

# DDCA PROGRAMS

The DDCA provides and oversees various high school dance team events and programs.

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Information for these programs may be found on the following pages. Specific forms for the programs are on the DDCA Website at [www.ddca.org](http://www.ddca.org).

## 1. Scholarships

The Dance and Drill Coaches' Association offers an opportunity for graduating team members to apply for academic and dance scholarships.

The number and dollar amount of the scholarships is determined by the DDCA Board of Directors prior to State.

Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the institute after the student has been accepted and enrolled. Scholarship monies can be used for dance or academic pursuits. Specific guidelines apply to the use of dance scholarship monies for dance studios. Contact the DDCA Treasurer for details.

Scholarship awards must be requested in writing to the DDCA Treasurer prior to January 15<sup>th</sup> of the following academic year. Scholarship monies are designed to be used by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Uncollected scholarship monies will be awarded the following year.

Dance Scholarship applications are distributed in the fall. Academic Scholarship applications are available on or about the time of the winter meeting.

1. General eligibility: Seniors may apply if all coaches affiliated with their team are members of DDCA. Other eligibility requirements include competing in the State Competition, or in lieu of State participation, the team must be an active member of DDCA and participate in at least two local competitions during the year of not attending State.

2. Academic Scholarship Eligibility:
  - a. Must be a graduating senior
  - b. A member in good standing at time of State of an Oregon Dance or Drill Team
  - c. GPA of 3.5 or higher.
3. Academic Scholarship Selection Process: Based on the above information and three recommendations, 7th semester transcripts and the intent to be enrolled in a college/university in the following fall.
4. Dance Scholarship Eligibility:
  - a. Must be a graduating senior
  - b. A member in good standing at time of State of an Oregon Dance and Drill Team
  - c. GPA of 2.0 or higher.
  - d. A medical release form must be included with the application.
  - e. An adult school representative or parent must accompany the applicant to the dance auditions.
5. Dance Scholarship Selection Process: Based on the above information and two recommendations, 6th semester transcripts and a classroom dance audition.
6. Sample forms and specific information can be found online at [www.DDCA.org](http://www.DDCA.org).

## **2. Coaches Education Conference**

Each year, DDCA hosts a Fall Conference for its members. The conference is usually a two-day event held in September or October and includes the Fall Membership meeting. Emphasis is placed on providing educational classes for coaches, dance team vendor contacts (costuming, fund-raising, etc.) as well as social interaction with other members.

The conference location changes periodically to different areas of Oregon. Information on dates and location are distributed to members during the summer, prior to the conference. In addition, Registration Forms and event information can be found at [www.ddca.org](http://www.ddca.org)

## **3. Membership Information and Directory**

(Refer to Articles of Association, Article III)

Yearly membership runs from the Fall Membership meeting to the next Fall Membership meeting. Four classifications of membership are offered: Coach, Associate, Business and Judge. Dues may be collected year-round but a late fee is applied after the Fall Meeting. Full membership benefits are given to those registering by the Fall Membership meeting deadline. These include: new manual

for first-year members, membership card, minutes and mailings, membership directory and manual updates the previous year. Members registering late will be added to the mailing list and receive future mailings. Membership Directory update is distributed in January.

All coaches, assistants, choreographers, consultants, etc. recognized by the school and/or named in the State Program and/or receiving privileges at the State Championships must be DDCA members in order for their senior team members to be eligible for DDCA scholarships.

All Judges and Judges Directors are encouraged to be current members of DDCA

Current DDCA Membership forms can be found at [www.ddca.org](http://www.ddca.org).

**Membership Meetings** - It is very important that at least one coach from every school participating in DDCA programs, activities and competitions be present at DDCA/OSAA sponsored meetings.

The **Fall Meeting** is held during the Fall Coaches Education conference. The election of members to the DDCA Board of Directors and voting on proposals take place at this meeting.

The **Winter Meeting** is held in partnership with OSAA and the All-State tryouts. The main emphasis of this meeting is to discuss, inform and review specifics of the State competitions and to vote for Coach of the Year recognition. A general membership meeting allows discussion of issues and voting as necessary. DDCA Dance Scholarship tryouts generally occur during this weekend.

The **Spring Meeting** is usually held in April. The main purpose of this meeting is to evaluate and review the State competitions. Suggested new rule proposals will be discussed at this meeting.

## **4. Hall of Fame**

Each year, DDCA recognizes up to two outstanding coaches of the year and up to five people for outstanding service to the organization. Awards are usually presented at the State Competition.

**Coach of the Year-** Each year the Dance Drill Coaches Association recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding coaching characteristics during the previous year. Candidates are nominated by any member of DDCA based on the following criteria:

- a. Success of the program
- b. Number of students involved
- c. Community and school involvement of the team

- d. Involvement in the DDCA
- e. Personal attributes.

After the nominations are compiled, the nominees are asked to submit a written profile providing an in-depth description of these criteria. This information is shared with the general membership who then votes for one coach to represent the 5A/6A schools and one to represent the 1A/2A/A3/A/4A schools. The recipient of the coach of the year award is announced at the State Competition. This process begins in the fall as the voting is conducted at the winter meeting of the DDCA.

**Service Awards-** The Dance Drill Coaches Association recognizes individuals who have contributed to the betterment of the organization by volunteering time and talents to our programs. The individual should have made a significant contribution to improving and implementing the goals established by the DDCA in some manner. The general membership nominates people they deem worthy of this award and the DDCA board reviews these nominations. After this review the Board decides on the recipients. The awards are announced at the State Competition in March.

**Lifetime Achievement-** The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes coaches or associates for their level of achievement throughout their career as a coach, an associate, or judge. This award may not be awarded on a yearly basis, but will be awarded based on the achievement of individuals bringing about this type of recognition. Each DDCA member is allowed to submit names for consideration based on the following criteria:

- a. Coach with at least fifteen years of coaching experience. OR Associate/judge with at least fifteen years of DDCA service history.
- b. Success of the school program(s) that they coached, or DDCA programs that they were involved with.
- c. Coaches'/Associates' involvement in and contribution to DDCA
- d. Personal attributes

## 5. Drill Down Program

The Dance Drill Coaches Association supports and trains individuals to become certified drill down callers. Requirements to become a certified drill down caller include reading, fully understanding and agreeing to follow all the guidelines in the Drill Down section of the manual. Drill Down callers may become certified at the Fall Conference or individually by contacting the Drill Down Coordinator. Only certified callers may be used at sanctioned competition events.

For specifics relating to Drill Down see OSAA Rules, Section 8.

## 6. Judges Affiliation

The Oregon Dance and Drill Judges Affiliation exists for the purpose of training, educating, evaluating and commissioning performance judges within the state of Oregon. It supports the overall functioning and foundation of the Dance Drill Coaches Association, the dance and drill team venue, and operates with the driving premise of creating a quality competitive environment within the state. Its operations, teachings, and philosophies are centered on the principal objective of promoting excellence in judges, coaches and performers.

### **Objectives of the Affiliation**

- To assure quality, unbiased, informed critique in response to creative expression.
- To educate and certify judges to fulfill the purpose of the Judges' Affiliation.
- To provide competent staffing, equipment for all sanctioned events.
- To increase membership in the Judges' Affiliation.
- To promote dance education among coaches, choreographers, judges and students.
- To respond to the needs of the Association with integrity, openness, and enthusiasm.
- To develop, improve, and use effective approaches to evaluation and performance education; continually providing quality judging.
- To create an atmosphere of respect and communication for all coaches, judges, students, parents, and philosophies.
- To seek and use resourceful methods of partnering with any person or organization who might contribute to the growth of the Affiliation and Association.

(Additional information, score sheets and forms can be found in Appendix B, Judges Affiliation and at [www.DDCA.org](http://www.DDCA.org).)

## 7. Technical Committee

### **Purpose and Goal of Committee**

This committee exists to maintain a high level of integrity in Dance Teams as a high school sport. The Technical Committee has been put in place to help train and advise the DDCA Organization. This committee will meet four times annually per year. Once in October for pre-season update, twice during season (Dec/Feb) and once in April for post season wrap up. The Technical Committee will also have additional meetings as needed, determined by the Commissioner. The Technical Committee will train and manage the Technical Judges that will observe routines during team performances each round of competition. Teams that have infractions at a competition during the dance season/year will be contacted by the DDCA Technical Committee and will be assessed penalties. Repeat offenders may be at risk of losing their "Good Standing" with the DDCA and the OSAA.

(Additional information and forms can be found in Appendix C, Technical Info and at [www.DDCA.org](http://www.DDCA.org).)

## **8. Sanctioned Competition Calendar**

Schools/teams that wish to host a competition need to apply by submitting a Competition Application Form at the DDCA Spring Meeting. Each hosting school must have a representative at the meeting in order to reserve a date. Applications and deposits will be submitted at the beginning of the meeting and will not be accepted in the mail prior to the meeting. Forms are available on the DDCA website.

All competition applications are subject to approval by DDCA/JA based on receipt date of the application AND fees, the number of applications for that date, the location of the hosting school, and staffing availability. The DDCA/JA will work with all potential hosting schools to resolve event conflicts and help facilitate all groups.

This application process registers a school's *request* to host a competitive event and have the Judges' Affiliation secure certified judges and associated personnel. Event application fees pay for the operation of the Affiliation and for the materials provided to the approved event.

Forms, fees and dates are available at [www.DDCA.org](http://www.DDCA.org).