

Harris-Stowe State University



2011-2012 Honeycomb Majorettes

As a member of the Honeycomb Majorette Dance Team for the 2011-2012 academic year, you are required to abide by the following policies and procedures:

- I. Maintenance of Membership
 - a. Membership for the dance team must be made official by the specified date: any money or forms received after this date will not be accepted.
 - b. Dues of **\$100/semester must be paid** for official membership and uniform fees.
 - c. Any residual money from the membership fee/dues will go toward the Honeycomb fundraising account. If I have not paid this money, I understand that the consequence is that I will not be able to be in uniform and perform with the band or at any dance performances, which will eventually end up in my dismissal from the squad.
- II. Academic
 - a. All members must be an HSSU student.
 - b. All members must maintain a 2.0 GPA
 - c. Grades are extremely important to this team! Please note if performing poorly with your academics you will not be able to dance.
 - d. Grades will be checked at the midterm point, and everyone, whether you're doing well or not, will receive a letter of progress to let you know where you stand academically and what you would need to do to stay on the team if your grades are in jeopardy.
 - e. If you are dropped from ALL of your classes at any point for any reason during the school year, please notify me immediately. I would not want you to be embarrassed because you were dismissed from the team for not attending class or not even being enrolled in a class or school.
- III. Conduct
 - a. The dance team director reserves the right to enforce University wide disciplinary procedures during practice and at any dance squad performance or function.
 - b. Conduct when representing the Marching Hornets is to be exemplary. Director will refer to Discipline System at all functions or when dancers are in uniform.

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- IV. Attendance
- Regular attendance is **MANDATORY**. Please notify the director in writing of any upcoming absences. If prior notification is not possible, bring a note to the next practice or function. Prior notification does NOT mean the absence is excused.
 - There will be some performances and practices that may not be listed on the printed calendar.
 - No call No shows are not permitted on the squad. 2 or more No call No shows will result in possible dismissal from the squad.
 - Any dancer who is absent more than three times may be dismissed from the team
 - Students must be present at the practice prior to a performance in order to be allowed to perform at an event.
 - Each dancer is expected to remain at practice until 8:30 p.m., unless otherwise approval by the Director. Practices left more than 10 minutes early will be counted as an absence.**
- V. Financial Obligations
- All members must meet all financial obligations.
 - Fall semester dues are \$100 and \$65 of that amount is due immediately, and \$100 for spring semester (due date TBA).
 - All members must purchase their own jazz shoes, dance tights, eye lashes and make-up.
- VI. Fundraising
- All dancers are required to attend any and all fundraising events hosted by the Marching Hornets Band and Honeycomb Majorettes.
- VII. Practices
- Dancers are required to attend practices on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
 - Thursdays will be an All Band practice day.
 - The assigned captain and/or co captain possess all authority in the presence and in the absence of the dance director. They have the authority to send dancers home or ask them to remove themselves from their line if they are:
 - Being disrespectful to the captain/co-captain, Director of Dance and the Director of Band;
 - Having difficulty mastering repetitive routines;
 - Are not, for any reason, following the policies and procedures in place;
 - Mandatory practices with the color guard and drum line will be frequent. We are a Unit and will practice as one.

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- e. Conditioning days, study days, and informational band days will be Mandatory.
 - f. The director reserves the right to call additional or longer rehearsals if necessary. You will have notification prior to any changes/additions.
- VIII. Attire
- a. Dancers are required to bring an extra pair of dance tights to every performance.
 - b. Each dancer is required to have their hair done in concert with all honeycomb dancers and make up is also a requirement as part of the uniform, NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - c. No piece of uniform shall be worn to school or to any other place outside of performances.
 - d. As a performer, you always want to look the part.
 - e. It's your responsibility as a dancer to invest in your facial color concealer or bronzer, gold eye shadow, blush, red or pink lipstick, and a neutral gloss.
- IX. Performances
- a. Honeycombs will perform at all university-related events, including, but not limited to parades, pep rallies, basketball games, talent showcases, homecoming events, community events, etc.
 - b. All performance dates, times and required attire will be announced as soon as the information becomes available.
 - c. Honeycombs are required to be present at each performance.
 - d. There will be tryouts before each performance and if for any reason a member is not prepared for tryouts or they didn't make the cut for that performance they are still required to dress out and show up to that performance.

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DISCIPLINE SYSTEM

All members of the Honeycomb Dance Squad will adhere to the rules and regulations of the constitution, as well as, the discipline system of signing the book.

The book will be brought to each practice and performance. Dancers will sign the book, with the date and reason for signing. The book can be signed for infractions at both practice and performances. The reasons for signing are, but are not limited to the following:

- Tardy
- Chewing Gum
- Wearing wrong piece of practice uniform
- Forgetting a piece of performance attire
- Wearing jewelry
- Answering the phone/Phone ringing
- Forgetting uniform items at practice
- Disruptive behavior (talking, cutting up, being loud, bad attitude)
- Insubordination*
- Missing a performance
- Inappropriate behavior (being rude to other teams, acting unlady-like)
- Inappropriate Hairstyles at performances
- Not wearing the proper make-up
- Bringing drama to practice or a performance
- Talking back
- Not excelling academically
- Gossiping about the team outside of practice/performance
- Not mastering the dances or showing major levels of incompetence

*Signing for insubordination is counted as 5 signatures.

- 1 signature in the book= a verbal warning
- 3 signatures= probation for one week
- 5 signatures=dismissal from team

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2011/2012 CONSTITUTION CONTRACT

I have read the Honeycombs Rules and Regulations and understand the expectations of being a member on the team. I understand the attendance policy and will be at every practice and performance unless excused. I understand there is a 30 days probationary period and if at any time I am not in good standing, break a rule, and/or I incur too many signatures I can be dismissed from the team immediately.

Having read the above documents, I agree to adhere to the rules and regulations set out by the constitution.

If for any reason, I do not think that I will be able to abide by the aforementioned rules, I am not going to sign my name below. If, Indeed I do not sign below, I understand that at the discretion of the dance director, I may be dismissed from the team.

Dancer Signature

Date

Franschell Little, Dance Director

Date