University of South Dakota Dance Team
Video Tryout Procedures

Anyone wanting to tryout must participate in either the live tryout or submit a video for the video tryout. This section will cover the proper procedure for video tryouts. All videos must follow the tryout format and must be in electronic format (MPEG, MP4, etc…) private online format (Facebook, YouTube, etc…), or on a DVD-R. In your video you will appear “game ready” in black form-fitting clothes. **PLEASE DO NOT USE VIDEO FOOTAGE FROM OLD PERFORMANCES AND COMPETITIONS IN YOUR VIDEO.** Please create a new video that is up to date. Video submissions must be received before April 16th, 2018 and please email submissions and/or information to Drew.Ritchie@usd.edu.

**What to include in your video:**

- **Your video should include an introduction of yourself. This should not be written but should be spoken into the camera. Please include in your introduction:**
  - Your full name and what year you are going to be in college.
  - What you want to study.
  - Your experience with dance.
  - Why do you want to be a member of the USD Dance Team?
  - What is your biggest character strength and what is your biggest character weakness?
  - What are the two most important things that dance can do for a school?

- **Technical Skills (Please include all of the following)**
  - Double Pirouette
  - A La Seconde Turns
  - Split leap
  - Toe touch
  - Calypso
  - Side Leap
  - BONUS SKILLS (Not required but highly encouraged.)
    - Ring leap, turning disc, switch leap, leg hold turn, hurdler, turning C jump, any tumbling skills, hip-hop tricks, or any other skills that make you stand out

- **Dance**
  - We need to see a dance routine consisting of the following styles of dance:
    - Jazz
    - Pom
    - Hip-hop
  - Please do this routine as a solo (not a previous recording in a large group)
  - Each section should be at least 30 seconds in length
    - The dances may be performed as one dance that is one minute and 30 seconds long, or may be performed separately as three 30-second segments.

**DO NOT FORGET TO INCLUDE YOUR TRYOUT APPLICATION ALONG WITH YOUR VIDEO!!**