

WVSD DANCE/DRILL SAFETY GUIDELINES

When a person is involved in any athletic activity, an injury can occur especially in a very physically demanding sport like dance/drill. One should be aware the information presented in these safety guidelines is to inform the athlete of proper techniques and inherent dangers involved with dance/drill. There is a chance of broken bones, muscle and soft tissue and back injuries, which could lead to some form of paralysis. Not all potential injury possibilities in this sport are listed, but athletes should be aware that fundamentals, coaching and proper safety equipment are important to the safety and enjoyment of the sport.

Guidelines are as follows:

1. Proper warm-up is essential before strenuous activity takes place. Be aware of the potentially serious injuries if you do not follow correct procedures in stretching and conditioning..
2. Perform only those skills and techniques as instructed and/or supervised by your coach.
3. Be sure all equipment, especially shoes, is fitting properly before each day's activity. Be cautious when practicing/performing on slick surfaces.
4. Travel to and from off-campus facilities and practice/competition sites must be in accordance with school procedures.
5. Remove all jewelry and metal hair fasteners and other body adornments as required by rules and regulations for dance/drill.
6. Be aware of your surroundings both home and away including but not limited to surface conditions, obstructions in the proximity to the practice or performance area.
7. Wear outer and under garments appropriate for humidity and temperature.
8. In order to help protect the safety of all squad members, squad members with physically limiting injuries and/or health conditions must inform the coach prior to each day's activity of limiting conditions and participate only to the extent allowed by the coach.
9. Hydration is essential with frequently scheduled drink breaks during practice and drinks available during all performances. Players should hydrate themselves frequently during practice and performances and follow the coaches' direction on hydration prior to and following practices and performances.
10. Notify the coach immediately if injured.
11. Practice only when your coach is present.
12. Stunts can be dangerous is not spotted correctly while learning or not performed correctly. You must understand the requirements of a spotter and have spotters in place before attempting any stunt.
13. Do routines at the appropriate time so you will not interfere with other activities taking place in the same area.

The above information has been explained to me and I understand the list of rules, safety regulations/warnings and procedures. I also understand the necessity of using the proper techniques while participating in the DANCE/DRILL program.

_____ Name of Student (print):	_____ Date	_____ Signature of Student
_____ Name of Parent/Guardian (print):	_____ Date	_____ Signature of Parent/Guardian