



WIAA/GESA CREDIT UNION STATE DANCE/DRILL FIRST TIME PARTICIPATING SCHOOL

EVENT DETAILS

- **DATE:** End of March - [WIAA State Tournament Dates](#)
- **SITE:** [Yakima Valley SunDome](#)
- **TOURNAMENT MANAGER:** Lara Lindersmith - laralindersmith@gmail.com
- **SCHEDULE:** Performances take place Friday and Saturday with morning floor times. The detailed warm-up and competition schedule will be posted two weeks prior to State after the final qualifying events. Floor times are assigned based on travel distance; please complete the travel distance form linked in the Coach Information Packet. Teams that do not submit the form by 8:00 PM on the Sunday after the final district qualifying event will be assigned early floor times. Seating opens one hour before competition, so only bring what is needed for floor time to the SunDome.

RESOURCES

- Start by visiting the [Dance/Drill Resource Page](#) on the myWIAA website
 - Postseason Standard Operating Procedures (SOPS) are posted at the beginning of the school year.
 - The WIAA Dance/Drill Casebook contains many situation rulings that provide interpretations of many NFHS Spirit Rules.
 - The Coach Information Packet is added to the Postseason SOPs document at least one month prior to State. Please review the entire Coach Information Packet for valuable information.
 - Attend the Zoom coaches meeting, linked in the Coach Information Packet, on the Sunday evening before the event for important updates and to ask questions. Please send a representative from your team if you can not attend.

STATE-READY CHECKLIST

- **Music Attestation**
 - Your school athletic director must attest that music meets copyright laws for a performance in a public setting where admission is charged; the music attestation form will be sent to your athletic director to fill out prior to the state event. You may want to check in with your athletic director to make sure they know what this is and that it's required.
- **Performance Music**
 - Coaches are required to submit music files ahead of time. Schools will be fined for late submissions. Look to the Coach Information Packet for more details & link to submit music.
- **Tournament Registration**
 - Work with your Athletic Director to meet [Tournament Registration](#) deadlines, including Pass Gate and Tournament Program Information.
- **Team Photos**
 - Contact Northwest Sports Photography at <https://www.4nsp.com/Contact.aspx> or talk to them at the event to schedule a time with the photographers (located in the Fair Room) to have a team picture taken.



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LOGISTICS/FAN INFORMATION

- **Lodging**

- Work with your school administration to determine if lodging will be provided and for what day(s).
- Hotels in Yakima fill up fast, so plan ahead. For assistance, contact Rich Austin, Executive Director of the Yakima Sports Commission, at 509-594-2742 or email rich@yakimasports.org.

- **Transportation**

- Work with your school administration to determine what type of transportation will be provided
- Parking: Enter at Gate 15 off Pacific Avenue. Team buses, vans, and trucks carrying props may park for free in the north lot. All other vehicles are required to pay \$10 per day.
- RV parking is available within walking distance of the Yakima Valley SunDome. For further information about cost and availability please contact the SunDome at (509) 248-7160.

- **Meals**

- No outside food or drinks are allowed in the facility. Participants may bring in their own water bottles.
- Concessions are available at the SunDome, but healthy choices are limited.
- Teams may pre-order boxed lunches through SunDome catering, details in the Coach Information Packet.
- Many teams arrange to have food on their bus, meals at their hotels, or meals at restaurants when time allows.
- A hospitality room is provided for coaches, but all food and drink must be kept inside the room.

- **Trainer**

- Please bring your own supplies.

- **Pass Gate**

- The pass gate is where teams, coaches, chaperones, and bus drivers enter the venue. Coaches and chaperones must be submitted in advance by the athletic director on the pass gate list to receive wristbands, which allow access to team-only areas.
- Teams receive one wristband per eight participants (max three). Additional individuals must purchase a ticket and show it at the pass gate to receive a wristband.

- **Preorder State Event Merchandise**

- Preorder merchandise is available prior to the event from [Rush Team Apparel](#) and available for pickup onsite. Check the Coach Information Packet for the Pre-Order open and close window.

- **Tickets**

- Encourage parents and fans to purchase tickets online ahead of time at wiaa.com/tickets in order to avoid lines at the ticket booth.



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COMPETITION DAY

- **Team Check In**
 - Your team will check in at the registration table at the north entrance, where you will receive a coaches packet with wrist bands, participation certificates for participants, etc.
- **Bag Storage**
 - During the competition, teams should store their bags in the stands, in vehicles, or in the Fair Room.
 - When planning for costume changes, build in extra time, as students must be seated during performances.
 - Participants are responsible for any valuables brought into the facility; WIAA is not responsible for lost items.
- **Changing/Prep Areas**
 - Space for changing, hair, and make-up at the SunDome is very limited, so please complete as much preparation as possible at home, in your hotel, or on the bus. Most costume changes will need to occur in the restrooms.
 - Teams will have access to shared locker room “ready room” space before performances; however, these areas are shared and items may not be left inside. Bags should remain in the stands or in vehicles. Teams with very short changing times may be assigned a locker room to leave bags—affected teams will be contacted by the tournament manager.
 - An upstairs shared prep room is also available; ask a staff member for directions.
- **Safety/Technical Forms**
 - The ST table is located near the announcer/music table. Pick up forms as soon as possible after each performance.
- **Closing Ceremonies and Awards Presentation**
 - Immediately following the drill down, team leaders line up alphabetically for the parade of teams. They should look for their school sign pinned to the curtain in front of the team seating area to know where they line up. They will be given a sign with their team name to carry in the parade.
 - The lights will be turned down with spot lights and a light show. All fans and teams are encouraged to bring glow-in-the-dark paraphernalia.
 - Team leaders usually dress up in costumes of their choosing. **They only have a few minutes to dress and line up for the parade.** Please ensure that your leaders do not wear costumes that have items that fall off easily or will be dangerous in the dark. Inflatable costumes are usually problematic. No stunting or tumbling is allowed during the parade.
- **Seating**
 - Coaches and teams may sit on the east side of the SunDome both days and must remain seated during performances.
 - All west side seating is for ticketed spectators, except the front-center section reserved for the coaches and non-performing members of the team currently performing. Coaches may walk across the floor from the on-deck area through the gate gap to access these seats.
 - Fans must remain seated whenever a team is on the floor, including during entrances and exits, to ensure judges have clear sightlines.
 - Fans may only photograph or video their own team, and flash photography is not permitted.