



## **2015 Ragin' Jazz Dance Team Tryouts General Information Sheet**

**1. Applications are due in our office by WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 2015  
DO NOT EMAIL APPLICATION & REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

*A hard copy must be mailed with all required documents and received by the deadline:*

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS** (submit with application)

**Completed Application**

*Photo (senior pictures are fine, wallet size, will not be returned; 1 PHOTO ONLY)*

*FRONT & BACK copy of your current health insurance card (must have insurance to tryout)*

*Copy of UL acceptance letter (incoming freshman & transfer students)*

*Official current college transcript (current UL students & transfer students; minimum 2.0 on most recently completed semester)*

*Signed Statement of Understanding Waiver (if under 18 years old must also be signed by parent)*

**Regular mail (USPS):**

**RAGIN' CAJUNS SPIRIT SQUAD OFFICE**

**Attn: Michelle Bernard**

*P.O. Box 43970*

*Lafayette, LA 70504*

**Express Shipping (UPS, Fed Ex)**

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*620 McKinley Street Room 157*

*Lafayette, LA 70503*

**2. Tryouts will be held at Moncla Indoor Practice Facility (athletic campus, 201 Reinhardt Drive) & EK Long Gym (main campus, 500 East St. Mary Blvd.)**

*All portions of tryouts are closed to all except candidates, judges and staff.*

**Candidates are encouraged to bring their own water bottle & snack.**

**3. We would like to see your game day appearance. We are looking for a neat, Collegiate appearance.**

**FEMALES:**

*Wear vermilion (red), white, black or gray sports bra or dance crop top and black hot shorts or leggings. Hair should be styled and worn down as you would on game day. Make up should be worn and natural, with color on your lips. NO JEWELRY, including necklaces, earrings, bracelets, rings or any other piercings. Please refrain from wearing apparel from other schools or teams. Any tattoos you may have should not be visible.*

**MALES:**

*Wear vermilion (red), white, black or gray t-shirt and athletic shorts. A neat, well groomed collegiate appearance is expected so please be clean-shaven. No facial hair, piercings or jewelry. Any tattoos you have should not be visible.*

4. *Candidates will be evaluated on dance skills & technique, fight song (pom), jazz combo, hip hop combo, crowd leading ability & physical fitness/appearance. Finalists will go through interview process. In addition, each candidate should come prepared with 4-5 counts of 8 of your own choreography, adaptable to any music and should showcase your strongest abilities. When finalizing our team, we are looking for candidates who are easy to work with, who possess a high level of dance technique, who can easily make corrections, as well as candidates who will be the best ambassadors of Ragin' Cajun Spirit. A strong foundation of dance training is essential.*

*The following is a list of requirements but does NOT guarantee a spot on the team.*

***Dance Skills:***

*Pirouettes (triple & quad), fouette' & A la seconde turns, chaine & pique turns, grande jete, leaps in second, switch leap, turning disc, calypso, firebird, right & left splits, fan kick, battements, leg hold*

***Tumbling Skills:***

*(some of these may be included in jazz & hip hop combination)*

*Cartwheel, front/back roll, kip up, headspring, front/back walkover, aerial cartwheel, backbend*

5. *Schedule*

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| <i>Friday April 17, 2015</i>   | <i>Moncla Indoor Practice Facility – 201 Reinhardt Drive<br/>Parking available at Cajun Field (Bertrand Drive Side)<br/>4:15 p.m. Check in begins, once checked in, warm up on your own<br/>5 p.m.–8 p.m. Evaluations on Fight Song &amp; Technique<br/>(Cut will be made after this round of evaluations)<br/>8-10 p.m. Learn jazz and hip hop choreo</i> |
| <i>Saturday April 18, 2015</i> | <i>9 a.m. Interviews for finalists<br/>Females: skirts, dresses, dress pants<br/>Males: slacks, button down &amp; tie or polo<br/>12 p.m. Evaluations on jazz &amp; hip hop choreo<br/>4 p.m. 2015-2016 Team Announced (approximate time)</i>                                                                                                              |
| <i>Sunday April 19, 2015</i>   | <i>2:45 p.m. Mandatory team meeting &amp; first practice</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

6. *Team selections are final. Squad members will be based on the above evaluations, interviews and how well they will fit and work within the Ragin' Jazz Dance Team Program.*

7. ***IMPORTANT DATES***

*June 25-27, 2015 Mandatory squad retreat, team photo shoot, video shoot  
July 6-15, 2015 Team practice & preparation for camp  
July 16-20, 2015 UDA College Camp (held at the University of Alabama)  
August 17, 2015 Fall practice begins, schedule is as follows  
(you must schedule your classes around this practice schedule)  
Mondays 2:30-5:30 p.m.  
Thursdays 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
Fridays 2:00-5:00 p.m.  
\*Workouts twice per week will be scheduled at a later date\**



## Ragin' Jazz Dance Team Tryout Application

Please circle: Male Female

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (your email that you check regularly) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

College Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Please circle: Fr Soph Jr Sr

Expected college graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_ (month & year)

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### STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING WAIVER

*The undersigned is aware of and acknowledges the risks associated with participation in dance team activities, including but not without limitation, the risk of catastrophic injury, paralysis and even death. Nevertheless, it is the undersigned's desire to participate in dance team at UL Lafayette. The undersigned assumes all risk of injury associated with said participation and specifically agrees to indemnify and hold free and harmless the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, its agents and employees, including without limitation the Ragin' Jazz Dance Team, coaches, staff, spirit coordinator and all other members of the department of athletics staff, from any and all claims or causes of action arising out of his/her participation in dance team activities at UL Lafayette, no matter what the cause. The undersigned further acknowledges that he/she is and certifies that he/she is at least 18 years of age.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*If under 18, this form MUST be signed by a parent or legal guardian prior to participation, NO EXCEPTIONS.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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