

THSBA Code of Ethics



Policies and Procedures:

Triangle High School Ballroom Association (THSBA) is a free service to high school students to enhance their ability to learn, dance and experience all the benefits of ballroom dancing. Because this service is free to students; they are expected to adhere to a certain number of policies and procedures.

Attendance Policy:

Students are expected to attend all (or as many) practice sessions as possible. Attendance is taken at each practice session. Students will only be allowed to miss 3 weekly practice sessions during a dance season. Each dance season will be about 12-13 weeks. If a student misses more than 3 sessions, that student will be removed from the team. In order to keep the progress of the team consistent, should a student miss 2 consecutive sessions, he/she will be removed from the team or choose to schedule a makeup lesson with the teacher of the team at the student's own expense.

Dress Code:

All students are expected to wear appropriate clothing for dancing with a partner. Students should be dressed in a clean and professional manner. This does not exclude "workout gear" however, it should be without stains or holes.

Appropriate clothing is defined as follows:

- Ladies: Tops and pants or skirts with proper shoes. If wearing a skirt, she must wear proper undergarments defined as "dance pants". No midriff or undergarments should be visible. Ballroom or Latin dance shoes are preferred, but a dress shoe with a smooth bottom surface that stays on the foot (no slides, mules, flip flops, etc.) or character shoe with a 1-3" heel.
- Gentlemen: Tops and pants with proper shoes. No sleeveless tops; no midriff or undergarments should be visible. Ballroom or Latin dance shoes are preferred, but dress shoes with a smooth bottom surface that stays on the foot (no slides, mules, flip flops, etc.) or men's jazz shoe with a 1/4"-2" heel.

General Codes & Expectations:

- No gum. A mint is permissible if necessary, but refrain from sucking or slurping noises of any kind, especially while dancing.
- Always wear deodorant. Be aware of body odor. Should a student sweat excessively, be prepared to bring a change of shirt or top. Dancing will be done in close proximity to a partner.
- Always be polite. Learning to dance can be an awkward and intimidating experience for some. Refrain from making jokes or laughing at others during dance sessions ever.
- Do not teach your partner. Leave the instruction to the professional. If you are experiencing difficulty, ask the teacher for help. There is no such thing as a dumb question; if you are wondering it, likely someone else is too.
- Be respectful of each other and the professional. Do not talk while the teacher is actively teaching. Use pleasantries such as, "please, thank you, excuse me, etc." in all interactions with all participants.
- Students are expected to dance with everyone. Partners will be determined by the professional leading your group.

The professional leading the dance team or group will use their discretion in determining a violation of these codes, ethics & expectations. THSBA teams operated on a 3-strike system. Should a student be in violation he/she will receive a 1st warning on the first and second offense. On a 3rd violation, you will be removed from the team or club immediately. Following these policies will help create a fun and constructive environment for everyone involved. We look forward to working with you!

Student Participant (Print)

Signature

Parent (Print)

Signature

Date _____

Team _____