



ELEMENTARY BALLROOM

Team Match Rules and Regulations for 2025-2026

Sponsored by *Danzinsküle Education Foundation*

SCHOOL NAME: _____ DATE: _____

Listed below are the rules for the Elementary Ballroom Team Match event, which have been established to help safeguard the fidelity of the program and to ensure the team match event is a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone involved. These rules emphasize the "Recreational" nature of the team match event. Should any point arise which is not covered in the rules, it will be referred to the Team Match Director and *Danzinsküle Education Foundation* board whose decision will be final.

LIABILITY: Anyone attending an Elementary Ballroom Team Match event does so at his or her own risk. *Danzinsküle Education Foundation*, any school district, or any participating school is not liable for students, teachers, or parents attending a team match event. **It is the responsibility of a parent or legal guardian of the student to provide transportation to and from any team match event unless a bus is provided.**

AWARDS: A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the school which displays the most **SPIRIT** and to the school that shows the best **SPORTSMANSHIP**. One couple from each school for each class level will be recognized with an **EXCELLENCE AWARD** (dedicated dancer). Every dancer will receive a ribbon associated with the placement of the team score. Top scoring teams for Bronze, Silver, & Gold levels will receive trophies along with scholarship money. Gold level placements of 1st to 3rd will also receive trophies & scholarship money.

RULES AND REGULATION

1. Each participating school must register their team match teams at register4comps.com website by the established due date. Acceptance of late entries will be determined by available space at the team match event. A late fee of \$25 per team will be assessed for any teams added or dropped past the due date. Each school must comply with these rules found on the registration website.
2. Each student participant and parent must sign a **Media Release Waiver Form** on the register4comps.com website in order for their dancer to participate in the team match event. This form will be effective for all team match events held during the school year.
3. Each team may consist of only 4th, 5th, and/or 6th grade students who must attend the school they represent. **All other exception must be approved by the Team Match Events Director.**
4. Only those students who are enrolled in a ballroom class held at an Elementary School (either part of a public school, private school, or Charter school) during the same school year a team match is offered, are eligible to participate in an Elementary Ballroom Team Match event. If students who do not dance in an Elementary school ballroom program dance at a team match, then the entire team is subject to disqualification from the team match event.
5. Students may dance on one (1) registered team ONLY in one (1) division, either EB, JH or HS. If a 6th grader plans to participate in a team match event, then they need to declare which division, Elementary or Jr. High, they plan to participate in with their school ballroom team. The students must remain in that declared division for the entire year.
6. The team match event is structured as a "traditional ballroom dance" activity with a couple defined as 1 boy and 1 girl so as to maintain a recreational competition fairness between participating schools. Each team consists of four (4) couples for all Elementary Team Match events for both Level 1 and Level 2 teams throughout the school year.
7. Attire for Team Match dancers:
 - **Boys** - A white long-sleeved shirt with any dark-colored pants & socks, however a color bow tie will be provided for January team match. At the UVU & BYU team match events boys wear same clothes except they must wear a BLACK pants and a BLACK tie. **We encourage students to use the BYU dress code at all team match events to create consistency & less confusion.** See guidelines at byudancesport.com form for more details.
 - **Girls** - Any black colored skirt and **BLACK** top are allowed for the January Elementary Team Match, however, the black skirt and **BLACK** top guidelines specific to the BYU competition need to be met in order to participate at UVU and BYU. **We encourage students to use the BYU dress code at all team match events to create consistency and less confusion.** See guidelines at byudancesport.com for more details
8. Shoes for the Team Match dancers:
 - **Boys** - Heel height not to exceed 1.5 inches and the shoes need to have a thin sole that do not create black scuff marks on the floor. A ballroom dance shoe is preferred.
 - **Girls** - Heel height not to exceed 1.5 inches, and must be block heel style if a dance shoe. **No spike heels.** An ankle or arch strap is highly recommended to keep the shoes secure.

9. A team qualifies to participate at any team match by adhering to the most recent curriculum (specific and complete dance routines, with no changes or embellishments). Dancers learn specific routines for each dance taught at the monthly *Danzinskule* Teacher Curriculum training.
10. Teams not adhering to the specific and complete dance routines will be automatically given a “Bronze” ribbon placement and asked to meet with the Elementary Ballroom Director or Team Match Coordinator to review the routines.
11. Teams **MUST** dance at the skill level of their students. For example: If a team has level 2 students, then all the students on the team must dance the level 2 curriculum. Level 1 students may dance up to a Level 2 team, **but Level 2 dancers may NOT dance down to a Level 1 team.**
12. Level 1 teams are considered “**Newcomer Teams**” and are defined as “**New to the sport of Ballroom Dance**”. Teams consist of beginning students who do not take ballroom lessons outside of the Elementary Ballroom program. The Level 1 students have been dancing for only the current school year. **Any student is considered a Level 2 dancer if they have already danced for one school year and they do not take private ballroom lessons or participate on a ballroom medley team.**
- If a student takes private lessons, participates with another ballroom group or medley team, then he/she has “**graduated from**” any team match experience. **“Graduated Team Match students” may participate in their school’s ballroom classes, and their school parent performances, but may not dance on the team match team.**
13. Number of teams a school can bring to a team match event is determined once all school teams are registered and team numbers are submitted to the organizers. It is the goal of the event to allow as many students the opportunity to participate, but taking in to consideration the time frame of the event.
14. Each school may register as many double dancing teams as desired to participate at the January Elementary Team Match. Full teams are preferred and will be given priority over double dancing teams. Both boys or girls are allowed to “share” partners to allow maximum participation at the January Team Match. “Share” spots for teams are mainly for the purpose of accommodating ballroom programs with extra girls. It is strongly recommended that “share” dancing is done on a limited basis and explained well to the parents so they are not upset with the lessened time their student will dance at the team match event.
15. A double-dance team has a minimum of two (2) boys and two (2) girls per team. **It is strongly advised NOT to register teams with two (2) boys and two (2) girls in case a student cannot attend at the last minute. If a school dances a team with only one (1) boy and/or one (1) girl, then that team will receive an automatic “Bronze” ribbon placement.** This idea should only be used for last minute emergencies with the understanding that if only one (1) boy and/or girl dances, the team risks a “Bronze” placement.
16. Boys may NOT double-dance a style that is scheduled consecutively. **Information regarding students who double-dance must be submitted to the Team Match Registrar by the registration due date to ensure proper acknowledgement at the event. Double dancing is NOT permitted at UVU or BYU unless needed to fill team spots.** It is strongly encouraged that each school bring an alternate couple to BOTH the UVU and BYU team match events
17. If there are not enough dancers for a school to create a team for the Elementary Team Match, then the teacher may seek couples from other schools. Schools may only provide couples (boy and girl) so that the students can practice without having to go to the other school (no individuals if possible). **Combined teams cannot qualify to attend UVU or BYU State Team Match.** The school that has the need for the couples will be the represented team. (i.e: If Northridge doesn’t have enough students to create one team, then they can create a combined team yet all the dancers will dance for the “Northridge” team.)
18. **In order for a team to participate at UVU or BYU STATE team match, a school must first qualify by participating at the January Elementary Team Match event.**
19. Final interpretation of these rules and regulations will be determined by *Danzinskule Education Foundation* board and its members. Any concerns or questions regarding the rules or implied rules will be referred to the board.

Lead Teacher Signature

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Date

Principal Signature

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Date