competition category in Dance A, Dance AA, Dance AAA, and the Flag division. We would like the coach and captains of the team to come forward to collect the award. TDI officials will present the trophy and medals to the coach who in turn may present to their Captains. Please have your team representatives come forward as quickly as possible so we may take a quick photograph of the presentation.

TDI DANCE GRAND STATE CHAMPION

The dance team receiving the highest cumulative score in any of the six dance categories (Pom, Open Pom, Open Dance, Kick, Lyrical, and Hip Hop) in each of the three class sizes will be recognized as the 2010 TDI Dance State Grand Champion for that class size. Therefore, we will have an A, AA, and AAA State Grand Champion.

The TDI Dance State Grand Champion teams will receive a TDI Dance Grand State Champion Trophy and each team member will receive TDI Dance State Grand Champion Medals. Each of these State Grand Champions will receive a corporate sponsor to honor their accomplishment.

The sponsors are:

Dance A: Sports Awards (TDI State Trophy and Medal Supplier) - \$500

Dance AA: Alive Video (TDI State Videographer) - \$500

Dance AAA: Minerva Sportswear (TDI State Merchandise Supplier) - \$500

TDI FLAG GRAND STATE CHAMPION

The flag team receiving the highest cumulative score in any of the four flag categories (Tall Flag, Short Flag, Lyrical Flag, and Open Drill) will be recognized as the 2010 TDI Flag State Grand Champion.

The TDI Flag State Grand Champion team will receive a TDI Flag State Grand Champion Trophy and each team member will receive TDI Flag State Grand Champion Medals. The TDI Flag State Grand Champion will receive a sponsor to honor their accomplishment.

The sponsor is: On3 Promotional Partners (TDI EStore Supplier) - \$500

JV Elite at State

TDI will be holding a JV Elite competition during the State Championship day. Please join us in congratulating those JV teams that qualify!

All JV Elite Teams will receive a trophy.

TEAMDance Illinois will sponsor a team scholarship in the amount of \$250 to the JV Elite Champion to honor their accomplishment.

“True Colors” Sportsmanship Team of the Year Awards

TDI will recognize two teams displaying the highest level of Sportsmanship as reported to and witnessed by TDI during the Regional Season. This award will receive the highest amount in sponsorship monies, a special presentation at the Pre-Party and a gift from TDI for each member of the team.

Mike & Michelle Lemm and VIP (TDI State Photographer) will co-sponsor a True Colors Sportsmanship Award in the amount of \$1,000.

Royal Hardware will sponsor a 2nd True Colors Sportsmanship Award in the amount of \$1,000.

Exit Packets

Exit Packets will be available at the conclusion of the awards ceremony located at the TDI information table in the Grand Lobby.

Included in the exit packet will be the individual score sheets from your team's performance and any critique tapes that were not picked up by the end of the day.

Scores/Recaps

Rankings will be posted on the Schedules and Results page of the teamdanceillinois.org website shortly after the conclusion of the closing ceremony: **[They will not be included in the exit packet.](#)**

Results will be posted on the Contest Scores page of the Coach Member Secured Site on the teamdanceillinois.org website shortly after the conclusion of the closing ceremony.

Critique Session

There will not be a critique session at the State Championship.

Special Thanks

On behalf to the Board of Directors, all the volunteer staff, and regional contest hosts, thanks for a great season. We experienced tremendous growth this year and appreciate everyone's patience, dedication, hard work and most importantly integrity!