



# 2020-2021

## Royal Pride Drill Team

### Social Officer Tryout Packet

*April 8th: Virtual tryout meeting video posted on our team website*  
*April 20th-11:59 pm: Application deadline*  
*April 21st: Email from Director with self-enrollment canvas course link*  
*April 21st-April 29th: Tryout Presentation submission window open*  
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*April 30th & May 1st: Team & Director deliberation*  
*May 2nd: Announcement*

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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 third 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. They will be a vital part of this year's organization as we strive to create traditions and sisterhood, while engaging in our school and community. 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, 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 5:15pm each week, and your attendance is required at each meeting. Many times you will be asked to spend time outside of practice preparing for social events. Your attendance to these planning events 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 in 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 that you can be. 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 expect you and your family to 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 officer. 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. Time, effort, feelings, friends, family, and social life are all compromised as an officer. 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 temper tantrums, back-talking, back -stabbing, 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's plain hard work!! There will be times when you will want to give up, but I will expect you to remain focused and push together as a line.

5. I will expect the team and my wishes to come first. I will also expect you to keep me informed of difficulties that may hurt the team or our image. Chain of command ALWAYS!

6. The officers must function as a close, 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 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. Hardesty

## **WORK SCHEDULE/CAMP PREP**

\*Social Work Time/Camp Prep

June 29th & 30thth Camp Prep TBD

\*Social Officer Camp

July 6th-9th at Westin Galleria Houston

## **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 an online presentation displaying the following guidelines outlined in this packet. Some examples of programs to use may include but are not limited to Prezi, PowerPoint, Google Slides, Keynote, etc. 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 director(s) online via canvas conference call. Interview times will be given at a later date. Be sure to dress in your best interview attire for your interview.
4. At this time 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 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. Once we have our final numbers we will realign and delegate duties accordingly.

### **President:**

#### **Team Camp**

- Help Sister VP with Big and Little Sister activities
- Communicate with Directors about Big and Little Sister activities
- Oversee Historians picture taking at Camp

#### **Football Season**

- Organize football or band mixer and assign football players
- Back to School Bonding/End of Year Party

#### **Holidays**

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

#### **Banquet**

- Decorations
- Speech
- Officer Inductions and Induction rehearsal
- Slide show and screen for slide show
- Backdrop for photos
- Caterer/ Food reservations
- Seating chart
- Gifts
- Set up/ take down

#### **Sports**

- Football, G-Steppers, Tennis

#### **Miscellaneous**

- Host social officer meetings every Tuesday from 4:00-4:30 pm with typed agendas and delegations for the week
- Organize welcome back squad ideas
- Organize squad parties/set guidelines
- Collaborate with dance officers on any projects that will encourage team spirit, unity, etc!!!
- **Approve all decisions through directors.**
- Give weekly updates & meet with Director about upcoming activities.

### **Sister VP:**

#### **Team Camp**

- Mail letters to team over the summer welcoming them back
- Set lunch schedule for who we eat with each day
- Plan camp games

**Football Season**

- Big and Little Sister gift exchange

**Holiday**

- Christmas party

**Banquet**

- Speech
- Big and Little Sister gift exchange

**Sports**

- Football with President, Choir, Athletic Trainers

**Spirit VP:**

**Team Camp**

- Work with President and Sister VP to coordinate team games & activities throughout camp
- Come up with Camp Spirit Dress days
- Help set up, run, and clean up Little Sis activities

**Football Season**

- Gift Exchange with other Drill Teams at Games

**Holiday**

- Holiday party

**Banquet**

- Team Personal awards
- Voting ballots
- Make certificates
- Map to Location
- Help President with decorations

**Sports**

- Golf, Soccer, Theatre

**Miscellaneous-** Always be ready for the President to assign another job or ask for help!

**Secretary:**

**Team Camp**

- Help set up, run, and clean up Big and Little Sis duties

**Football Season**

- Popsicles (team and band for UIL)
- Update bulletin board regularly

**Closet Organization**

- Inventory
- Costume Handouts

**Spring**

- Valentines Party

**Banquet**

- RSVP's
- Programs
- Seating Cards

**Sports**

- Soccer, FFA

**Miscellaneous**

- Bulletin board (Welcome back, football season/fall semester, competition season/spring time, etc)

- Social Officer T-shirts (by Team Camp if you choose to do so)
- If the President does not make an agenda, write down events at each meeting; copy and give to all social officers the next day.

**Historian:**

**Team Camp**

- Take pictures of Lil Sis activities at team camp
- Help set up can clean up Lil Sis activities

**Football Season**

- Take pictures during season
- Football mixer- Take pictures
- Football Promotional Video

**Clinics**

- Organize photographer and backdrop

**Spring**

- Spring Team Party/End of Contest Celebration

**Banquet**

- Scrapbook- get this done in advance. Take pictures of EVERYONE the entire year. We do not want a scrapbook with just pictures of you & your friends. Please include action shots of routines.
- 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 banquet.

**Sports**

- Softball, Wrestling, Swim

**Miscellaneous**

- Always have your camera handy, collect pictures throughout the year, and work on the scrapbook as the year progresses.

**Reporter:**

**Team Camp**

- Help run, set up, and clean up Lil Sis activities

**Football Season**

- Teacher, Admin & Paraprofessional Appreciation

**Banquet**

- Invitations-make sure Admin gets an invite
- Organize drinks and desserts

**Sports**

- Baseball, Orchestra, Drone Club

**Miscellaneous**

- Publish news about Team
- School Announcements via morning announcements and GO TV
- Help Chaplain with Team Birthdays

**Chaplain:**

**Team Camp**

- June & July Birthdays
- Help run, set up, clean up Lil Sis activities

### Football Season

- Prayers at each game
- Inspiration

### Banquet

- Prayer before dinner
- Arrange a time with the Director to set a date for a large team picture for the placements.

### Sports

- Basketball, Volleyball

### Miscellaneous

- Royal Pride Birthday's (Make sure you stay on top of birthdays!)

### **New Member Coordinator**

#### Team Camp

- Help run, set up, clean up Lil Sis activities
- Answer any questions and make sure new members are succeeding at camp
- New member ceremonies

#### Football Season

- Quote of the week (Every Week!)
- Teach new member's game and stand etiquette
- Teacher of the Week

#### Banquet

- Order Flowers
- Booster Board gifts
- Song request list
- Program
- Dancing Playlist

#### Sports

- Track, Debate, Hosa

### **All Social Officer Positions:**

- Make squad banners to hang in the room.
- Coordinate locker room decor
- Coordinate squad t-shirt design, order, collect \$, distribute (option for squads)- with your Dance Officer
- Arrange for squad party on date approved by Director- with your Dance Officer
- 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.
- **APPROVE EVERYTHING & ANYTHING WITH THE DIRECTOR!**

**\*\*These are just guidelines to give you a general idea of what will be expected of you in your position. From year to year the Director may rearrange and assign different jobs to your position.\*\***

# **PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

The social officer candidate's presentation 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.

**Presentation Introduction** : Your tryout number should be displayed first thing in your presentation. Please make sure it is large enough to be seen. 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 via our tryout canvas course 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.***

**Theme**- Next year's Royal Pride team theme is still undecided. We will use this opportunity to show off your creativity.

**Instructions**- Please select a team theme for next year to base your presentation and the following categories 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 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. The sky's the limit when you are the creator!

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

**Category I Squad Names**- Come up with and display creative squad names/ titles that reflect both the officers name and the yearly theme. Example: If the yearly theme was Royal Pride goes WILD (Jungle Themed), a squad name could be "Mrs. Hardesty's Hippos".

***\*Our 2020-2021 officers have not yet been chosen, so for this exercise please use the 2019-2020 officer names.***

**Category II 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! Be sure to include photos, a cost breakdown, a supply list, etc.

**Category III Team T-Shirt-** Create and present a Team T-shirt that matches your team theme. Be sure to include an estimate of cost and any other important details.

**Category IV Big/Lil Reveal-** Come up with, describe, and present how you would like to reveal Big & Lil sisters at our team pool party July 24th. 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.

***\*Last year we revealed this prior to summer break. With Covid-19, I think we should plan to reveal this at our Back to School Team Party July 24th (Last Day of Camp Week). This Pool Party is taking the place of last year's ropes course.***

**Category V 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.

**Category VI Motivational Game/Activity-** Create your own unique team game/activity. These games may get played at some point this year. Please include your game title, game description and game rules on your triboard. List out any supplies or costs associated with the game.

***\*Motivation is an area we can improve on. 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. Give an example of when SPECIFICALLY we could do this.***

**Category VII Sportsmanship League-** As a spirit organization, connecting to other athletic and fine arts groups/clubs on campus is imperative to school camaraderie and success. Please present three specific ideas on how our organization can support other groups and get connected on campus.

**Category VIII Varsity & Junior Varsity-** With the possibility of a Junior Varsity, comes a unique opportunity to incorporate new ideas and traditions. Come up with an idea on how you would like to bridge the challenge two teams can bring, uniting us as one!

**Category IX SENIOR TRADITIONS-** As we acquire a full four grades, it is time to create new Senior Traditions. Create, explore and present ONE tradition for each of the following seasons: Football Season, Contest Season, Show Season (THREE Traditions

Total). Be sure to be specific on the when, where, what, how, etc. Include any inspiring photos, costs and supply lists as needed.

**Category 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 2-4 paragraphs please explain why you want to be a social officer, what opportunities about this position excite you, and what about this position makes you nervous. Please also tell us what positions you are hoping to get and how you would feel if getting another position. Make sure that your font is large enough to be read easily on the presentation.

**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 Mrs. Hardesty and Mrs. Gassett

-Again, your name and individual photographs may not be used at any point on your presentation.

-Presentations are to remain private at all times

-Your number is to be introduced at the beginning of your presentation

**Were the presentations and categories thematic throughout? 1 2 3 4 5**

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

**Was the presentation work neat, easy to read, and organized? 1 2 3 4 5**

**Were the ideas original and creative? 1 2 3 4 5**

**Did the ideas excite you, leaving you anticipated for upcoming activities? 1 2 3 4 5**

**Total Points Possible: 25 points possible**

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