

# UGA Red Hotz



## Code of Conduct

### I. Purpose

**The purpose of the Red Hotz shall be to give students at the University of Georgia an opportunity to:**

- a. Promote the development and appreciation of dance by offering opportunities for creative dance experience.
- b. Develop and promote genuine school spirit, loyalty, and pride by performing for and participating in various school events and activities.
- c. Represent the University of Georgia by participating in performances and activities at various schools, in the community and at competitions.
- d. Encourage high morals and standards among its members.
- e. Foster good fellowship.
- f. Encourage the development of showmanship, leadership and cooperation.

### II. Eligibility and Membership

- a. Membership is open to all UGA students who meet the eligibility requirements as established by the Department of Student Affairs and Club Sports.
- b. Members are selected in the spring for the following school year. Applicants audition in front of a panel of judges or by video audition. Based upon the scores given by the judges, the Captains will determine the composition and size of the team.
- c. Eligibility requirements must be maintained throughout the school year in order to remain active on the team.
  - i. Any member listed as ineligible is not allowed to participate.
  - ii. If eligibility is not maintained after the first semester, the member will be dismissed from the team. She may not be permitted to audition the following year.

- d. If a member of the team refuses to rehearse or perform with her team, she will automatically be dismissed from the team.
- e. Failure to comply with the constitution may result in dismissal from the team.
- f. Any time a member is dismissed from the team for any reason, she will be expected to fulfill any and all obligations prior to disassociating herself with leaving the team (this includes financial obligations).
- g. Any time a member resigns from the team for any reason other than illness, she will be ineligible to audition for the team again.
- h. Team members must have a minimum GPA of 2.0.

### **III. Conduct**

The Rules of the University of Georgia must be followed and respected at all times.

- a. No member shall be guilty of:
  - i. Smoking while in uniform.
  - ii. Drinking alcoholic beverages while in uniform.
  - iii. Using drugs at any time.
  - iv. Showing disrespect to the team captains, officers, team members, faculty, and staff.
  - v. Chewing gum at practice and at a performance.
  - vi. Wearing unapproved Jewelry.
- b. Each member's attitude should be one of willingness to give up personal desires for the good of the group.
- c. Each member has the responsibility to support all activities and projects.

### **IV. Rehearsals**

- a. Rehearsal dates and times will be determined by the Captain.
- b. If a member is absent from the last practice prior to a performance, the member will be suspended from the performance.
- c. The captain will run rehearsals.
- d. Healthy snacks may be consumed during breaks. All members are encouraged to bring a water bottle to rehearsal.
- e. Additional rehearsals may be called by the Captain if needed.
- f. Dance attire is to be worn for rehearsals, performances, or while in uniform. Officers may wear a watch during rehearsals.

### **V. Performances**

- a. Sometimes a member may not perform at an event. Reasons for not performing might include (but are not limited to) the following:
  - i. Missing the last practice prior to a performance.
  - ii. Not knowing the routine.
  - iii. Injury.
  - iv. Uncooperative attitude.
- b. All music will be either selected or approved by the Captain.
- c. All performance numbers will be approved by the Captain.
- d. The Captain will decide which number will be presented at an event.

- e. Team members may assist with the choreography upon approval.
- f. All performance attire must be approved by the Captain.
- g. The Officers choose the theme for the competition routine.

**VI. Team Apparel**

- a. No person other than a dance team member is allowed to wear team clothing.
- b. All members must wear the approved uniform for the performance in order to earn the privilege of performing. Dirty, wrinkled and stained uniforms as well as tights with holes and runs may not be worn.
- c. All members should avoid eating and drinking while in uniform. The uniform must be covered with a jacket or shirt when eating.
- d. If the member ruins a uniform, she must pay for the cost of a replacement.
- e. Dance Team clothing for camp will be decided by the officers.

**VII. Absences**

- a. If any member exceeds 3 practices per semester, she will be dismissed from the team.
- b. Members must contact the Captain at least one hour before practice if she will be absent. If she fails to do so, she will be charged \$5.
- c. Members must contact the Captain if she will be late to practice or leave early and will be charged \$1 if she fails to do so.
- d. Missing a performance or fundraising event counts as two absences.
- e. Coming late or leaving early from practice counts as half an absence.
- f. If a member has not learned the material she missed from being absent by the next practice, she will gain another absence.
- g. Members must sign in as they arrive to practice.
- h. The Secretary will take attendance, and all absence rules apply to the Officers.
- i. Attendance at rehearsals and performances will determine continued and returning member status, as well as the privilege to perform.
  - i. Upon reaching the fourth absence, the Captain will evaluate the causes of absences. The dancer may have one absence taken away at the discretion of the Captain.

**VIII. Meetings**

- a. The Captain must be present at all officer and team meetings.
- b. An officer or team meeting is the majority, 51%, of the officers or team members meeting to discuss Red Hotz business.

**IX. Competitions**

- a. All dancers will perform at competitions unless there is a dancer limit. If there is a limit as to how many dancers will perform, every team member will learn the routine and be evaluated by the Captain and officers as to which members will perform the routine.

**X. Officers**

- a. The dance team officers will include Captain, Co-Captain and Lieutenants.

- b. The Captain must be a returning officer and is selected by the Captain from the previous season by submitting a Captain Audition Form.
- c. Lieutenants are selected during auditions by submitting a Lieutenant Audition Form and scoring in the top 25% percentile.
- d. All officers must keep a notebook.
- e. All officers will practice and clean routines.
- f. All officers will:
  - i. Be positive liaisons between the Captain and the members.
  - ii. Develop and teach material with guidance.
  - iii. Maintain positive communication with the members, the administration, the staff and other school performing units.
  - iv. Set an example of personal discipline and responsibility.
  - v. Exude high morals, representing the team excellently.
- g. All officers will attend a planning and goal setting workshop.
  - i. Note: Compliance with all rules is mandatory in order to maintain an office. Respect and support for the team members and other officers must be maintained at all times inside and outside of the dance team.

**XI. Captain**

- a. The Captain is the president/head of the team.
- b. The Captain does not audition and has the opportunity to dance with the team if she meets the requirements of Club Sports and the skill level of the team.
- c. The Captain brings in judges for the final day of auditions.
- d. The Captain decides who is on the team based on the judges scoring.
- e. The highest and lowest scores for each person auditioning will be dropped to eliminate bias.
- f. The Captain will be the main contact for Student Activities and Club Sports.
- g. The Captain will schedule the team's appearances, performances and competitions.
- h. The Captain is the team treasurer.
- i. The Captain will oversee all events set by the Lieutenants.

**XII. Captain's Duties**

- a. President/Team leader
- b. Contact
- c. Dance Events
- d. Treasurer
- e. Lieutenant Leader

**XIII. Co-Captain**

- a. The Co-Captain is the Vice President of the team.
- b. The Co-Captain will act as Captain in her absence.
- c. The Co-Captain will act as head choreographer.
- d. The Co-Captain will plan team events including parents days, socials and team building activities.

**XIV. Co-Captain Duties**

- a. Vice President
- b. Head Choreographer
- c. Team Events

**XV. Lieutenants**

- a. The Lieutenants are rank leaders and will be assigned a rank of girls on the team.
- b. A Lieutenant will organize special events.
- c. A Lieutenant will be the team secretary.
- d. A Lieutenant will manage the listservs for Recruitment, Alumni and Hotz411.
- e. A Lieutenant will organize promotions.

**XVI. Lieutenant Duties**

- a. Rank Leaders
- b. Special Events
- c. Secretary
- d. Listservs
- e. Promotions

**XVII. Advisor**

- a. The Advisor will ensure that the Red Hotz is run by the standards of excellence as intended by the Founder.
- b. The Advisor will act as a mediator for any team conflict if called upon by the Captain.
- c. The Advisor will show team support and assist the team in any way.
- d. The Advisor will act as president of the Alumni Association.

**XVIII. Amendments**

- a. The Captain may amend the constitution at any time deemed necessary with approval by the Officers.