

## What to expect at TWD Competitions?

**FUN** with a lot of sparkle!

Dancers need to **arrive with hair and makeup done and uniform on**. Warm up time is listed on our TWD schedule posted in the team's BAND group calendar in the comments for the event.

*If you prefer to get ready at the facility, please USE the changing tents to make attire changes this helps keep the bathrooms open for those who need to go to the bathroom. Also, come extra early from your team's warm time to ensure you are ready to warm up at the time listed on our TWD schedule.*

Our **meeting area** will be listed on our TWD Schedule. I will also provide maps of the facility if I have them.

*We have limited space, we ask that once your dancer is dropped off with a coach for the parents, family and friends to leave. Also dancers bring only what is needed, this will leave more space to warm up. Send any valuables with your parents.*

Please be **ON TIME**. We do NOT wait for you, warm up starts at the time listed on our TWD schedule. We usually go down to the performance floor area 20-30 minutes prior to our compete time, this allows us to be ready if the competition is running faster than planned also gives the team the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the performance area. If you are not here when we leave, we do NOT wait for you. If the competition is running early and it is our team's turn to compete and you are not there, we will compete without you.

Once **awards are done** and we take a team photo on or near the performance floor, we will go back to our meeting area unless otherwise noted on our TWD schedule. You are free to go leave when we get back to our meeting area unless you have another team competing. In this scenario please be ready to warm up at the warm time for your next team.

We would love for all JFK Parkers Prairie Area parents, family, friends and fans to **sit together** for a large cheering section. Look for our pink poms for our group in the performance gym. Let's get LOUD for our dancers. BRING signs... your voices... help get the crowd pumped!

**Double check** which side our teams are performing on. If there are no paper programs available, there will be a QR Code to scan to bring you to the program on the website.

*Helpful hint - screenshot our TWD schedule and place it as a background on your phone for quick easy access to it.*

Ensure to have **water and snacks** in your dance bag.

Make sure all your uniform pieces are **marked with your name** on it. Keep all of your items in your bag.

*Helpful hint - PACK your dance bag a week ahead of time, then re-check with your parent the TWO nights prior to ensure you have everything.*

Make sure you are on our BAND app group(s). This is where any **announcements** will be posted throughout the day.

Once warm up time has started with the team, I **no longer have my phone on me** so I can give the team my focus.

*If you need something post it in the team's BAND group, another parent may be able to help you.*

**My goal** for our teams at these competitions is to do THEIR best. For them to walk off and feel confident they gave it 110% on the floor. Also they worked hard to help their team do their best at class and preparing outside of class. If they get a place that is the "cherry on top of the sundae". This may be difficult for some of us, we always want our team to come out on top and that is why we LOVE you. My reasoning for our dancers to stay focused on our team and our goal is that is all we can control. We can NOT control the other teams kicking higher or landing that turn or their expressions or who the judges are watching. We can NOT block the basket or hold the offensive line from making a touchdown or stop them from advancing to the next base or pinning you on the mat. If we focus on our team and nailing our goal, we WIN every time.

In class we talk about keeping our **starting points**, we do NOT want the judges to make any deductions. We discuss how we keep the easy points and really work / focus on those difficult points. I dream of ZERO deductions.

**Always remember...**

Support your child's instructors and coaches. If you do, it helps them maintain a **stronger culture** for our program. Concerns should be brought up privately.

Be **supportive** of all the dancers in our program as well as other programs! Demonstrate what great sportsmanship is! Cheer on other communities.

Support **judges** and their decisions. Remember you are not rational for about a week after a competition.

Kids **model** the behavior they see and hear. Your behavior can negatively or POSITIVELY affect the program dynamic.

Remember there are **many many many ears** that are able to hear your conversations at these events; what you are saying in the stands, hallways, and even in the restroom. Your words will reflect on your community. Everyone is someone's child.

Support **your dancer**....be humble in success and supportive in disappointment.