

**Mid American Pompon
Welcomes You!**

2016 Regional & State Competitions!

2016 Regional

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Dear Pompon Advisor and Team:

Thank you for your reservation for the 2016 Regional competition.

Please read all of the enclosed information in this letter carefully and pass it along to all team members and parents, as rules and regulations are strictly enforced and may have been changed or updated since last year.

Visit www.pompon.com – COMPETITIONS for a map to the Regional host schools. Please forward the attached 'Parent Guide' to each family.

Plan to arrive early the day of the competition. If we run ahead of schedule, starting times will be adjusted. Be sure parents are aware of this!

If your team did not participate in a 2015 Mid American Pompon Camp or Hip Hop & High Kick Championship, a Parent's Emergency Form must be completed by each participant/parent. Emergency notices are found at www.pompon.com on the home page. PEN's must be received at MAPP 1 week prior to the competition you are attending!

*****NEW THIS YEAR*****

*****Deductions will be given at State Competition to teams whose spectators are caught videotaping their team. Please inform those attending the competition to support your team!***

8:00-9:00 am -*Test Music
9:00-9:15am -Coaches meeting
9:25am - Welcome
9:30-11:00 am Middle School/
Junior High & Class B, C/D
& JV Competition
11:00am-11:15am Break,
qualification announcements
for Class B, C/D, JV & MS
11:15-12:15 pm- *Test Music
12:15-12:30pm -Coaches meet
12:40pm -Welcome
12:45-200pm- Class A
2:00-2:30pm - Break,
qualification announcements
for Class A/Division II

* Music testing is to ensure the volume and cut of the music is clear. The entire track will not be played.

Schedule is subject to change depending on the number of teams registered at each regional.

Please visit
www.pompon.com
on Friday, January
9th for the order
and final schedule



MUSIC INFORMATION

Music is required for all routines. A representative from the team will be asked to bring a mp3 player (i.e. iPod, galaxy player, etc.) with the team's music on it ready to play. The mp3 player will be plugged into our sound system but the coach/representative will be responsible for choosing the track, pressing start/play and stopping the music for their team. As a back-up, please bring 2 copies of your music to the competition on a CD. Please refer questions regarding this process to Jillian at jillian@pompon.com.

Report to the music table as soon as the team before you finishes their performance. Test your music played at a loud level in your gymnasium before the competition. If you splice your music, your volume level between cuts must remain constant. The clarity of your music does have an impact on how your routine is received by the judges and the audience.

Memorabilia, Food, and the event tee

Lunch and refreshments will be available to purchase from the hosting pompon team. We ask that participants and spectators help support the host school, and do not bring outside food and beverage into the high schools or MSU.

State Qualifier long sleeve tee shirts will be available at the State Pompon Championship on a first come, first serve basis. As always, all qualifying teams will have their school's name on the back of the tee. Limited sizes and quantities are available. Take advantage of our pre-order option to ensure that your team gets the sizes that they would like.

Team Pre-Orders (6 or more) can be made through Monday, February 2nd

for \$22/shirt. A pre-order form will be included in your

State Qualifying packet.

Shirts are also available at MSU on February 7th for \$26, including tax and are a unisex fit.

Tee shirt pre orders can be picked up by one representative at the registration table at MSU.

Admission:
We invite all friends and family members to attend the Regional and State Competitions.
Admission fees are:

All Spectators
Regionals-\$5

State:
Adults-\$10
Students age 6-17 and Senior Citizens-\$8

Children 5 and under:
Free

Coaches Information

Coaches: Upon arrival at regionals and state, register with our Mid American office personnel at the registration table. Prior to the start of the regional competitions we will have a 15-minute coach meeting for any last minute questions. You will be notified of the meeting location at registration. Be sure to allow extra driving time in case of inclement weather. In the event of a snowstorm, you (the advisor/coach) will receive a personal call from Mid American Pompon if a cancellation is necessary. **Please Note:** Only 2 people per team will be admitted free (Example; 2 coaches, 1 coach + bus driver, or parent driver, or administrator, etc)

Please e-mail Jillian in our office (Jillian@pompon.com) if you have girls interested in singing the national anthem at regional or the State Competition.

The State Pompon Championship is a pompon competition (**not** dance, funk, hip-hop, drill, precision, etc.). Make sure to review all rules in the State Competition brochure and in this packet. Be sure that your team adheres to these rules to avoid disappointment, due to a deduction, at the competition. Inform your team what they will be judged on, and prepare them to compete. Please keep the safety of your team members as a priority when practicing and performing! We recommend that you do not enter from or exit to the front (audience), due to tables, cords, and limited space, especially at regionals. Also, if a routine needs to be stopped due to an injury of a team member, the team will re-perform their routine at the end of their division's evaluation order. The injured team member will not be allowed to participate in the re-performance. Judging will begin at the point where the team member became injured.

Qualifiers will be announced at regionals in random order. No placing's or trophies will be given and no scores will be posted. Each team member will receive a participation ribbon and captains or team leaders will be asked to introduce themselves, their coach(es), and the name of their team. Each team will receive their team's scores from Regionals after the announcements of the State qualifiers for each division. Comments for each team's routine will be emailed to the coach following the competition.

After the award announcements at Heritage High School, the order of the State Championship will be drawn. All coaches are invited to attend or send a representative to draw a number for the competition order. If you cannot attend for the draw, a representative will be designated to draw for your team. **Again, this includes the collegiate division.**

Mid American Pompon Sportsmanship Standards

****MAPP encourages all teams to promote school spirit through posters, banners, cheers, etc. School spirit should not discourage other teams or promote rivalry between teams: such banners will be removed.**

****During announcement of awards, team members and spectators are expected to support all teams, congratulate team members, and watch the encore performance. Please be courteous to all teams. Audience members are expected to remain seated during all performances. Please do not engage in behavior that might distract team members or other members of the audience from the performance.**

****PLEASE NOTE - There will be a section reserved for teams wishing to support their Varsity/JV/Middle school teams. To avoid distraction to competition attendees, please remind your team to use this section, and quickly and courteously enter/exit for equal use by all teams. Competing participants are **NOT PERMITTED** in the spectator seating at any Mid American Competitions.**

Teams not complying with the above standards will not be invited to return to future Mid American events.

We are looking forward to three terrific events! Remember that sportsmanship is very important to everyone at Mid American Pompon and to our sport. Each participant, coach, and spectator should represent their school in a positive manner to ensure that the event is enjoyable for everyone involved! If you should have any questions regarding the enclosed information, please call Mid American Pompon during our office hours of 9am - 5pm, Monday - Thursday.

Good Luck!

Attached:

1. Rules and Requirements
2. Parent and Spectator Guide to Judging

All attachments are in Adobe PDF format. If you cannot open these, please contact Julie at (248) 477-5248 for a faxed copy.