

2022-2023

Royal Pride Drill Team

Social Officer Tryout Packet

Social Officer Tryout Schedule:

Monday, May 2nd: Application Deadline & Presentations are Due
Tuesday, May 3rd & Wednesday, May 4th: Team Deliberation in Class
Friday, May 6th: Presentation/Interviews with Judges at 4:00pm
Friday, May 6th: Results Posted on Website

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY!!

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Dear Royal Pride Social Officer Candidates and Parents,

Thank you for your interest and desire to tryout for the Royal Pride Social Officer Line. As you make this important decision to further your commitment to this organization through leadership, I hope to assist you by answering some questions and sharing knowledge of what being a Royal Pride Social Officer entails. As an officer you will help to carefully plan, lead, and execute our fifth year as a team. We will work hard to create traditions and pursue our love of dance, making memories to last a lifetime and laying a foundation for our organization that will carry on for years to come.

A Royal Pride Social Officer will spend **TWICE** as many hours involved in dance/drill team work as a regular line member. Social Officers will be given the responsibility of creating unity, keeping us building lasting memories together throughout the year with special events like holiday parties, our banquet, senior traditions, and so much more.

Along with the honor of being a Royal Pride Social Officer, comes a lot of hard work, sacrifice, and responsibility. They will be required to stay Tuesday & Thursdays until 5:00pm each week, and your attendance is required at each meeting. Your attendance to these extended hours is not *optional; everyone must pull their own weight*. You will also be expected to set a good example in and out of school following all team constitution rules. I tell you these things not to scare you, but to remind you of the commitment you will be making for the entire year to the entire team should you pursue this endeavor.

As you enter this tryout period, remember that in this tryout, there are many outcome possibilities, and you can be a great asset to our team regardless of the tryout outcome. Realize that stress at this time may be at an all time high. Expect frustration at times, but focus on being the best version of yourself. During officer tryout time, many people suddenly become the victim of gossip and lose sight of their goal. Many times it may not be meant vindictively, but nonetheless the gossip and speculation may become stressful and can be very harmful. Prepare for this, rise above the gossip and be happy with your accomplishments thus far. The results of officer tryouts are based on the categories that will be judged as outlined in this packet.

Throughout your life you will be faced with wins and losses. Good lessons can be drawn from both experiences with proper guidance and a willing heart. I hope you and your family respect the organization and the tryout process enough to support it positively, whether you achieve your desired position or whether you do not.

I've listed a few points that you need to ponder while looking over this information:

1. Not all of you will make an officer position. If this happens, I expect you to handle the situation in a mature manner. You have the opportunity to be a leader and an asset on our team regardless of your title.
2. Being an officer requires continual sacrifice. Please be sure you can remain dedicated throughout the entire year prior to trying out.

3. Much is expected of you as an officer, as you will be held to even higher standards. Behavior such as back-talking, poor behavior, rude looks, inappropriate tone of voice, PDA, or a negative attitude will not be tolerated from any team member or officer. I will look to you to set the example of what a Royal Pride Drill Team Member should be at all times.
4. Being an officer is not an ego trip. It is hard work!! There will be times when you will want to give up, but I will expect you to remain focused and work together.
5. I expect the team to come first. I will also expect you to keep me informed of difficulties that may hurt the team or our image.
6. The officers must function as a cohesive unit. We have to present a united front. There is no room for dissension among officers, nor is there room for divas.
7. You will also have to fulfill the obligations listed on the officer contract page.

Once again, I am THRILLED that you're trying out for Social Officer and am looking forward to an incredible year together. Set your goals high and do your absolute best. Please, feel free to ask any questions and share your concerns. I wish you the best of luck!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gassett & Ms. Fuller

WORK SCHEDULE/CAMP PREP

*Social Officer Camp Prep

May 9th - 26th Camp Prep at GOHS

*Social Officer Camp

June 6th-9th at The San Luis Resort in Galveston

QUALIFICATIONS & PROCEDURES

1. You must be an incoming Sophomore, Junior, or Senior with at least 1 year of experience under your belt.
2. Tryouts Part 1: the candidate will put together a PowerPoint or Google Slide Presentation based on the following guidelines outlined in this packet. Presentations will be graded based on the rubric in this packet. The top candidates will progress to the second portion of our social officer tryouts.
3. Tryout Part 2: the candidates will then be interviewed individually by the Judges. You will also present a portion of your PowerPoint or Google Slides to the Judges.
4. There is not a set number of candidates that we are looking for. Selection and the final number of Social Officers selected will be left up to the discretion of the Judges and Directors.
5. Because Social Officers are tasked with upholding team morale and team spirit, they must be respected by their peers. The team will assist in the selection of this year's Socials using the rubric found later in this packet.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

*This is subject to change year to year as our organization grows. This is also just a breakdown of example jobs. There may be less or more of these.

Team Camp

- Big and Little Sister activities/reveal
- Communicate with Directors about Big and Little Sister activities
- Organize welcome back squad ideas
- Set up, run, and clean up Little Sis activities
- Take pictures at Camp
- Set lunch schedule for who we eat with each day
- Plan camp games and team building activities
- Celebrate June & July birthdays
- Answer any questions and make sure new members are succeeding at camp
- New member ceremonies
- Make squad banners to hang in the room.
- Coordinate locker room and dance room decor

Football Season

- Back to school bonding/party
- Big and Little Sister gift exchange
- Gift exchange with other Drill Teams at games
- Pass out the Dancer/Spirit Girl of the Week sashes
- Popsicles (team and band for UIL)
- Take pictures during season
- Prayers at each game
- Teach new member's game and stand etiquette
- Teacher of the Week

Holidays

- Team Philanthropy in November or December (ex. Toys for Tots, Juvenile Diabetes, community service, would like to be out in the community)
- Halloween party
- Christmas party
- Valentines day party

Clinics

- Organize photographer and backdrop
- Help organize fun activities for the participants
- Design clinic t-shirt

Contest Season

- Come up with daily/weekly ways to motivate the team
- Hand out the dancer of the week award
- Big and Little Sister gift exchange
- Help design contest t-shirt
- Purchase and decorate team gift

Spring Show

- Create new traditions and uphold any past traditions
- Find ways to recognize each senior leading up to the show
- Big and Little Sister gift exchange
- Come up with daily/weekly ways to motivate the team
- Team Slideshow

Banquet

- Decorations
- Speech
- Officer Inductions
- Slide show and screen for slide show
- Backdrop for photos
- Caterer/ food reservations
- Gifts
- Team personal awards

- Voting ballots
- Make certificates
- Song request list

- Slideshow- break pictures into categories make sure all photos are appropriate, include a variety of members/ pictures, slideshow must be approved by directors 2 weeks before the show and 1 week before the banquet
- Set up/ take down

Throughout the Year:

- Encouraging notes to your squad
- Popsicles or other treats for your squad on designated days
- Squad gifts are a personal decision. One way to keep expenses low is to collaborate with dance officers and socials.
- Find ways to support all other teams/organizations on campus
- Host social officer meetings every Tuesday & Thursday from 4:00-5:00 pm with delegations for the week
- Collaborate with dance officers on any projects that will encourage team spirit, unity, etc!!!
- Give weekly updates & meet with directors about upcoming activities
- Keep the bulletin board up to date (calendar, reminders, welcome back, football season/fall semester, competition season/spring time, etc)
- Publish news about Team
- Royal Pride Birthday's (Make sure you stay on top of birthdays!)
- **APPROVE EVERYTHING & ANYTHING WITH THE DIRECTORS!**

****These are just guidelines to give you a general idea of what will be expected of you in your position.**

PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS

The social officer candidate's PowerPoint or Google Slides is their application/resume to tryout for the social officer line. It should be well thought out, neat, creative, and organized. Please give your presentation the time it deserves & be honest in your answers.

Theme- Please select a team theme for next year to base your PowerPoint or Google Slide presentation around. When picking a theme please consider the meaning behind the theme as it relates to our team, along with if the theme will be carried out into the contest/show season, or will it be something that we use for our room and banquet only. Ideas should be thematic, realistic in their implementation, creative, inspiring and enjoyable for our team.

**Try to pick a theme that has not been done/used before.*

Slide I- Your tryout number should be displayed on the first slide of your presentation. This will be how you are scored. Failure to provide your number may prevent you from being scored correctly. Please **do NOT display your name** anywhere in your presentation, and **do NOT tell anyone your tryout number**.

**Tryout Numbers will be given out once applications are turned in. Do NOT include your name or any pictures of yourself in your presentation. I should not be able to tell whose presentation is whose.*

Slide II: Squad Names- Come up with creative squad names/titles that reflect both the officers name and the yearly theme. Example: If the yearly theme was Royal Pride Takes on the World (Disney themed), a squad name could be "Briley's Bolts".

**Our officers have not yet been chosen, so for this exercise please use the 2021-2022 officer names.*

Slide III: Locker Decorations- Come up with a thematic locker decoration that the socials could make and gift to the team at some point throughout the year. Remember to stay thematic!

Slide IV: Team T-Shirt- Design a team t-shirt that matches your team theme. Be sure to include an estimate of cost and any other important details.

Slide V: Big/Lil Reveal- Come up with, describe, and present how you would like to reveal Big & Lil sisters. This should be a game or activity resulting in the Bigs being revealed to the Littles. Again, creativity is key. Remember to detail out if supplies or costs are needed for the reveal, along with instructions on how the game/activity will take place.

Slide VI: Big/Lil Gift- Come up with one big/lil sister gift idea to be used this year. Your gift will need to have an overall idea description covering what and when the gift will be given. This gift idea will also need to have example pictures, along with cost breakdown for the gift. You can choose to be thematic if you would like, or your gift can match the event at which you plan to give it.

Slide VII: Motivational Game/Activity- Create your own unique team game/activity. Please include your game title, game description, and game rules. List out any supplies or costs associated with the game.

**As a director, it can be hard to take time for these activities. However, they are important! Choose an idea that is fun, realistic, and easily implemented.*

Slide VIII: Motivational Chant- Come up with a team chant for us to use either at practice or before a performance. This could be thematic or more generic to be used year to year. Chants should be catchy, energetic, and easy to memorize/recite. Please put your lyrics on the slide along with a description of where you'd like to use our team chant (practice, before a performance, contest season, etc.)

Slide IX: Teacher/Staff Appreciation- As a spirit organization, we want to show gratitude and thanks towards the teachers and GOHS staff members who make each day on campus possible. Please come up with an easy and cost efficient way that the socials and drill team could show our teachers and staff members the thanks that they deserve. You can describe your idea with photo examples, if needed. Please include cost breakdown.

Slide X: The Why- Why you want to be a social officer will ultimately drive the experience that both you and our team will have. In 3-4 paragraphs, please explain why you want to be a social officer. What is it about this position that excites you, and what about this position makes you nervous?

Rubric- The team will use the following rubric when grading the presentations. The top candidates will move on to the interview portion of the tryout with the judges.

- Again, your name and individual photographs may NOT be used at any point in your presentation
- PowerPoints and Google Slides are to remain private at all times
- Your number is to be placed on the first slide

Social Officer Presentation Team Evaluation

Please circle/rate the following with 1 being the least amount of points and 5 being the highest possible points given.

Is the PowerPoint and each category thematic throughout? 1 2 3 4 5

Are the ideas realistic, well thought out, and easily implemented? 1 2 3 4 5

Is the PowerPoint neat, easy to read, and organized? 1 2 3 4 5

Are the ideas original and creative? 1 2 3 4 5

Did the ideas excite you? 1 2 3 4 5

Total Points Possible: 25 points possible

Notes: _____

Officer Tryout Interview Score Sheet

*Officer Interviews will be one on one with the judges, directors, & administrator on duty.

Candidate # _____

I. Sincerity/Genuine (20 points) _____

II. Poise/Confidence/Assertiveness (20 points) _____

III. Enthusiasm/Passion (20 points) _____

IV. Quality of Answers (40 points) _____

TOTAL _____ (out of 100)

Judge's Signature _____