

CHS BLUE ILLUSION CONSTITUTION

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Article I. Name

The name of these organizations shall be as follows:

- CHS Blue Illusion Dance Team Varsity Team
- CHS Blue Illusion Dance Team JV Team
- CHS Blue Illusion Dance Team All-Male/Coed Team

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of these organizations shall be to render service to the school by maintaining and promoting school spirit and providing entertainment whenever requested in cooperation with school and community activities. It shall also strive to develop qualities of leadership, cooperation, scholarship, sportsmanship and high moral standards of conduct.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

A. Requirements for membership

- a. Students auditioning for the dance team must be entering grades 9-12 at Central High School..
- b. Must meet district eligibility requirements
 - i. Davenport Community School District policy for Athletic Eligibility (505.05) stipulated in the Iowa Code 281-36.15 under 36.15(2) Scholarship Rules. Grades will be checked by the Activities Office and students severely falling behind will face disciplinary action.
 - ii. Dancers are expected to have a valid and current physical exam/insurance/parental permit form signed by both a physician and parent/guardian on file in the activities office. No dancer will be allowed to practice or perform until this is done. Parents need to sign the insurance verification on the back of the physical.
 - iv. Policy sheets must be read and signed by one parent and the student who wants to participate in the sport. Without a signed policy sheet students will not be permitted to dance.
- c. Students selected for membership must be a full time student of the prospective high school.

B. Team Fees:

- a. New members pledge up to \$600
- b. Returners pledge up to \$500
- c. Members receive uniform items, bags, jackets, etc., after pledges are made.

- d. District funding is available to assist those who would like it
 - i. Items given to dancers using district funding MUST be returned at a time designated by the coach
 - ii. Failure to turn in items will result in a fine
 - e. The booster club and Treasurer will handle all team fees and arrangements
- C. Loss of Membership- Membership may be lost if a student:
- a. Receives a third suspension.
 - b. Once removed, attendance at dance team functions will be prohibited.
 - c. There are no refunds of fees paid for members who resign or are dismissed. Members who resign or are dismissed are still responsible for outstanding balances if the items or services have already been provided.

Section 2:

Grades

- A. Blue Illusion Dance Team Students will follow School/District academic guidelines.
- B. A member failing to comply with these requirements will be placed on probation according to those guidelines.
 - a. Any probation shall include:
 - i. No performances;
 - ii. No wearing of uniforms;
 - iii. May not travel with the team;
 - b. Practice is required of the member on probation, unless decided otherwise by the director.
- C. Grades will be checked every Friday.
 - a. If a dancer is failing a class they may be removed from a routine and replaced with an alternate (if available) until the grade is no longer a F, or at the coach's determination.
 - b. If the failing grade is leading up to a competition the dancer may be removed from the competition.
 - c. If the failing grade is leading up to a game/performance, the dancer may be removed from the game/performance

Section 3. Method of selection for membership

- A. During the workshop, which will be held prior to auditions, candidates will be taught material chosen by the director
- B. A panel of qualified judges consisting of professional dance performers or teachers will score the auditions.
- C. A natural break will be found in the scores to determine who is and is not selected for the team.
- D. Spectators will not be permitted to the workshop or auditions.

E. Each dancer auditioning for membership on the team will receive and sign a copy of the Constitution.

F. An approval to audition must be signed by parents and returned to the director before the student will be allowed to participate in the workshop.

G. Parents must read and sign an agreement stating that they have read the drill team constitution and agree to abide by its rules.

Section 4. Composition of the team

A. Captains/Officers

a. Members of the team, appointed by coaches

b. Numbers of Captains and officers will be determined by the coaching staff

B. Varsity and JV Members

C. Managers (will abide by the same rules as dancing members, directors may choose whether or not they wish to have managers).

Section 5. Rules of membership

A. Practices

a. All members are required to attend the designated practice sessions before or after school and over the summer. Attendance is mandatory.

b. Attendance at summer camp is mandatory.

c. Members will dress in designated clothes for all practice sessions or they will not participate in formations..

d. When a member is absent, it is their duty to find out what they missed and be prepared for the following day. (Includes material rehearsed and announcements and reminders)

e. Any student missing a practice prior to a performance can be removed from a performance at the discretion of the director.

B. Performances

a. All performances/activities must be attended. Any member who does not perform must be present and in designated uniform.

b. Members must be present at school half the day on the day of the game or Performance (unless otherwise discussed with the coach). Missing classes must be excused.

c. Members must travel to and from any activity on transportation approved by the school district.

ii. If a dancer wishes to ride home from an event with a parent, there must be a 24 hour advance written notice given to the coach.

iii. Dancers cannot go home with anyone but their own family

d. Student participation in performances and formations are at the discretion of the director.

e. The director must approve all uniforms, drills, dances, and activities.

Article IV. Uniforms

- A. Each member is responsible for the care of all uniforms and accessories issued.
- B. The school district will provide the basic items of the official field uniform for each member
- C. Dance Team members may receive a letter if:
 - a. They are in good standing on their team
 - b. They have participated in at least 75% of the performances
- D. The uniform or any part of it is not to be worn unless authorized by the director (this includes camp/practice attire).
- E. Uniforms will be inspected for neatness at all appearances.
- F. In any uniform hair is to be worn as directed by the director.
- G. When in uniform, jewelry or nail polish shall not be worn without special permission.
- H. Members shall not eat or drink in uniform unless authorized by the director.
- I. Field uniforms and other school issued costumes must be returned or dancers will be charged for the items.
- J. Members will not loan out their drill team clothing to anyone for any reason.
- K. Changes to physical appearance including, but not limited to, hairstyles and piercings must be coordinated with the dance instructor prior to any alteration.

Article V. Attendance

- A. Excused absences will be granted only for illness, death in the family, or extenuating circumstances as approved in advance by the director.
- B. If it becomes necessary for a member to be absent from practice or a performance for any reason, she/he must notify the director prior to the absence. Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence.
- C. In the event of illness, death in the family, or emergency, the Director must receive a written excuse from a parent the first day the student is back. Failure to do so will cause the absence to be an unexcused absence.
- D. A member who is able to come to school but is unable to participate in a practice due to illness should bring a note from her/his guardian. This note will be honored for one (1) day only. Two (2) or more days will require a doctor's excuse or recommendation from the campus trainer for non- participation. The student will dress out in the required uniform.
- E. A member is considered tardy if she is not in her designated lines when roll call starts. This includes class, practices, pre-game and performances.
 - a. 4 Tardies will equal to 1 absence
- F. If you are Tardy/Absent an alternate will go into your designated routine spot for a length of time determined by the director.
- G. Any member who has a job is expected to arrange their work schedule around their

practice and performance schedule. Work is not an “excused” absence.

H. Doctor’s visits should be scheduled around the practice and performance schedule.

I. If a student must miss practice for academic tutorials, they must provide the director with a signed pass from the academic teacher.

J. Failure to follow attendance rules may result in removal from the team. Team status will be evaluated after 3 Unexcused absences.

Article VI. Communication

- A. Communication will happen using the BAND App and the GroupMe App
- B. Parents and dancers need to have both and plan to use both
- C. Coach e-mail: blueillusiondance@gmail.com
- D. Coach phone: 563-676-9472
- E. Treasurer e-mail: blueillusiontreasurer@gmail.com

- **The constitution may be amended and all parties informed, if the need arises**
- **The key to success is communication**

CHS Blue Illusion Dance Team Constitution Agreement

I have read and understand the constitution of the CHS Blue Illusion Dance Team. I agree to abide by the rules set forth for me by this constitution, the CHS student handbook and the laws of the state of Iowa. I understand that failure to comply with rules and policies that are laid out will result in consequences as explained in this constitution and seen fit by the director and administration.

Student Name (Printed):

School Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Student Signature

Date

I also give my permission for my student to participate in all activities of the organization such as the following:

- In-or-out-of-town athletic events
- Meetings, activities, banquets, parties
- Practices before and after school and summer practices
- Performances, parades, etc
- Summer camps and special clinics during the year
- Competitions
- Fundraisers

Parent Signature

Date

**** This form is to be returned to the director and kept on file***