NASDPDA

The North Augusta School of Dance Parent Dance Association

Founding Overview & Purpose

NASDPDA is a parent-led support organization created specifically for the Performance Team families of The North Augusta School of Dance.

The Performance Team is a separate division from The North Augusta School of Dance program. While the school provides dance education through regular classes, the performance team participates to further training for serious dancers by allowing dancers additional training, performances, travel, competitions, and events that also create additional expenses for families.

The purpose of NASDPDA is to create a structured platform where team families may work together through fundraising, volunteer opportunities, and community partnerships to help offset approved performance team expenses.

NASDPDA will operate independently with its own leadership, financial records, policies, and decision-making process.

NASDPDA is designed to:

- Support performance team dancers and families.
- Provide fundraising opportunities.
- Encourage teamwork among parents.
- Create organized volunteer opportunities.
- Assist with approved team-related expenses.
- Promote fairness, accountability, and transparency.

NASDPDA is not owned, controlled, or operated as a division of The North Augusta School of Dance.

Legal Advisor

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The attorney serves as an advisor as needed and does not oversee daily operations unless formally requested.

Leadership Structure

Executive Board

President

Elle Starzec

Responsibilities:

- Oversees NASDPDA operations.
- Conducts meetings.
- Ensures policies are followed.
- Coordinates with event chairs.
- Maintains organizational consistency from season to season.

Vice President

Jamie Jimenez

Responsibilities:

- Supports the President.
- Assists with parent communication.
- Helps coordinate volunteers.
- Acts on behalf of the President when needed.

Treasurer

Parent Volunteer

Responsibilities:

- Maintains financial records.
- Tracks income and expenses.
- Provides financial reports.
- Handles deposits and documentation.

Secretary

Parent Volunteer

Responsibilities:

- Maintains meeting notes.
- Records decisions.
- Maintains organizational documents.

Membership

Membership is automatically available to all parents or legal guardians of dancers selected for the performance team.

Membership lasts for the performance season.

Membership includes:

- Access to meetings.
- Voting opportunities.
- Fundraising opportunities.
- Volunteer opportunities.
- Organization updates.

Participation in fundraising and volunteering is encouraged but not required.

Membership may end due to:

- Leaving the performance team.
- Withdrawal from the program.
- Removal from the team.
- Failure to follow NASDPDA expectations.

Upon termination of membership, the family is no longer eligible for future NASDPDA benefits or assistance.

Financial Structure

All funds raised through NASDPDA belong to NASDPDA as an organization.

Funds are not individually owned by families or dancers.

Funds may be used for approved performance team expenses including:

- Competition fees.
- Travel-related expenses.
- Team events.
- Educational opportunities.
- Other expenses approved by the board.

The board will determine the appropriate use and distribution of funds based on established policies.

Families must remain active members in good standing to be eligible for NASDPDA assistance.

Fundraising Events

NASDPDA will organize fundraising opportunities throughout the season.

Each approved event will have:

- One parent event chairperson.
- A minimum of three volunteers.
- Documented volunteer hours.
- Clear financial procedures.

Each parent may chair only one event per season. There is no limit on how many times a parent can volunteer for an event.

Event chairs are responsible for:

- Coordinating volunteers.
- Managing event details.
- Ensuring money is properly collected.
- Turning in required documentation.

At least two approved volunteers must be present when counting or handling collected funds.

NASDPDA Meeting & Communication Policy

Board Meetings

The NASDPDA Executive Board shall meet as needed to conduct organizational business. NASDPDA values transparency while recognizing the importance of efficient operations. The organization will provide regular communication and financial reporting without requiring unnecessary meetings that limit volunteer participation.

The board may meet through in-person meetings, virtual meetings, or electronic communication when appropriate.

General Membership Meetings

NASDPDA shall hold **quarterly membership meetings** during the performance team season.

Quarterly meetings will provide:

- Financial updates.
- Fundraising updates.
- Upcoming event information.
- Volunteer opportunities.
- Important organizational decisions.

Transparency Updates

To maintain open communication, NASDPDA shall provide updates to membership.

Monthly updates may include:

- Current financial summary.
- Upcoming events.
- Fundraising progress.
- Volunteer needs.
- Important announcements.

Updates may be provided through:

- NASDPDA website/page.
- Email communication
- WhatsApp Group

Financial Transparency

NASDPDA shall maintain current financial records and provide members access to appropriate financial summaries.

Monthly financial reports shall include:

- Beginning balance.
- Income received.
- Expenses paid.
- Current balance.
- Fundraising updates.

Emergency or Special Meetings

The President or Executive Board may call a special meeting when a matter requires membership input before the next scheduled meeting.

Quarterly Parent Meetings:

August/September

- Introduce structure
- Explain fundraising plan
- Review rules

November/December

- Mid-season financial update
- Review completed events

February/March

- Performance Team season update
- Remaining fundraising needs

End of Season

- Final financial report
- Review successes and improvements

Voting will be handled by:

- One vote per membership family.
- Majority vote determines decisions.

Parent Conduct Policy

NASDPDA exists to support dancers and families through teamwork and cooperation.

Members agree to communicate respectfully and professionally.

24-Hour Resolution Rule

If a disagreement, frustration, or conflict occurs, members agree to wait 24 hours before addressing the situation.

This allows everyone involved time to collect their thoughts and approach conversations respectfully.

Separation Statement

NASDPDA is a separate parent organization from The North Augusta School of Dance.

NASDPDA maintains:

- Separate leadership.
- Separate financial records.
- Separate decision-making.
- Separate organizational policies.

The purpose of NASDPDA is to support the competitive team while maintaining independence and accountability.