2016 Ragin’ Jazz Dance Team Tryouts
General Information Sheet

1. **Applications are due in our office by WEDNESDAY APRIL 13, 2016**
   Application with all required documents must be received by the deadline. Videos with first round audition material will be sent to candidates who have submitted their complete application beginning on April 11, 2016, so get your application in before the deadline if you can!
   Return application via email (scan in all required documents) or U.S. Postal Service/FedEx

   **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (submit with application)**
   - Completed Application
   - FRONT & BACK copy of your current health insurance card (must have insurance to tryout)
   - Copy of UL acceptance letter (incoming freshman & transfer students; acceptance required in order to tryout)
   - Official current college transcript (current UL students & transfer students only, minimum 2.0)
   - Signed Statement of Understanding Waiver (if under 18 years old must also be signed by parent)

   **Regular mail (USPS):**
   RAGIN’ CAJUNS SPIRIT SQUAD OFFICE
   Attn: Michelle Bernard
   P.O. Box 43970
   Lafayette, LA 70504

   **Express Shipping (UPS, Fed Ex):**
   RAGIN’ CAJUNS SPIRIT SQUAD OFFICE
   Attn: Michelle Bernard
   620 McKinley Street Room 157
   Lafayette, LA 70503

2. **Tryouts will be held at EK Long Gym (main campus, 500 East St. Mary Blvd.)**
   All portions of tryouts are closed to all except candidates, judges and staff.
   Candidates are encouraged to bring their own water bottle & snack.

3. **We would like to see your game day appearance. We are looking for a neat, Collegiate appearance.**
   **FEMALES:**
   Wear vermilion (red), white, black or gray sports bra or dance crop top and black hot shorts or leggings. Hair should be styled and worn down as you would on game day. Make up should be worn and natural, with color on your lips. NO JEWELRY, including necklaces, earrings, bracelets, rings or any other piercings. Please refrain from wearing apparel from other schools or teams. Any tattoos you may have should not be visible.

   **MALES:**
   Wear vermilion (red), white, black or gray t-shirt and athletic shorts. A neat, well groomed collegiate appearance is expected so please be clean-shaven. No facial hair, piercings or jewelry. Any tattoos you have should not be visible.
4. Candidates will be evaluated on dance skills & technique, fight song (pom), jazz combo, hip hop combo, crowd leading ability & physical fitness/appearance. Finalists will go through interview process. In addition, each candidate should come prepared with 4-5 counts of 8 of your own choreography, adaptable to any music and should showcase your strongest abilities. When finalizing our team, we are looking for candidates who are easy to work with, who possess a high level of dance technique, who can easily make corrections, as well as candidates who will be the best ambassadors of Ragin’ Cajun Spirit. A strong foundation of dance training is essential.

The following is a list of requirements but does NOT guarantee a spot on the team.

**Dance Skills:**
Pirouettes (triple & quad), fouette’ & A la seconde turns, chaine & pique turns, grande jete, leaps in second, switch leap, turning disc, calypso, firebird, right & left splits, fan kick, battements, leg hold

**Tumbling Skills:**
(some of these may be included in jazz & hip hop combination)
Cartwheel, front/back roll, kip up, headspring, front/back walkover, aerial cartwheel, backbend

5. **Schedule**
   - **Saturday April 16, 2016**
     - EK Long Gym – 500 E. St. Mary Blvd
     - 9 a.m. Check in begins, once checked in, warm up on your own
     - 9:30 a.m. Evaluations on Fight Song & Technique
     - 1:15 p.m. Learn jazz and hip hop choreo
     - 4:00 p.m. Approximate end time
   - **Sunday April 17, 2016**
     - 9:30 a.m. Interviews for finalists
     - Females: skirts, dresses, dress pants
     - Males: slacks, button down & tie or polo
     - 12:00 p.m. Evaluations on jazz & hip hop choreo
     - 4 p.m. 2016-2017 team announced, mandatory team meeting & first practice

6. **Team selections are final.** Squad members will be selected based on the above evaluations, interviews and how well they will fit and work within the Ragin’ Jazz Dance Team Program.

7. **IMPORTANT DATES**
   - **June 24-26, 2016**
     - Mandatory squad retreat, team photo shoot, video shoot
   - **July 12-20, 2016**
     - Team practice & preparation for camp
   - **July 21-25, 2016**
     - UDA College Camp (held at the University of Alabama)
   - **August 3-5, 2016**
     - Football Season Bootcamp
   - **August 16, 2016**
     - Fall practice begins, schedule is as follows
     - (you must schedule your classes around this practice schedule)
     - **Tuesdays & Thursdays 2:00-4:30 p.m.**
     - **Fridays 2:00-4:30 p.m.**
     - *Workouts twice per week will be scheduled at a later date*
Ragin’ Jazz Dance Team Tryout Application

Please circle: Male  Female

Name: __________________________________________  Birthdate: _____________  Age: ______

Email Address (your email that you check regularly) ________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________  City/State/Zip: ___________________________

Cell Phone: ___________________________  Home Phone: ________________________________

College Major: ________________________  Please circle: Fr  Soph  Jr  Sr

Expected college graduation date: ___________________________  (month & year)

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING WAIVER

The undersigned is aware of and acknowledges the risks associated with participation in dance team activities, including but not without limitation, the risk of catastrophic injury, paralysis and even death. Nevertheless, it is the undersigned’s desire to participate in dance team at UL Lafayette. The undersigned assumes all risk of injury associated with said participation and specifically agrees to indemnify and hold free and harmless the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, its agents and employees, including without limitation the Ragin’ Jazz Dance Team, coaches, staff, spirit coordinator and all other members of the department of athletics staff, from any and all claims or causes of action arising out of his/her participation in dance team activities at UL Lafayette, no matter what the cause. The undersigned further acknowledges that he/she is and certifies that he/she is at least 18 years of age.

Signature: ___________________________________________  Date: ______________________

If under 18, this form MUST be signed by a parent or legal guardian prior to participation, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Signature: ___________________________________________  Date: ______________________

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