

# *Royalette Dance Team*

## Tryout Informational Packet

Dear Candidate Parents,

We are pleased and excited that your child is interested in trying out for the Royalletes Dance Team. Being a Royalette will be the highlight of many young ladies' school age memories. It affords the opportunity for self-development in many areas: goal setting, high standards, morals, maturity, responsibility, dependability, and self-discipline. Members will also learn the value of hard work and sacrifice. You will be asked to be both supportive and positive. Parent support is essential to the success of this organization. Tryouts can be a very stressful time for some girls. For those who are extremely concerned about being accepted, the pressure can be tremendous. We understand this and will try to keep things calm on this end, and we hope that you will do the same at home.

**TIME:** This is a team activity, so every girl must be present for a rehearsal or performance. A prospective member needs to be aware that planned social events or other extra curricular activities will possibly have to be missed or interrupted because of a member's obligations to practice and performances.

**MONEY:** Every effort is made to keep expenses reasonable, which is why we have planned a large amount of fundraisers to do throughout the year. In order to pay the tryout judges, a \$10 fee will be assessed per girl upon turning in the tryout packet. In an effort to ease the individual financial burden, the Royalette team members participate in fund raising to help defray in team expenses. However, each member is responsible for keeping her share current regardless of her fundraising success. Each girl and her family must support these events by giving their time, talents, and encouraging friends to attend because each family directly benefits. The team will try to participate in fundraisers for our activity fund through the school year.

**EMOTIONAL INVOLVEMENT:** Each girl will have her triumphs and disappointments throughout the year, and the love and support of her family will be important. Celebrate her triumphs- -she worked hard to earn them. Console her during her disappointments, but remember that learning to deal with frustration and pressure is part of her maturation process. Your positive attitude will influence your child's reactions to her experience. You and your child should always address your concerns and suggestions to the director.

If, as a prospective member or parent, you have any concerns with these concepts or rules they need to be discussed with the director before tryouts!

The best reward for a team member is the development of self-confidence and pride. This is a great discovery, and our organization will nurture each girl into a well-rounded person who is responsible, self-disciplined and proud. By working with the other girls, she also learns that it is important to work with people and not against them.

In order for you and your child to better understand the tryout procedure, we have prepared the following information packet for you. Also, please note that all tryout clinic rehearsals and the tryout are closed to

spectators. Parents will be allowed to video the tryout dance at the end of the clinic on Thursday, February 18th and Friday, February 19th at 7:30. This will be the ONLY time when anyone besides Royalette candidates will be allowed in the clinics or tryouts. All candidates must be picked up by 7:30pm.

I wish you and your candidate the best of luck!! If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Clareece Greene at [royalletedanceteam@gmail.com](mailto:royalletedanceteam@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Clareece Greene, Director

## TRYOUT PROCEDURE

### **Tryout Dance Clinic – February 18 – February 19, 5:00- 7:30 PM**

- Please arrive at 5:00 PM or earlier
- Clinic Attire - Any clothing that permits movement is allowed. Dance shoes are preferred. No socks without shoes. Tennis shoes with good grip are allowed.
- No gum or jewelry.
- Please no eating or drinking (anything but water) during the clinic.
- Clinic and tryouts are CLOSED to parents and spectators.
- Parents may video the tryout dance February 18th & 19th at 7:30 PM. This is the only time parents will be allowed in the clinic.
- Mock try-outs will be held on Friday, February 19th during practice time.

### **Auditions – February 20th, 11:00 AM - 1:00PM (approximately)**

- All candidates must wear all black clothing that permits movement (no jeans, etc.) and dance shoes. No socks without shoes. Hair slicked back in ponytail. Red lipstick and nude eyeshadow is suggested.
  - Auditions are closed to spectators. No parents should be in the building at the time of the audition.
  - Candidates will be scored by dance professionals.
  - Auditions are projected to end at 1 PM, however it is possible that they run later.
  - Results will be posted that evening on our Royalette website. ([www.royalettedance.com](http://www.royalettedance.com))
- Approximately 25 team members will be selected.

### **Candidates will be judged on the following:**

- Dance ability (technique/skill), memory, potential (coordination, gracefulness), confidence (attitude, posture, general disposition), flexibility, and performance quality (energy, smile, chin up, projection, connect with judges).
- Leadership ability- you will represent the Royalette Dance Team and our community.
- Try to avoid – looking down, singing along/mouthing words to the song, distracting clothing, and chewing gum.

## General Team Information

You and your child should fully understand the following information. If she makes the team, both of you would be expected to adhere to the policies and procedures of the team.

### **Constitution and Bylaws and Demerit System**

Royalette dance team is governed by a constitution that employs a demerit system. A demerit system is a means of developing self-discipline in order to maintain efficient operation. Demerits are given for tardiness, absenteeism, forgetting items that are due, not fulfilling obligations and various other major and minor offenses. Royalletes can be put on probation and eventually dismissed upon accumulation of excessive demerits. Please familiarize yourself and your candidate with the Royalette Constitution and Bylaws so that there will be no surprises as the year progresses. This document is available on the Royalette website under the "Documents" tab.

### **What to expect if you make the team**

- Practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and possible additional practices before performances.
- Extra practices before competition season (the season runs late January-March)
- Special performances at charity events, and parades.
- Field trips.
- Participation in fundraising events 2-3 per semester – we use these funds for props,

CDs/music, competition fees, choreographers, costumes, recital supplies, incidental costs, etc.

The financial commitment

- Costs to run a dance team are substantial. We try to keep costs as low as possible.
- Tryout fee - \$10 due with packet. Money may not be submitted without a packet and vice

versa.

- Please remember, all money collected is NON REFUNDABLE.

***I keep parents up to date through an email distribution list as well as a text messaging service. If email or text is not a good way to reach you, please let me know!***

Application Checklist

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 cash tryout fee

\_\_\_\_\_ Royalette Dance Team Application

\_\_\_\_\_ Expense Release Form, Royalette Student/Parent Contract (Acknowledgement of Constitution/Bylaws)

\_\_\_\_\_ Permission Slip/Medical Release

\_\_\_\_\_ Liability Waiver

\_\_\_\_\_ Royalette Officer Interest Form (Optional)

## Royalettes Dance Team Application

*(Please Print)*

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

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Neighborhood: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (home): \_\_\_\_\_ candidate cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Mom's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ best phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mom's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dad's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ best phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Dad's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions that we need to be aware of (asthma, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever taken dance? If so, list experience:

\_\_\_\_\_

What other activities do you plan to be involved in next year?

\_\_\_\_\_

Community activities (extracurricular sports, church, piano lessons, etc)

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been in ISS, AC, LT, or any other alternative behavior center? If yes, explain:

### ***Candidates and parents need to initial the following section.***

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ I will maintain high academic and conduct standards needed to participate in drill team (passing all classes, E/S in conduct)

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the time commitment in order to participate in drill team activities and that no refunds will be issued.

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I am responsible for providing or arranging transportation to or from Royalette events/practices.

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that all activities set forth as a drill team member are required and will arrange transportation to attend these events.

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the judge's decisions about tryouts are final.

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to have my information published in the Royalette directory (given only to Royalette members for communication/carpooling). Emergency contact info will not be shared.

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ I agree to return the field uniform and any other costumes/items checked out to me by the due date and in the condition in which they were received.

By signing this form parent(s)/guardian(s), you are giving your child permission to try out for the dance team. You are also giving consent that you understand and are willing to abide by the rules set forth in our Constitution and Bylaws.

Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Royalette Student/Parent Contract**

Remember, once you make Royallettes, you represent Royallettes everywhere. People look at you an entirely different way because you are a Royalette, and you not only represent the team, but also our community.

#### ***Parent/Guardian:***

My child has permission to audition to be a Royalette. I have read and understand the expectations involved in being a Royalette. I am fully aware that my child must be physically able to attend all the Royalette practices and performances. I understand that my child must abide by the rules set forth in the Royalette Constitution and Bylaws.

#### ***Candidates:***

I have read and understand the requirements and responsibilities of being a Royalette. I understand that I will be part of the group and any and all commitments will be upheld by me. I understand that in signing this, I am committing myself to membership for the entire 2021-2022 school year. I understand that my grades will be checked during the year for eligibility purposes. I shall not use profanity, gossip, fight, or misbehave in a way unbecoming of a young lady during any Royalette activities, or at any other time for that matter. I understand that if I am found violating any rules of this organization, it will result in disciplinary action/consequences. I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the Royallettes, and I will do my best to be an asset to the group in every way possible throughout my membership.

Candidate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Permission Slip and Medical Release for Royalette Tryouts***

\_\_\_\_\_, a Royalette dancer, is now under my supervision and care. I hereby give my consent for the above named student to participate in the Dance Team tryouts without a physical examination. I recognize that the Royalette Dance Team, its trustees, agents, and employees have sovereign or governmental immunity under Texas law. I understand that the District, its trustees, agents, and employees are not waiving any sovereign or governmental immunity that it or they have under Texas or other applicable law.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ authorize the sponsor to give permission for any emergency medical services deemed necessary for my child. I understand that any medical expenses incurred will be my responsibility.

The following pre-existing medical conditions or allergic reactions to medication are provided for your information: \_\_\_\_\_

The following other pertinent information is also provided for your information:

Medical Insurance Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Student DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Telephone Numbers \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, have read this Release and Permission Form and understand all of its terms. I have executed it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance. This Release and Permission Form I executed on my behalf and behalf of my child/ ward, \_\_\_\_\_.

This Release and Permission Form is effective while my child is participating in the Dance Team Tryouts, until expulsion, resignation, or tryouts in 2022.

SIGNED this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/ guardian)

***Liability Waiver***

I understand that there are risks to participating in the 2021-2022 DANCE TEAM TRYOUTS, conducted by the Royalette Dance Team, including risk of physical injury and in extreme cases catastrophic injury or death. In consideration of RDT allowing me to attend the 2021-2022 DANCE TEAM TRYOUTS, and with the exception of claims for gross negligence and/or willful misconduct, I, on behalf of myself and all my heirs and assigns, agree to release and to hold harmless the Royalette Dance Team, its Dance Team, and all directors, officers, representatives, agents, volunteers and employees of the Royallettes (collectively "Releasees"), from any and all claims, causes of action, liabilities and costs (including, without limitations, attorney's fees and costs), relating to or arising out of my participation in the 2021-2022 DANCE TEAM TRYOUTS or use of RDT property and facilities. I further expressly agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees and Releasees' heirs, successors, assigns, executors, and administrators from any and all claims, liabilities and costs, within the scope of the release, asserted by or on behalf of me, or by any of my respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns.

If I suffer an injury or illness while at the 2021-2022 DANCE TEAM TRYOUTS, I understand that I am responsible for the cost of any transportation to a medical facility (including ambulance) and any medical treatment provided to me, whether paid through available insurance or by other means, and that RDT is not responsible for the costs of any such transportation or treatment.

I hereby warrant that I have read this Liability Release Form in its entirety and fully understand its contents. I understand that I am signing a complete release and bar to any claims as defined above.

Signature of Participant

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian (Required if participant is under 18):

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



***Royalette Officers Interest Form***

Once again, we will have our Royalette Officers program. This option is open to all. Royalette Officers will be our team leaders. They will help Ms. Greene and be featured in dances. There will be extra costs associated with being a Royalette Officers if they choose to do extra dances at competition. Royalette Officers will be examples and role models for the team. They should be responsible, respectful, honest, and have excellent technique and attitude. The decision will be based on a combination of tryout scores AND teacher evaluations (conduct, attitude, etc.).

More information on this program will be available after tryouts.

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

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand the aforementioned information. I understand that Royalette Officers will require more time than being a line member. I understand that Royalette Officers will be held to higher standards than other line members. I understand that Royalette Officers could possibly require extra fees.

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

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