

Creighton University Dance Team Constitution

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Creighton University Dance Team, hereafter referred to as squad.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this school organization is to promote school spirit, enthusiasm, and attendance at athletic and spirit oriented functions.

Article III: Membership

Section 1

Active membership consists of 12-18 full time Creighton University students who shall be selected on an audition basis during the spring semester. These students may be undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at Creighton University. Any member shall be able to participate in successive year on the basis of re-audition.

Section 2

Revocation of membership shall be determined by the Misconduct policies, Article X, Sections 1-3 of the Creighton University Dance Team Bylaws.

Article IV: Election/Appointment of Officers

Elected/Appointed Officers will take office immediately following the election of officers. Elected/Appointed Officers will serve in the position for one academic year and can be re-elected/appointed by vote to serve again.

Elected/Appointed Officers can be removed in one of two ways.

1. by vote by the squad (impeachment)
2. removed from office by the Moderator

Should an office be vacated for any reason, a vote will be held to replace that office. In this vote, all team members are eligible to vote, after the beginning of the fall term.

Officers shall not be on academic or disciplinary probation at the time of their elections and throughout their terms in the office.

Officers must possess a 2.5 QPA and maintain a minimum of 2.5 QPA to serve during their tenure.

Section 1: Captains

The responsibility of the captains will be to create a practice schedule for the team, conduct practice in an orderly and timely manner, keeping in contact with the moderator on dates for performances and report any issues involving team members. Captains will also be in charge of game management and communication with team members.

Two Captains will be named for the following academic year after tryouts; ideally with one being a senior and the other being a junior. Captains must be previous members of CUDT for at least one year, preferably two. The Captains shall be chosen by the team based on the following criteria:

1. The ability to conduct oneself in public appropriately, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Appearance
 - b. Language
 - c. Demeanor towards team mate's
2. The ability to demonstrate good public relations with Creighton Athletics and other entities, including corporate sponsors
3. The ability to keep a positive attitude
4. The ability to have a good rapport with the rest of the team, the moderator and the alternate captain.
5. The ability to be a role model for the younger/newer members of the team
6. The ability to unite the team and boost team morale.

A fair vote will be taken, with the Moderator conducting. Only returning team members may vote. Votes will be counted by the Moderator. In the event of a tie, the Moderator will have the final say in the appointments of Captains. If necessary, the CU Athletics Department will step in to resolve any disputes.

Being a Captain one year does not automatically advance that person for the following year.

Captains must be organized and be able to push their fellow team members in a positive manner. They must not hold biases against another member and personal feelings will not make decisions. Captains will be self composed and be able to work under pressure.

A Captain and Co-Captain shall be named; both individuals will be "Captain". However, the "Captain" shall be the first contact person by the Moderator, Athletics, or Student Activities; the "Co-Captain" will be the second, Captains shall share the duties assigned to them, each complimenting each other in their actions and standing in for the other when that person is indisposed. Captains shall work together for the good of the team, and not against each other.

Captains are not exempt and should abide by rules and regulations set forth for other team members. The Captains of CUDT must realize they are representing not only themselves, but the team, the moderator and CU Athletics. Any behavior reflects directly on those people and poor behavior is unacceptable.

If a Captain displays inappropriate behavior, she shall be given one warning. The second happening will result in expulsion from the team.

Section 2: Standards Officer

The standards officer shall be charged with keeping a record of each member, and reporting to the moderator when a member is in violation of the rules.

One Standards Officer will be named for the following academic year after auditions. That person must have been a member of CUDT for at least one year prior. The officer shall be chosen by the moderator based on the following criteria:

1. The ability to have a fair, non-biased opinion in keeping a member's profile current with any violation of rules.
2. The ability to work closely and in good relation with the captains and team mates.

Section 3: Fundraising Officers

The fundraising officers shall be charged with the duty of organizing fundraising activities (ie car washes, birthday parties, clinics, etc) and work closely with the Moderator in organizing clinics the CUDT may conduct.

Two team members will be appointed to be in charge of fundraising activities for CUDT. Ideally, at least one of the two people must have been a CUDT member for at least one year, the other may be a new member. The officers shall be chosen by the team based on the following criteria:

1. The ability to demonstrate organization skills.
2. Possess good public relation skills.

The fundraising officers will not be put entirely in charge of the CUDT responsibility of raising funds for the annual Jaybacker Jamoboree, but will aide the Moderator in organizing the team's efforts.

Section 4: Music Officer

The music officer shall be charged with the duty of having music cut and burned for the team for performances and practices.

One team member will be appointed to be in charge of music for the team. This member will have been on the team for at least one year prior. The officer shall be chosen by the team based on the following criteria:

1. The ability to demonstrate organization skills
2. The knowledge of the music being used and where to have the music cut and mixed.
3. Possess transportation to drop off/pick up music from production studio, if necessary.

The member chosen for this office should be able to find the best and cost effective price for the mixing of music.

Article V: Practice Structure

(two hour practice)

30 minute warm up

20 minutes for stretching

10 minutes for cardio work out (ie running or walking fast around KFC)

5 minute water break

20 minute technique

30 minute band lines/halftimes

5 minute water break

30 minute band lines/halftimes

5 minute cool down

Three hour practices will include one hour of strength and conditioning.

Article VI: Auditions

Auditions will be judged on the basis of a tryout, in which each perspective member shall demonstrate his/her ability to fulfill the basic requirements for membership, as determined by the Moderator. The student shall be give consideration on a point basis by a panel of judges without regard to race, religion, sex or sexual orientation.

Article VII: Moderator

The squad will have a faculty or staff Moderator (s). This or these Moderator (s) will have full authority necessary to maintain an orderly and efficient organization.

Article XIII: Scholarship

Monies provided by CU Athletics will be distributed fairly amongst members. The distribution will be based on the following criteria in order:

1. The member's need
2. The member's eligibility
3. The member's attendance record
4. The member's GPA

Scholarship monies can not be guaranteed from year to year.

Article VIII: Bylaws

Each member shall be required to abide by and fulfill his/her duties as a member of the squad as set down in the bylaws. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action and/or dismissal from the squad at the decision of the Moderator.

Article VIV – Amendments

Section 1

Prior to being voted upon, all amendments to this constitution require written notice of one week.

Section 2

All amendments require a 2/3 vote of a quorum for adoption.

Section 3

Amendments become effective only after approval by the Student Activities Office.

Article X- Funds

Should the Creighton University Dance Team disband, any funds remaining in the Organizations account, through Creighton University's Athletic Department, shall be turned back to the Athletic Department to settle any debt held by the Organization.