



*Welcome Coaches, Teams, and Fans to the  
31st Illinois Drill Team Association State Finals!!!*

**There is NO Pre-Contest meeting.**

**If you have any questions regarding scheduling or contest information, contact Orella.**

**If you have any questions regarding merchandise, contact Michelle.**

**If you have any questions regarding judging, contact Cyndi.**

**Please ask your parents & fans to be considerate of others during the competition. They should remain quiet & seated during every performance. They should NOT cross through the judges' area at any point. Also, they cannot have noisemakers - per IHSA rules.**

- Teams should report to the **Warm Up** area no more than 6 teams ahead of your scheduled performance. HJA's will be in the designated areas to direct you when to go down to the tunnel. There is very limited space, so please do not report too early.
- **TUNNEL AREA - Ready Line Check will take place here!!**  
Suggestion – do a mock ready line check while you are in the practice area!!  
All of you have been through the procedure so I will not list everything again. However, these are the concerns that come up most often:
  - ✓ Jewelry (don't forget about the hair bands on the wrists)
  - ✓ Fingernails
  - ✓ Gum/Candy (yes, mints are candy)
  - ✓ Soft fabric chokers may be worn!
  - ✓ ANY performer may receive a penalty point once the HJA begins the team check.
  - ✓ **Performers MAY NOT take the floor until these violations are rectified**
  - ✓ **After the Check, the HJA will instruct you when to take the SIDE OF THE FLOOR**
  - ✓ Do NOT take the floor until the Floor/Head Judge gives the okay.
- Music Table/Before Performance – If you haven't made a new copy lately, you might want to do that. If you have used the same copies all year, they tend to get scratchy!
  - ✓ Bring 2 tapes/CD's – **to the music table!!**
  - ✓ Only 1 song/track per tape/CD – this includes the back-up
  - ✓ Representative **must stay at the music table** to alert the music technician to begin the music & then watch team from any area
  - ✓ Only the coach/representative may adjust the variable speed player & stop the music if something is wrong!
  - ✓ Coach MAY take the floor in case of injury/emergency
- Out of Bounds
  - ✓ Color of boundary line is **NAVY BLUE!**
  - ✓ Cannot step on the line
  - ✓ Poms & Props may go out of bounds, but cannot hit a spectator
  - ✓ Any part of the body which touches the boundary line IS out-of-bounds, but violating the plane above the boundary line is NOT a penalty.
- Coaches

- ✓ You cannot “coach” during your team’s performance. You may be a “fan”, but you cannot cause any distraction (yelling, arm gestures, etc). You have done all you can to prepare your team – let them show what they can do!
- IHSA Safety Violations – **common errors!**
  - ✓ Drops - knee/seat/thigh/split/front/tension – Rule 3-2
  - ✓ Inverted flyers in partner stunts – Rule 2-8
  - ✓ Tumbling over or under a stunt, person, or prop (includes poms & props in hands) – EXCEPTION – forward roll over a prop (not a person) – Rule 2-9
  - ✓ Kicking or moving items on the floor – Rule 2-1
  - ✓ Dancing on the hem of long pants – Rule 3-1
- After Performance
  - ✓ Talk to Floor / Head Judge regarding performance
  - ✓ If you do not sign the penalty sheet, you cannot appeal a penalty
- Music/Lyrics/Choreography
  - ✓ **Sportsmanship/Conduct** – use of profane, disrespectful language or gestures during the performance or **throughout the contest** does violate IHSA Spirit Rules – Rule 2-15. **This includes ill-behavior towards the judges, contest hosts, other coaches, or other participants. This can result in a 3 point penalty that can be assessed at any time of the day!** Please remind your fans about this!!
- Scores – there are NO verbal critiques for the state finals.
  - ✓ This is the FINAL contest. The best of the best are here competing together. You may see a fluctuation of scores. Why is that, you ask? The judges use the descriptors and the boxes on the back of the score sheets to determine their scores. When there are just a few teams in a particular category, it is fairly easy to determine the box/descriptor and give a certain score. However, when there are several teams in a particular category and the majority falls within the same box/descriptor, the judge has to make decisions of how to rank each team within those particular boxes. For example, if Team A usually falls within the Above Average box for Difficulty and has received a 12.5 score, they may expect that they will not receive a lower score in the future. But now at the Finals, Team B performs, is considered Above Average and is scored a 12.5. When Team A performs at Finals, they do not fulfill the requirements as well as Team B and therefore may receive a 12.0. Keep in mind, there are only 1.4 points ranges within each box and judges have to be very careful with their ranking.
- Rule Change Proposals – due March 31 – send to Michelle Deets

# 2010 IDTA STATE JUDGES

- ★ Floor Judge – Jeannine Bukowski, Christy Fisher, & Cyndi Kraemer, Amanda Massey, Kate Muhlstadt, Summer Riordan, Melanie Sprengel, & Christine Taylor (various times throughout the day)
- ★ HJA – Jill Bishop, Susan Dierker, Debbie Drake, & Glenda Michael
- ★ \* Refers to Guest Judge
  - ★ *Get to know your judges - make sure to read all of the judge's biographies in the state program.*

## Pom/Dance A

GE: Chris Chiavola, Kelley Englehardt & Jenna Frye  
EX: Lynn Gelatka, Christy Fisher & Alex Foster\*

## Pom/Dance AA

GE: Chris Chiavola, Jennifer Mora & Beth Moritz\*  
EX: Lynn Gelatka, Summer Riordan & Alex Foster\*

## Pom/Dance AAA

GE: Christine Taylor, Breeya Cordova & Beth Mortiz\*  
EX: Lynn Gelatka, Summer Riordan & Alex Foster\*

## Lyrical A

GE: Breeya Cordova, Jenna Frye & Kelley Englehardt  
EX: Summer Riordan, Christy Fisher & Kate Muhlstadt

## Lyrical AAA

GE: Chris Chiavola, Breeya Cordova & Beth Moritz\*  
EX: Christy Fisher, Kate Muhlstadt & Alex Foster\*

## Lyrical AA

GE: Chris Chiavola, Christine Taylor & Beth Moritz\*  
EX: Lynn Gelatka, Summer Riordan & Alex Foster\*

## Jazz A

GE: Breeya Cordova, Christine Taylor & Kelley Englehardt  
EX: Lynn Gelatka, Christy Fisher & Jeannine Bukowski

## Jazz AA

GE: Chris Chiavola, Breeya Cordova & Jennifer Mora  
EX: Lynn Gelatka, Amanda Massey & Alex Foster\*

## Jazz AAA

GE: Chris Chiavola, Jennifer Mora & Beth Moritz\*  
EX: Lynn Gelatka, Jeannine Bukowski & Alex Foster\*

## Musical Theater / Color Guard

GE: Chris Chiavola, Breeya Cordova & Melanie Sprengel  
EX: Lynn Gelatka, Cyndi Kraemer & Alex Foster\*

## Steppers AA & AAA

GE: Breeya Cordova, Jennifer Mora & Yvonne Cole\*  
EX: Lynn Gelatka, Cyndi Kraemer & Alex Foster\*

## Tall Flag – A - AAA - AA

GE: Melanie Sprengel, Christine Taylor & Breeya Cordova  
EX: Cyndi Kraemer, Amanda Massey & Jeannine Bukowski

## Kick A

GE: Melanie Sprengel, Jenna Frye & Yvonne Cole\*  
EX: Cyndi Kraemer, Kate Muhlstadt & Christy Fisher

## Kick AA

GE: Chris Chiavola, Jennifer Mora & Yvonne Cole\*  
EX: Kate Muhlstadt, Amanda Massey & Jeannine Bukowski

## Kick AAA

GE: Chris Chiavola, Jennifer Mora & Yvonne Cole\*  
EX: Cyndi Kraemer, Amanda Massey & Jeannine Bukowski

## Lyrical Flag - A - AA - AAA

GE: Melanie Sprengel, Christine Taylor & Jennifer Mora  
EX: Cyndi Kraemer, Amanda Massey & Jeannine Bukowski

## Pom A

GE: Jenna Frye, Kelley Englehardt & Yvonne Cole\*  
EX: Cyndi Kraemer, Amanda Massey & Jeannine Bukowski

## Pom AA - AAA

GE: Melanie Sprengel, Jennifer Mora & Yvonne Cole\*  
EX: Cyndi Kraemer, Amanda Massey & Kate Muhlstadt

## Hip Hop A

GE: Jenna Frye, Yvonne Cole\* & Beth Moritz\*  
EX: Kate Muhlstadt, Summer Riordan & Cyndi Kraemer

## Hip Hop AA

GE: Christine Taylor, Jenna Frye & Kelley Englehardt  
EX: Kate Muhlstadt, Summer Riordan & Christy Fisher

## Hip Hop AAA

GE: Chris Chiavola, Kelley Englehardt & Beth Moritz\*  
EX: Kate Muhlstadt, Summer Riordan & Christy Fisher

*As you can see, you will have 3 GE and 3 EX judges for each performance. The judges will score each performance individually and tabulation will total all 6 scores. I would like to personally thank each and every one of you for your participation this year. Many teams have shown tremendous growth throughout the season and I congratulate you for that! You should be very proud of yourselves! You made it all the way!!*

**“If you love dance/flag team, hug your coach!”**

*Cyndi Kraemer, Judging Coordinator*

