



The Georgia Steppers League Presents

2017 GSL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP STEP SHOW COMPETITION

*“Where there’s Smoke, There’s **FIRE!**” Part 3*

It is with great pleasure that we announce the 4th annual GSL Regional Championship Step Show competition! This will be an awesome and action packed event will take place at Best Academy 1890 Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy NW, Atlanta, GA 30318 on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. It will feature all of the GSL teams in the state of Georgia and area elementary school step teams from all over the region! We are excited to have your team as a part of this monumental event.

This packet will serve as your official guide to the regional championship performance. Please share ALL of the information with your parents so everyone is clear as to how the show is going run the day of the event. If you have any questions after reading the packet, please make sure to contact the Georgia Steppers League and we will be happy to assist you. Below you will find the information that will make up the contents of the packet.

Registration and confirmation of your team’s participation

There is a \$40.00 registration fee for all participating teams with a mandatory 20 tickets to be sold by each team for the Regional Championship. In addition to the fee and ticket requirement, we will require the completion and submission of the form below.

Please complete the form below to assist us in preparing for you and your team. This form will alert us to the number of participating steppers to expect, the official name of your team including your introduction, contact information and your prop needs. We must have these forms by **Saturday, February 4, 2016** and registration fees can be brought to the show or mailed prior. **Excused absences from this event must be approved by the GSL Executive Board as this is a mandatory event for all league participants. Please note, if your required tickets are not sold, you will be assessed a fee for the remaining tickets. Please work with other teams if this requirement is a challenge. Additionally, if you do not participate in this event, your National Championship bid will be deactivated for the 2016-2017 step season.*

Ticketing Information

Presale tickets are STRONGLY encouraged for this event which is sure to sell out. All participating teams are required to sell a minimum of 20 tickets. Tickets are \$10 for all attendees being this is a league fundraiser and qualifier for the NSA national championship. We will provide incentives for ticket sales as outlined below:

Vendor Fair Information

□ **Team Photos**

Even if teams do not plan to purchase group photos, teams are required to take one team picture prior to their performance. Picture times have been added to the overall show schedule but teams are welcome to go at any time prior to the time allotted as long as teams are in proper uniform. These pictures are to be tasteful (we will be using these for GSL archives)

□ **Coaches Reminders**

We have provided a small checklist to assist in preparing for this performance. We know that there will be MANY things taking place the days leading up to the show so hopefully you can put a reliable parent in charge of this checklist.



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GSL Step Show Registration Form

Team Name (how you would like to be introduced)

School Affiliation _____

Coach(s)/ Sponsor(s) _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Email address _____

Team: _____ Female _____ Male _____ Co-Ed

School: _____ Middle _____ High

Number of Steppers (No Limit) _____

Brief blurb about your team that will be read as your introduction _____

***Registration must be received by February 4, 2017 and will serve as your official acceptance of your invitation.**

Please include a list of performances, awards and accomplishments

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TICKET REQUEST FORM

Greetings!

We are excited to invite our teams, supporters and partners to the Georgia Steppers League Regional Championship competition! The step show will be held on Saturday February 18, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. The location is Best Academy 1890 Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy NW, Atlanta, GA 30318. We WILL start our show on time! ☺

This is our league fundraiser and all proceeds will support student awards. If your fans would like to purchase presale tickets (which is STRONGLY encouraged) please use the form provided to record their orders and take their payment. Once you have completed the presale order, please contact Khalilah Allen at gslfinance2@gmail.com. You will need to give the specific amount of tickets you are requesting.

You will be sent an email confirmation and Khalilah will arrange to meet with you to retrieve your order or to set up your Will Call list. We look forward to you joining us for this exciting event!

Your Name: _____

Email Address (for confirmation): _____

Group/Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Total Tickets Needed: _____ x \$10.00 = TOTAL CHECK: \$ _____

As this is a league fundraiser, all persons, regardless of age, will need a ticket to enter the step show.

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Ticketing Information for Fans (Please share with ALL parents)

- Each fan will have to purchase a ticket to this year's show. This includes parents that assist with set up, hair, makeup and snacks. **This is our annual fundraiser so we need the support of ticket sales.**
- School aged-children (ages 4 and up) are also required to purchase a ticket. The appearance of age can be determined by those at the ticket booth.
- If a ticket is lost or misplaced, another ticket will have to be purchased
- There will be NO ins and outs for this show.
- We will provide wristbands for every person in attendance. Security will be monitoring these so we can keep an accurate count of those in attendance.
- The ticket numbers will also serve as entry into our "door prize" drawing so fans are encouraged to save their ticket stubs.

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GSL Step Show Arrival Procedures

- Buses must park in the area that will be clearly marked for all buses.
- Upon check in, team rosters will be verified and wristbands will be provided.
- All presale tickets will be verified upon check in. If you have **WILL CALL** tickets, you must have the money for those tickets during check in. We will then confirm that list and deliver it to the door.
- Teams that arrive prior to their "floor" time are able to walk the floor earlier. Once a team has walked the floor once, they are **UNABLE** to walk the floor and additional time.
- All teams **MUST** be punctual and report to their designated areas at the time indicated. We **WILL** start the show **ON TIME** so we need all teams in place on time.

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Coaches' Checklist

- Snacks for kids* (GSL will provide crackers and juices)
 - Extra uniform pieces*
- Music (2 copies)*—please have more than one format
 - Props*
- Positive Attitude and SMILES*

2016-2017 GSL Official Rules and Scoring Criteria

Please review the following information in its entirety as each team will be responsible for its contents and implementation.

Step Show Mandatory Do's and Do Not's!

- 1.) If a team is performing, whether they are exhibition or competing, there will not be any movement by any competing teams.
- 2.) No competing team members that are on the floor for a performance are allowed to physically touch or make any bodily contact with the judges or the judges table.
- 3.) No competing team members that are on the floor for a performance are allowed to throw any objects at the judges table.
- 4.) All competing and exhibition teams are responsible for clearing the floor after your performance of all props and all other accoutrements.
- 5.) Judges will remain at the judges table for 15 minutes after the conclusion of the show (after winners are announced), for consultation with only active GSL coaches of competing teams that have satisfied payment of dues.
- 6.) Judges are not to be approached, called or emailed after the conclusion of the show to discuss the outcome or commentary of the show.
- 7.) The judges' table consists of ONLY 6 judges, 1 lead judge and 1 statistician.
- 8.) All coaches, team managers, and steppers, that are part of the team performing but are not performing that day, should remain/stand behind the designated area.
- 9.) When there is a team on the floor, the next team is the team on deck and the team after that is the team in the hold. You are only allowed to be out of the performance area if you are the team after the team in the hold or if you are the team that has just come off the floor and you are cooling off. Teams that are just coming off the floor are allowed to stay out of the performance area for one team performance. After that you must come return to the performance area.
- 10.) Maintain all levels of respect on and off the floor.



Scoring Requirements

Please review the following information in its entirety as each team will be responsible for its contents and implementation.

The Georgia Steppers League has adopted the rules and guidelines of the National Step Association for all league-endorsed step shows. All Step Teams (GSL members and Non-GSL members) will be judged by our Standards Division based on the following criteria:

- **Performance Time Window**

- a. There is an 8-10 minute window for team performances.
- b. Time begins at the first movement or first sound (music/video) made.
- c. Points will be deducted based on the time limit infraction (being over or under the performance window time).
 - Under time limit: 3pt deduction
 - 1-5 seconds over: 0pt deduction
 - 6-15 seconds over: 1pt deduction
 - 16-30 seconds over: 3pt deduction
 - 31-60 seconds over: 5pt deduction
 - 1:01 and over: automatic disqualification

- **Compulsory Step Elements**

- a. Each performance must include two out of three compulsory elements. Teams will be given points based upon completing these elements in their show. Compulsory elements must be completed by a majority of the team to be valid.
 - Ripple Step- Steppers complete set of motions/beats one after the other.
 - Syncopated Step-Step with three **different** steps making one syncopated rhythm.
 - Rotational Step- Step where either individual steppers rotate in place or the formation rotates as a part of the step

- **Performance Step Criteria**

- a. Introduction (5)
 - ❖ Is the team's introduction exciting, eye-catching and enticing?
- b. Vocal Clarity (5)
 - ❖ Can you hear and understand when an individual step team member speaks?
- c. Showmanship/Enthusiasm (10)
 - ❖ Does the team maintain a high level of energy from the Introduction to the Outro in the show? Does each team member maintain the same execution of the moves in terms of exerted energy?
- d. Transitions/Formations (10)
 - ❖ Does the team transition from one formation to another?
 - ❖ Is the movement smooth and choreographed?
 - ❖ Is there a clear difference from the placement of the steppers from one step to another?
 - ❖ Does the team use a variety of formations or does the team remain in one formation for more than two steps?



- e. Creativity (5)
 - ❖ Does the routine seem creative? OR Are the steps repetitive? OR Have I seen this before?
- f. Thematic Flow (5)
 - ❖ Is the theme carried out throughout the entire step routine?
 - ❖ Does the storyline move seamlessly from element to element therefore adding entertainment to the overall presentation?
- g. Appearance (5)
 - ❖ Are the uniforms consistent with the theme? Is the team appropriately and uniformly dressed?
- h. Complexity/Difficulty (15)
 - ❖ How difficult or complex are the steps and the entire routine to perform?
 - ❖ How difficult or complex are the transitions?
 - ❖ Does the team utilize a variety of movements and beats?
 - ❖ Is there a variety of Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 steps and is there mastery of those steps?
- i. Synchronization (15)
 - ❖ How sharp are the movements? Are the team members hitting points at the same time with the same checkup?
- j. Outro (5)
 - ❖ Does the outro "complete the show" or does it appear to be filling time for the performance window?

Consequences for Violations of Do's and Do Not's!!!

1st Offense: Verbal/Written Reprimand

2nd Offense: Monetary Fine

3rd Offense: Discretion of the Board