

# Tempest Line 2018 Tryout Checklist

- Mandatory Parent/Dancer Meeting***~ Wednesday, March 8 at 6:00pm Lecture Hall B
- Must complete registration*** on Registermyathlete.com by Monday, April 3.
- Complete and return all paperwork no later than Monday, April 3.
  - Tryout Application with picture
  - Physical (If you are a new member, and have not had one for another sport for this school year)
  - Current transcript
  - Parent Permission Form
  - Compete registration on Registermyathlete.com
  - Teacher recommendation forms (please give them to your teachers, they will return them to me).
- Please make sure you currently live in DHHS boundaries, or have completed paperwork for a boundary change. If you have any questions please talk with Marcee.

**Tryout Clinics 3:30-5:30 in the DHHS Main Gym held:  
Monday, April 3, Tuesday, April 4 and Wednesday, April 5**

**Tryouts 4:00pm Thursday, April 6:**

**\*Please wear all black, have hair pulled back in a bun, no jewelry.**

**The 2017-2018 Tempest Line will be posted on [tempestline.com](http://tempestline.com) by 8:00pm on April 6. If selected, please attend the 2018 Welcome party at 8:30pm in the DHHS Main Gym.**

***If selected for the 2018 Tempest Line you will be required to attend the Parent/dancer meeting will be April 11 at 6:30pm in Lecture Hall B. Both a parent and dancer MUST attend this meeting.***

For more information please visit:

Tempestline.com

or

email: [marcee.christensen@washk12.org](mailto:marcee.christensen@washk12.org)

# Desert Hills High School

# Tempest Line Drill Team

## Audition Packet

You are auditioning to be a part of the Desert Hills High School Tempest Line Drill Team. Drill Team is a very big commitment and must come first before all other extra-curricular activities. (Other athletic teams, clubs, work, etc.), so please read through the information below and make sure you are 110% committed to fulfilling ALL requirements, and following ALL rules before you tryout. *This is a one year commitment, so please plan on completing the full year if you are selected for the 2017-2018 Tempest Line.*

### **Mission Statement:**

Desert Hills Tempest Line Drill Team will be the finest drill team in the state of Utah. A DHHS dancer will learn about hard work, dedication and leadership, and will strive to be an example to others in the Desert Hills HS community. The DHHS Drill Team will constantly strive to elevate their level of performance and raise the standard of excellency by continuous improvement, and learning. Dancers will achieve goals they never thought possible!

### **Team Goals**

- We intend to be the State Championship Drill Team! We will work to perform at an advanced level and continually seek to improve both as team and as individuals.
- Represent Desert Hills HS in a classy and professional manner. The Drill Team will be a part of the school community and build rich traditions at Desert Hills High School.
- The DHHS Drill Team will perform as often as possible at appropriate school and community events.
- DHHS Drill Team will compete in 3 invitational competitions, Region Competition and State Competition. Dancers will be expected to perform at a technically advanced level!
- The Tempest Line is a UHSAA Sport, and will have a Varsity squad. Auditions will be held for all competition routines.
- Dancers will support school teams.
- DHHS Drill Team will participate in community and school service activities

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**TEMPEST LINE DRILL TEAM CONSTITUTION 2017-2018**

**TRYOUTS:**

1. Tryouts for the DHHS Drill Team will consist of performing designated skills in front of a group of judges and coaches.
2. Tryouts will be held each year prior to the end of the school year, but may change at other times at the discretion of the coach.
3. The format of tryouts will be decided by the coaches, and will be held in a fair and open manner conducive to allowing each candidate to show her best abilities and potential.
4. You must be willing to attend all practices, competitions and performances, work hard, earn grades to maintain eligibility, and have a positive attitude at all times.  
***Drill Team is a huge commitment; please consider all it takes to be a member of a full year team by reading the details below.***
5. **\*\*\*2018 Technical requirements for tryouts~** judges will determine a dancers ability to complete technical elements by rating each dancer on a scale from fair to superior execution. It will be required for every member of the 2018 Tempest Line to complete (at a minimum):
  - a. Performance and showmanship
  - b. Right/left double pirouette
  - c. Four right and 2 left a la seconde turns
  - d. Four right fuette turns
  - e. Military arms/angles correct angle/hand placement
  - f. Performance showmanship
  - g. Proper kick technique
  - h. Right/left splits~ not required to be flat at tryouts, but will be required to be in competition military.
  - i. Aerial~ not required for tryouts, but will be required to be in our competition dance routine.
  - j. Right/left split leap, switch leap, and side leap.
  - k. All technical elements will be incorporated in a tryout dance, and military sequence. Keep in mind, judges are encouraged to look for potential at tryouts.
  - l. All material will be taught at the tryout clinics. We will work on these technical elements at the pre-tryout technique clinic March 8/9.

**TEAM RULES**

1. As a member of the Desert Hills HS Tempest Line Drill Team you are representing the school, you will be expected to **always** use appropriate conduct both on and off the dance floor.
2. You are expected to have a **positive** attitude AT ALL TIMES!! No whining, pouting, rolling eyes, complaining, or gossiping will be allowed.

3. Dancers are expected to give 110% during practice, as well as performances. If you are unable to meet this requirement, **you could lose your spot in routines and/or on the team.**
4. As a member of the Tempest Line you will be expected to follow the Desert Hills HS Code of Conduct and also Utah High School Activities Association Rules for Eligibility. As with any other high school team, violation of the rules could result in suspension or dismissal from the team, and/or performances or competitions.

## **ABSENCES**

1. You must contact the coach prior to an absence (two week minimum if you know about scheduled absences). **If you do not contact the coach, you may be suspended from the team indefinitely and/or you may lose you spot in competition and performance routine(s).**
2. An unexcused absence from a performance or practice may result in missed performances and/or dismissal or suspension from the team.
3. If a member misses a practice due to sickness before a performance, although excused, you may not be able to perform because you don't know any changes or alterations to the routine.
4. Excused absences, for any reason, may result in missing a performance. You may also lose your spot indefinitely.
5. Tempest Line members can participate on DHHS Tennis, Soccer and Softball teams. Just know that if you miss drill team practice for other team practices you may lose your spot in the routines we are practicing, and/or performances we are preparing for. You will not be in every routine if you are missing practice to participate in another sport.
6. You may also continue participation with your dance studio. Please just know that drill team comes first and every effort must be made to schedule all other rehearsals around the drill team schedule first.
7. If a member is absent they are required to learn the material before the next practice on their own time. Failure to do so may result in losing your spot in any routine you are not prepared for.

## **PRACTICE**

1. All Tempest Line members are required to attend all practice sessions unless valid reasons are notified to the coach prior to the absence (at least two weeks in advance).
2. You must complete the "Request to Miss" paperwork prior to your absence. The sooner the better.
3. Be on time, ready to dance, with a POSITIVE attitude!
4. Practice during the Summer Break and Christmas Break is mandatory for all members to prepare for football performances, competitions, Region and State competition.
5. Tempest Line members must wear proper dance attire, including shoes, to all practices.

6. Wearing jewelry is not allowed in drill competitions and should not be worn at any time during any drill team event.
7. No gum! No spitting on the gym floor.
8. Team members will be required to bring all props to practice. Forgetting props will result in demerits (see demerit system below)

## **PERFORMANCES**

1. Be on time to all performances and report to designated warm up area on time during the game.
2. After performances you will be required to stay to the entire game/sporting event.
3. All Tempest Line members are required to attend and participate in Region and State Competition (whether you are in all routines or not).
4. Bring all costumes, props, dance shoes, etc. necessary for performances. Forgetting any necessary items may result in missing the performance, and accrual of demerit points.
5. Hair and make-up will be done according to the team plan. Failure to do so may result in not being able to perform and/or losing your spot indefinitely.
6. All Tempest Line members will wear warm-ups to all events, and are required to stay in their warm-ups (or matching attire) for the duration of the event. Failure to do so will result in a full demerit.
7. Go all out and do your best☺

## **GRADES AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

1. A drill team candidate will be female and be a minimum of 14 years of age, and a maximum of 18 year of age. Girls must be in grades 9-12 of the current school year to participate on the DHHS Tempest Line.
2. Acceptance of a DDHS Tempest Line candidate shall be on the basis of ability, the coach's agreement, acceptance of squad rules, and without prejudice of race creed or color.
3. A Tempest Line member must maintain a 3.0 grade point average quarterly and cumulative GPA to be a member of the Desert Hills High School Drill Team.
4. DHHS Drill Team members cannot have below a D on their report card. NO F's, I's or NG's each quarter.
5. **Tryout eligibility:** must have at least a 2.7 GPA for the previous three consecutive quarters, with no F's, I's or NG's; once selected, a 3.0 with NO F's, I's or NG's will be required to maintain eligibility.
6. If a DHHS Drill Team member becomes ineligible for any reason, they will not be allowed to participate as a Tempest Line member. If a drill team member is ineligible for two quarters, they will be dismissed from the drill team.
7. DHHS Tempest Line members will be required to print off their grades from Powerschool and have them reviewed by the coach to determine eligibility.

## **FUNDS AND FUNDRAISERS**

1. Please see cost breakdown below.
2. Each member is asked to collect \$150 in sponsors.

3. DHHS Tempest Line members are required to attend and take part in fundraisers. DHHS Tempest Line members may be required to pay their portion of general fundraisers out of pocket, even if you do not participate in the fundraisers.
4. We will have periodic payment due dates. Payment is expected in full on these dates. If payments are not current you may not be allowed to perform and/or compete until payment is received in full. ***All payments must be current in order to receive warm-ups, costumes, etc..***
5. You will be required to pay ALL fees whether you are in all routines or not.
6. All fundraising activities will be approved by the coach.
7. **NO REFUNDS!** If at any time during the school year you decide to quit, or are dismissed from the team you ***WILL NOT BE REFUNDED*** any money paid!! You will also be required to pay the remaining balance if at any time you are dismissed or decide to quit the team. Personalized, or personal items (shoes, tights, spanky's etc.) are non-returnable and must be paid in full.

### **Drill basic cost breakdown**

1. Competition Fee \$600
  - a. Includes: costumes, hair pieces/accessories, choreography, music fees, props, 1 pair black gore boots, 1 pair nude gore boots, 1 pair body tights, garment bag, warm ups and competition entry fees.
2. Travel Fee \$100
  - a. Hotel rooms, bus and driver
3. Camps \$300 (BDT Camp)
4. Spirit Pack \$200
  - a. Includes: Practice attire (pants and 2 tops), T-line school gear (2 tops)

### **Optional Items ~ Prices are estimates final prices will be set closer to tryouts.**

1. Duffel Bag (\$55)
2. T-Line Gear (school shirts/sweaters) \$25-50 per item.
3. Gore boots \$40 (First pair is included in required dues, extra pairs are available to purchase)
4. Body tights \$20 (extra pairs available for purchase).

### **Payment Schedule:**

May 1: \$300 (Initial payment/competition fee)

June 1: \$300 (BDT)

July 1: \$200 (Spirit pack)

August 1: \$200 (competition fee)  
September 1: \$100 (competition fee)  
October 1: \$100 (travel fee)

\*All payments must be up to date in order to receive any items, and participate in any routines.

### **ROUTINE TRYOUTS (CHALLENGES)**

1. The DHHS Tempest Line is considered a UHSAA Sport. We will have a Varsity Squad for competition routines. Just because you make the team does not mean you will be in every (or any) routine(s).
2. We will challenge for **ALL** competition routines (character, lyrical, kick, military, hip hop and dance). Age **DOES NOT** matter, **ANYONE** is eligible to be in the competition routines.
3. Dancers will be required to do all technique in competition routines in order to earn a spot.
4. The coach reserves the right to hold a tryout before each performance to evaluate the readiness of each member. If a member is not performing the required technique they may not be allowed to perform the routine.
5. The coach reserves the right to hold challenges for football routines if it is determined **ALL** team members are not ready to perform with **NO** mistakes.

### **PRACTICE AND DANCE CAMPS**

#### **1. Regular Practice Schedule~** dancers will practice daily while school is in session.

We will practice on A-days from 6:30am-9:00am, B-days from 3:15-6:15pm, every Wednesday night from 6:00-9:00pm and one Saturday each month from 8:00am-12:00pm.

- a. Practice schedules may vary due to performances, competitions and gym availability.
- b. Dancers will be required to attend all practices. Any missed practices may result in missing a performance. In order to perform dancers must attend all practices to ensure they know the routine, even excused absences for legitimate reasons could result in the dancer not being able to perform at a particular event or number of events.
- c. Dancers will have two- a- day practices throughout the competition season. A calendar of the practice and performance schedule will be provided at least one month in advance.
- d. We may practice on Saturday's during the competition season (again, a calendar will be provided at least one month in advance)

#### **2. Summer Practice Schedule~**we will do endurance and technical training throughout April, May and June. A schedule of practice dates and times will be provided at

least one month in advance. **You will be required to attend summer practices, so please schedule family vacations around the practice schedule, as much as possible.**

- a. **Optional Technique**~ Technique classes will be offered during the month of July. Location and schedule TBD.

**3. BDT Camp:** June 21-24 from 8:00am-6:00pm.

- a. Held at Park City HS.
- b. Will learn various camp routines.
- c. Parents will need to pick up their dancer Saturday, June 24 at the conclusion of camp.
- d. Parents are also encouraged to attend the Routine Showcase on Thursday, June 22 and the Camp Showcase Saturday, June 24.

**4. Competition Choreography**

- a. **All dates TBD, and will be added ASAP.**

**SELECTION OF CAPTAINS AND OTHER OFFICERS:**

1. The DHHS Drill Team may have three Captains, one President, one Vice President, Secretary, Historian, and any other necessary leadership positions deemed necessary by the coach.

***Positions will be determined by:***

- a. Completion of the officer packet.
  - b. Solo performance for anyone trying out for CAPTAIN, PRESIDENT OR VP at tryouts for judges (1 minute or less)
  - c. Majority vote of the team and coaches for CAPTAINS, President and VP ONLY
2. If you decide to run for officer and are selected you may not quit at ANY time throughout the year. You are a leader of the team and expected to uphold the highest ideals of work ethic, and passion for the team.
  3. An officer must have a positive attitude at ALL times, and constantly strive to uphold the goals set by the team.
  4. Officers are required to talk positive and promote a positive atmosphere at all times (in and out of drill team).

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CAPTAIN:**

1. The Drill Mistress will set an example for the team by following rules and regulations of the Desert Hills Tempest Line
2. Be at every practice early and start practice on time.
3. Assist in choreography, cleaning routines and running team warm-ups.
4. Show no partiality within the team.

5. In the event the Drill Mistress is unable to perform her duties, the Co-Drill Mistress or assigned officer may do so.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COACH:**

The coach/assistant coach will be responsible:

1. To ensure that all DHHS Drill Team members are safe is the top priority at all times, that first aid is available, and emergency contact list is kept up to date and present at all times.
2. To organize and arrange all activities including: the practice schedule, practice facilities, choreography, music, fundraising, travel, performance and events.
3. To create a positive environment for each DHHS Drill Team member.
4. To make final decisions that will be in the best interest of the team as a whole.

### **UNIFORMS AND PRACTICE ATTIRE:**

1. Uniforms are property of the DHHS Drill Team. Drill Team members will not be allowed to keep any uniforms.
2. All uniforms must be returned at the end of the year. Uniforms must be clean and in excellent condition. Any damage done to costumes will be the financial responsibility of the individual to replace.
3. DHHS Drill Team members will pay a fee to use uniforms.
4. DHHS Drill Team members in uniform or wearing any item of drill team identification must always conduct themselves in a manner becoming of a Desert Hills Drill Team member!

### **CONDUCT:**

1. DHHS Tempest Line members are required to maintain and uphold the reputation of a Desert Hills Tempest Line member through their own conduct and team representation.
2. DHHS Drill Team members are required to be courteous, polite, friendly, and most importantly, respectful towards all teammates, and other squads and teams.

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION:**

1. It shall be DHHS Tempest Line Drill Team policy that disciplinary action will only be invoked as a last resort, and that every reasonable attempt will be made to avoid situations likely to lead to such action through team discussion and positive encouragement, by example, and by finding ways and means to correct negative trends.
2. A DHHSTempest Line Drill Team member may be suspended from games/events for the following reasons: Unexcused absence, excessive absence or tardiness, failure to cooperate with coaches or other members of the team, using a cell phone during practice and/or performances, if grade point average falls below 3.0, a No Grade, F or D grade, or failure to abide by team rules and regulations. If suspended from a performance or competition, the team member is still required to attend all practices and events.

3. All team members are required to attend ALL classes on the day of a performance or event. All team members will be required to attend ALL classes the Friday before Saturday competitions or events. Failure to do so will result in suspension from performance and/or competition that day or following day (when competing on a Saturday).
4. A Drill Team member may be dismissed from the team for the following reasons: Excessive or irreconcilable disruptive influence on the squad, conduct likely to bring the team reputation into disrepute (such as use of alcohol or drugs), any illegal activity, two quarters of ineligibility and as otherwise deemed necessary by coaches.
5. Coaches reserve the right to dismiss any girl not becoming of a DHHS Tempest Line Drill Team member. Drill Team members who engage in any illegal activity, legally charged or not, **WILL BE DISMISSED WITHOUT WARNING! THE DESERT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL DRILL TEAM CONSTITUTION IS THE WARNING.**

**DEMERIT SYSTEM:**

1. The DHHS Tempest Line Drill Team will follow a demerit system to track attendance, participation at practice, using cell phones during practice or performances, and forgetting necessary items (i.e. props, shoes, etc.) for practice.
2. If a Tempest Line member gets three demerits she will be put on probation and drop back to two demerits. If a drill team member gets back to three demerits she may be dismissed from the team.
3. A record of demerits will be kept by the President and tracked by the coach.

Demerit System

Demerits will be given for being late to practice/performances, forgetting props and/or costumes, and excused and unexcused absences.

¼ Demerit	1-5 minutes late
½ Demerit	6-10 minutes late
¾ Demerit	11-15 minutes late
1 Demerit	16-20 minutes late *Forgot props *Forgot costumes
3 Demerits	Unexcused absence~ automatic missed performance! No verbal warning. If you get one more unexcused absence you will be dismissed from the team
Missed performance (unexcused) = automatic 3 demerits with no verbal warning	3 missed performances will result in the possible dismissal from the team. If you have 2 unexcused absences you may be automatically dismissed from the team.

**Desert Hills High School Tempest Line Drill Team  
Audition Release Form and Agreement Form**

I have read through the expectations for participation on the Desert Hills Tempest Line Drill Team and give my permission for my daughter to audition, and if chosen, to be a member of the 2017-2018 Tempest Line Drill Team.

I have read and understand that my daughter, as a Desert Hills High School Tempest Line Drill Team member, will uphold these rules and regulations stated in the Desert Hills High School Tempest Line Drill Team Constitution. I promise to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the coach and the principal of Desert Hills High School. I promise to cooperate and follow the instructions of the Drill Team coaches.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I have read through the expectations for participation on the Desert Hills Tempest Line Drill Team. I understand and will meet all the requirements. I understand the high level of commitment it takes to be a member of the team.

I have read and understand the rules and regulations stated in the Desert Hills High School Tempest Line Drill Team Constitution. I promise to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the coaches and the principal of Desert Hills High School. I promise to cooperate and follow the instructions of the drill team coaches.

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Dancer Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dancer Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Desert Hills High School  
Tempest Line Drill Team  
2017-2018 Tryout Application**

*Attach a photo of yourself and return by Monday, April 3*  
*(Mandatory to participate in the tryout clinics)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**How much and what kind of dance experience do you have?**

**What other extra-curricular activities are you involved in?**

**What do you feel being a member of the Tempest Line means? If you are selected as a member of the team, what do you feel you would contribute?**

**Do you work or participate with other dance/sports teams? If so, are your employers/coaches willing to allow you to complete all drill team requirements?**

## Teacher Recommendation Form

Dear Teachers,

Is it time for Drill Team tryouts and we need your help selecting the girls who will represent Desert Hills High School. We are looking for girls who have great attitudes and will represent the school in an appropriate manner. Please read the following information and answer honestly. This form is confidential and the girls will not see your answers. This evaluation will help determine who makes the DHHS Drill Team. Please return to your school counselor (or put them in Marcee Christensen's box) by Tuesday, April 4.

Thank you,

Marcee Christensen  
Drill Team Coach

Write the number you believe the candidate deserves in the box below.

5= Always 4=Most of the time 3=some of the time, 2=Every now and then, 1=Never

Behavior	Score
Student is dependable, turns assignments in on time, and attends class regularly (very few tardies and/or absences).	
Student's assignments are completed, well done and turned in on time.	
Student demonstrates the ability to work well with others.	
Student models appropriate behavior at all times.	
Student has a positive attitude in class.	
Student would be a good member of the team and represent DHHS in an appropriate manner.	

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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