



## **NAL TUSKHERS AUDITIONS**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **What are the minimum qualifications to be a Maine Mammoth Tuskher Dancer?**

- Must be at least 18 by March 1, 2018.
- Hold a full/part-time job, or attend school full time, or have a family
- Have a High School Diploma, Graduating or G.E.D.

#### **Are there any height and weight requirements?**

You should look well-proportioned and be physically fit; but we have no set limits. We DO NOT have a minimum or maximum height/weight requirement.

#### **Will I make the squad if I have a tattoo or facial/body piercings?**

If tattoo is visible in the uniform or practice wear, you must have it covered with makeup at all times. Facial and Body piercings must be removed when in uniform or practice wear.

#### **Is there an age limit?**

You must be at least 18 by March 1, 2018. There is NO maximum age limit. Ages of recent dancers have ranged from 18 to 35.

#### **How should I wear my hair and make-up and will it be offered the day of auditions**

Your hairstyle should compliment your features. Make-up should have colors that compliment you! Think glamorous!

#### **Can my family watch any part of the auditions?**

No, the first rounds of auditions are closed to the public. However, the final auditions are open to the public.

#### **Do I need to be spray tanned?**

This is definitely something we require during the season. We also highly suggest that you are sprayed during the entire audition process. We have a great sponsor that can provide you with the look we will achieve during the season. [localacapulcomaine.com](http://localacapulcomaine.com)

**Do I have to attend all days of the auditions?** YES, you must begin the first morning and should plan on staying the entire audition day. The first cut will happen Thursday Night.

**Is the squad more dance-oriented than cheerleading and stunting?**

Dance! We have our own style of dance with emphasis on Hip Hop, however if you have had various types of training we highly suggest you showcase them during the talent portion of auditions.

**When, where and how much do the Maine Mammoths Tuskhers Dance Team rehearse?**

- Anywhere from 2-3 times per week.
- Full dance team rehearsals are primarily held on Monday and Thursday nights from 7:00 pm until 9:15 pm. Location:TBA
- All rehearsals are mandatory.

**What will the judges focus on?**

- Showmanship
- Dance Technique
- Personal Appearance/Figure
- Personality
- Communication Skills
- Energy
- Kick Technique
- Photogenic Round for Finalists



## **Do I have to make up my own routine?**

No, but for every audition round you will be required to have a 10 second freestyle dance and we recommend you not pre-choreograph this. For all rounds, you will be taught the choreography with your freestyle being the first 10 seconds.

## **How much of a time commitment is being a Tuskhers Dancer?**

- In addition to attending every rehearsal and game, the Attack dancers participate in multiple appearances around the Portland area. Each dancer should plan on making at least 20 charitable appearances during her year.
- The time spent a week at rehearsals, games and appearances can range from 4 to 12 hours.
- Being a Tuskhers dancer is a huge commitment. However, many of the past dancers have held demanding careers such as nurses, school teachers and computer specialists. We have a large amount of undergraduate and graduate college students. Yes, several of the dancers have children and families to manage, in addition to carrying a full-time job.

## **Do I have to pay for the uniform?**

No, all uniforms, practice attire, warm-ups, earrings, shoes, boots, and poms are supplied to each dancer. You are responsible for the care of the uniforms and attire supplied to you.





### What should I wear to auditions?

- A crop top (sports bra, stomach must show) and dance trunks/briefs (recommended) You can order them from Amazon. The briefs are called Escante Women's Booty Shorts or iHeartRave Booty Shorts in white.  
[https://www.amazon.com/Escante-Womens-Shorts-Neon-Green/dp/B00JD1S1DU/ref=sr\\_1\\_fm\\_r1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1518029314&sr=8-1-fkmr1&keywords=Escante%2BWomen's%2BBooty%2Bshorts&th=1&psc=1](https://www.amazon.com/Escante-Womens-Shorts-Neon-Green/dp/B00JD1S1DU/ref=sr_1_fm_r1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1518029314&sr=8-1-fkmr1&keywords=Escante%2BWomen's%2BBooty%2Bshorts&th=1&psc=1)
- If you wish to order a bedazzled top, you may do so <https://m.facebook.com/Raestoned>. Keep in mind the judges need to be able to picture what you would look like in Maine Mammoths Dance Team uniform. Your outfit can be any color and any style but preferably tan, white, and maroon and flesh-colored dance tights.
- Dance Sneaker, or Jazz shoes.

### What do I need to bring to the auditions?

- Bring a lunch or snack and a water bottle.
- Extra audition outfit and tights. Just in case anything happens.

