

**CONSTITUTION
of the
CONROE HIGH SCHOOL GOLDEN GIRLS DANCE TEAM**

The following articles must be adhered to by all Conroe High Dance Team members. It must be understood that as a member of this organization, the student becomes a representative of Conroe High School and each member must maintain high moral and ethical standards. Since members have elected to audition and were selected for exclusive membership, the group is governed by this constitution and its standards in addition to the district's minimum requirements for extra-curricular participation. Membership on Golden Girls is a privilege and may be terminated at any time for unacceptable standards of conduct in accordance with this constitution.

This handbook is meant to be a basic operating instrument and is not intended to cover every operating or disciplinary policy. It should be included in the yearly membership directory along with the Golden Girl Booster Club By-laws. All Golden Girls and parents must follow this handbook as well as the Conroe High School Handbook, CISD District and Fine Arts guidelines.

**ARTICLE I
PURPOSE**

A Golden Girl shall provide a spirit-promoting service, be loyal, have high morals and standards, be a good example in and out of school, and develop self-discipline and confidence. She shall also have poise, good posture, and present a good appearance. Being a Golden Girl is an honor. In order to be as "good" as our tradition and history warrants, hard work and discipline are basic components of the program. A Golden Girl's commitment is to both academics and the Golden Girl Organization. If you are not ready to accept this challenge, then Golden Girls may not be for you.

**ARTICLE II
AUDITION QUALIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS**

Section 1. Anyone who meets the set qualifications will not be discriminated against because of race, creed, or educational handicap.

Section 2. All forms must be turned in prior to or on the designated date:

- A. CHS Golden Girls Varsity Dance Team Audition Application Form
- B. Copy of most recent grade report, indicating cumulative grade point average
- C. CHS Golden Girls Varsity Dance Team Participation Contract
- D. CHS Travel Release Form – After auditions
- E. CISD Student Physical Health Form – After auditions

Section 3. Prospective members shall be entering grades (9) through (12).

Section 4. A prospective member must reside with her parent/guardian(s) within the Conroe Independent School District or show proof of future CISD residency and must also reside within the Conroe High School attendance zone at the time of auditions. If the candidate does not live within the CHS attendance zone, an approved transfer request form must be on file with CISD and the CHS principal.

Section 5. Any student new to the district and/or CHS attendance zone may audition only if enrolled by the day audition practices begin and must meet all requirements of eligibility. Transfer of membership from any dance team to CHS, including in-district transfers, does not grant team membership.

Section 6. Any returning member who has been placed on probation during the current performance year will be required to participate in the formal audition in front of the judges and must meet the performance standard/score as determined by the judges for all prospective members.

Section 7. Candidates must have a cumulative grade point average of passing which is the equivalent of a 70.

Section 8. Candidates may not have been academically ineligible for more than two six weeks grading periods during the current school year.

- Section 9 Each candidate will receive a Student Evaluation rating. This evaluation rating is based upon documentation taken from the candidate's most recently completed grading period report, assistant principal disciplinary records, and attendance office records. (See Student Evaluation for Dance Team form.) This rating constitutes 30/130 points of the candidate's final audition score.
- Section 10. Candidates may not exceed five (5) absences per class per semester. Extenuating circumstances must be resolved with campus administrators prior to submitting all paperwork for auditions.
- Section 11. Candidates are required to have excellent disciplinary records. Each candidate must be cleared through the assistant principal's office before being cleared for audition. Credit will be denied in accordance with the CISD Student Evaluation Form for Cheerleading and Dance Team based upon the number of office referrals the candidate has on record for the current school year.
- Section 12. Candidates are required to have excellent classroom citizenship/conduct. Each candidate will be credited for proper conduct in accordance with the CISD Student Evaluation Form for Cheerleading and Dance Team based upon the citizenship grades received on the candidate's most recent grade report.
- Section 13. A candidate who is academically ineligible for extra-curricular participation during the time period in which auditions occur and has not been academically ineligible for more than two six weeks may audition to become a Golden Girl. In the event that the candidate is selected to become a Golden Girl, she will be placed on a probationary status. If she does not regain her eligibility during the next grading period, she will forfeit her membership and another candidate may be selected to take her position.
- Section 14. All candidates and their parent/guardian(s) must attend an audition orientation meeting or contact the director for an appointment prior to the posting of the PHASE TWO cut. Failure to attend or meet with the director will result in the candidate's inability to audition. Prospective members and their parent/guardian(s) must be fully aware of the time and expense involved in becoming a Golden Girl.
- Section 15. All candidates who have passed the first and second audition cut must attend all audition practices unless academically ineligible or suspended, and may not exceed one absence unless excused by the director or an administrator. If a candidate is to be absent from practice, the director must be contacted prior to the absence.
- Section 16. Candidates will be expected to perform a specific required routine at auditions. The performance of the candidates for line membership shall be evaluated by a panel of three (3) certified and impartial dance team judges. Selection of line members will be based on the sum of: the average score of all three judges and the Student Evaluation Form rating during a closed audition session.

ARTICLE III ***MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS***

- Section 1. The term of membership shall be officially recognized as the time immediately following the audition through auditions of the following school year.
- Section 2. Team members must register for the designated Golden Girls (PE/Elective – “Drill Team”) and for the Dance II-III-IV/Varsity (Fine Arts/Elective – “Drill Dance”) class periods for the fall and spring semesters of their membership year.
- Section 3. Members, pending eligibility status, will participate in all activities in which the organization is involved, whether it is practice, performance, fund raising, or school and community events.
- Section 4. Members must exhibit and maintain a satisfactory attitude toward school policies and regulations.
- Section 5. Every member must be present for all practice sessions, games, camps, pep rallies, competitions, etc. (See Article VII, Section 1., for list of excused absences.)
- Section 6. All members are required to attend dance team camp and other required dance/choreography workshops throughout the year. Members who do not attend dance team camp or summer choreography workshops will be placed on alternate status for the first two pep rally and football game performances.

- Section 7. Before school, after school, and summer practice sessions are required. Time specifications for these will be established as camp dates and other school schedules become available to the director. Summer practice for all members is mandatory upon notification of these dates and times.
- A. Members will be placed on alternate status for the first pep rally and football game if they have an unexcused absence for 1 (one) and not more than 2 (two) summer practices.
 - B. Members will be placed on alternate status for the first two pep rallies and football games if they have unexcused absences for 3 or more summer practices.
- Section 8. Members may not leave any function for any reason other than illness, injury, or death in the family. The member may leave with a family member or relative ONLY, and the director must be contacted prior to departure. If the student leaves, a written note must be submitted to the director which states that the student is leaving with a parent/guardian, what the reason is for departure, and that the director and CISD are released of all responsibility for that student.
- Section 9. Members audition for every performance unless ill or injured. Members must be able to demonstrate competent memory of the specific dance as well as be able to perform the dance skills required of that routine in order to earn a dance position in that routine. Members who do not receive a dance position in a specific routine shall assume the role of dance alternate for that routine.
- Section 10. Members who are unable to audition for a performance must notify the director for approval. Failure to audition for a specific routine will automatically result in a member's inability to perform that specific routine and she will only be allowed to serve as a practice session alternate for that routine.
- Section 11. Members will purchase their pep rally uniform, practice clothing, and other necessary clothing as required. All personal obligations for uniform orders must be met by the 1st day of school unless prior arrangements have been made with the director. Monies paid are not refundable.