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TO: Dance and Drill Parents

FROM: Competition Committee

SUBJECT: **2009 OSAA / U.S. Bank / Les Schwab Tires Dance and Drill State Championships**

As you are well aware, the state competition is the end result of a long season of dedication and countless hours of rehearsals. Emotions are at an all time high for everyone involved- dancers, coaches, parents, fans and event staff. The Competition Committee offers the following information to help parents better understand the procedures of the event.

As has been established by the Dance and Drill Coaches Association, only those teams which post a predetermined Standard Qualifying Score (SQS) prior to the competition or during the Preliminary Round will be allowed to advance to the Final Round of the competition. While it is possible that all teams will satisfy the SQS and advance to the second night, you should be aware that it is also possible that some teams may not. Regardless of whether a team advances to Finals, students from all schools will be eligible for All-State recognition, DDCA scholarships and participation in the Drill Down and Grand Finale.

The OSAA hires professional videographers from Northwest Game Films to videotape the competition. Special areas near the judges have been reserved specifically for the professionals. No one else is allowed in these areas. However, personal videotaping is also allowed. Parents may film from their seats so long as they do not use tripods and do not block the view of other spectators.

In order to assure the privacy of the dancers, the dressing room areas are off limits to everyone except participants, coaches, event personnel and "mom helpers" with appropriate identification passes or ribbons. No male will be allowed in the dressing room areas unless he is a coach or a member of a dance team.

The Memorial Coliseum and Chiles Center staffs have asked that we remind parents that balloons are not allowed anywhere in either facility.

We are working to make this competition a fun and memorable experience for these young dancers. We appreciate your cooperation and assistance.