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How to put your best foot forward in a Virtual Audition

We know auditions are already scary enough face to face and now we have to do them virtually. This can be daunting but it is also a blessing. You can make sure to put your best out there for us to see! So, we are here to help! There are certain things to think about before you video, during your video and before you submit your video. Check out this How To Virtual Audition so we can help you create the best virtual audition possible!

Things to Know

- ❖ Plan ahead
- ❖ Follow the directions
- ❖ Read everything fully
- ❖ Don't wait until the last minute
- ❖ No shortcuts

Before the Auditions Begin

NOTE: Check your team website/social media. Check out the forms, guidelines and deadlines. Make a calendar or to-do list so you do not miss anything.

1. Review all of the information provided by the Team's Director... PowerPoints, Forms, Team Info, etc with a parent/guardian.
2. Make sure you have the required documents already saved for your team application. This may be any of the following: Contact Information for you, your parent/guardian, present/past coaches/sponsors, current report card, letter of recommendation, individual headshot, etc.
3. Fill out the team application with your parent/guardian and upload all necessary documents before you submit the form. Do this ahead of time just in case you are missing something or your network is slow.
4. Prepare your dance space. Make sure you have enough room to move around, a floor you can turn on and a place to set your phone/camera/laptop. This space needs to be quiet with minimal distractions when you learn and especially when you record your videos. You must remain in the frame for the entirety of the video and it must be a full body video so we can see from your beautiful smile all the way down to your perfectly pointed feet.
5. Stretch and Condition every day leading up to audition week!

During Video Recording

IMPORTANT: *Your videos will be viewed by the directors and judges only.*

1. Make sure to learn the combinations facing the correct direction and on the correct side.
2. Take your time learning the combination and skills each day. Do not rush into recording. Make sure you know the combination and skills well enough to record.
3. Dress appropriately, pull your hair back and smile!!
4. At the beginning of each video you must say your full name, if you are a returning member or a rookie candidate and what team you are auditioning for. Example: Hi, I am (first, last name) and I am a two year vet on the (team name). Or... Hi, I am (name) and I am trying out as a new candidate for the (team name).
5. Your video must be from head to toe for the entire video. Make sure you have plenty of space so you do not go off screen or behind furniture.
6. No one else should be in the video and no one should be calling out the dance for you. You may have someone record you but they cannot assist you during the video.
7. Do not watch the videos of the combinations or skills while you record your video.
8. You should say what combination or skill you are performing on video but please refrain from talking while you are dancing or between recordings.
9. Save multiple recordings so you can select the best ones.
10. Remember, you will record each combination and skill AGAIN on Friday so we can see growth over the week. Keep working on the combinations and skills each day so you can put them all together on Friday for your final audition.

After Video Recording

IMPORTANT: *Practice doing video editing before the audition process begins so you know how to do it and won't stress about it during the week of auditions.*

1. Review all of your videos making sure you are in the frame fully, you are completing all of the movements and using proper technique. Pick the best video to submit. You cannot edit the combination videos, however you may edit the skills videos by selecting the best attempt of each skill. Each skill must have the prep, the skill and the recovery from the skill.
2. Each day you will submit ONE video. This video must include the combination and skills taught that day. You can use iMovie or other apps to edit and combine the videos. It is imperative that you submit it all in one video so you will not be counted off for items missing.
3. Remember to say or display your full name in the beginning and the end of your videos every time.
4. Submit your final video each day by midnight. Start early so you do not miss this deadline!
5. FRIDAY: FINAL AUDITION DAY - You will video all 3 combinations and all skills in full performance make up and hair wearing all black audition attire. You may edit the combinations and skills to combine them all into one final video, however you cannot "cut and splice" parts of combinations together. Again, you can only submit one video. Make sure you are showing your very best in this final video.

6. Submit your best videos each time and do not miss a deadline!

Reminders:

- Always show your personality and smile!
- Be confident and know that we are looking for potential and growth.
- Do your recordings early just in case you have issues with your wifi or uploading videos.
- Keep practicing! You will improve every day and we will be able to see the growth throughout the week.
- Check your videos with audio! Make sure all of the requirements are there!
- Say or display your name and candidate number at the beginning and end of every video. Make sure you are using energy and smiles in every video.