



Dance Judge Training

Frequently Asked Questions

When and where are dance judge training sessions held?

Dance judge training will usually be offered during the WACPC Spring Fling (May) and WACPC Fall Conference (October-November). Once scheduled, the date, time and location will be posted on www.wacpc.com under the Education tab.

How do I register?

Once training has been scheduled, a registration form will be posted. Complete the registration form and mail with payment to the address listed. The application needs to be completed and returned via email.

I sent my registration and payment but I haven't heard anything back yet! Am I actually registered?

Confirmation and information about where training will be held will be emailed to you about 3 days prior to training.

I just received an email that training has been canceled due to lack of interest or that the training session is full. Why?

Dance judge training relies heavily on discussion from judge trainees. If we don't reach a minimum number of participants, it is difficult to get good discussion going. If there are too many people, it is also too difficult for everyone to have an opportunity to participate and still finish training within our scheduled amount of time.

What type of experience do I need to become a judge?

Experience in dance and other performance art is essential for a judge. This would include experience as a performer, a former coach, an instructor, a choreographer, technical training and/or prior judging experience. An ideal judge will be over 21, with reliable transportation and no current varsity level affiliations within the state of Wisconsin.

What can I expect from training?

We will cover WACPC judging philosophy, score sheet construction, category descriptions, judging procedure and judging etiquette. We will watch videos of performances in the main WACPC categories- pom, jazz, kick and hip hop and discuss the performances as they relate to the WACPC score sheets. After training, judges will be expected to complete a written quiz and a video evaluation which will involve watching pre-selected videos and completing a WACPC score sheet for that performance.

I completed the WACPC dance judge training, when do I start judging?

Once you have completed the training and written evaluations, your contact information will be placed on the WACPC judge list. Your contact information will not be shared with anyone, but you will periodically receive emails from the Dance Judge Coordinator making you aware of opportunities to

judge local competitions. If you are interested in judging that event, you should contact the site director listed.

The WACPC judge list is also used to hire judges for WACPC competitions-JAM, Regionals, State and All Star State. The Dance Judge Coordinator will ask judges for their availability for these competitions during the fall. Contracts will be sent to the judges who are selected around Thanksgiving.

Will I be guaranteed judging assignments?

Unfortunately, no. Local site directors hire their own judges for their events. Hiring for WACPC competitions is at the discretion of the Dance Judge Coordinator. In most cases, a new judge will be asked to judge local competitions for 1-2 years before judging JAM or Regionals. A judge will typically judge Regionals for 2 consecutive years before being considered for State. Judges with USASF judge certification and judging experience will receive priority for the All Star State competition.

I am already certified to judge with another organization. Do I still need to register for training?

Please contact the Dance Judge Coordinator at wacpcdancejudges@gmail.com.