

**PLANOETTE CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I            NAME**

The name of this organization shall be called "Planoettes".

**ARTICLE II            PURPOSE**

The Planoettes will function as a support organization representing Plano Senior High School. Their purpose along with representing Plano Senior High at all times shall be to provide halftime entertainment at all Wildcat varsity football games, varsity basketball games, perform in PSHS pep rallies, participate in drill team contest, present Pizzazz (annual spring show), and participate or perform at any other functions involving Plano Senior High that the Director and administrators shall see as advantageous to Plano Senior High and the Planoette organization.

**ARTICLE III            PLANOETTE CODE OF ETHICS**

"As a Planoette I will always conduct myself in a ladylike manner and I will maintain the highest moral standard at all times. I will not engage in any behavior that discredits or jeopardizes the integrity and moral standards of the team. I will always take pride in myself and the Planoette organization."

**ARTICLE IV            PLANOETTE LINE AUDITIONS**

- A. Auditions for Planoettes will be held during the second semester of the school year. The audition dates will be set by the Planoette Director and the Associate Principal of Plano Senior High.
- B. Any girl who is currently enrolled in Plano Senior High, or at Plano Senior High feeder school and is currently a Sophomore or Junior is eligible to audition for Planoettes.

**ARTICLE V            PLANOETTE LINE MEMBER REQUIREMENTS**

**CONDUCT**

- A. Members are expected to uphold a high standard of behavior that is necessary for the integrity and reputation of the organization. Members should be leaders in the school and should set a good example at all times. Members are expected to have and maintain a character above reproach.
- B. Proper manners should be used at all times to address adults and Officers. Mutual respect and politeness toward fellow members within the group are basic elements that contribute to the total success of the team.
- C. The following are expressly forbidden: assault or harassment of Director or team members, theft of team or individual property.
- D. The use of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs are expressly forbidden and will not be tolerated.
- E. No visible tattoos or body piercings will be allowed during any drill team function/activity. Failure to abide by this policy will result in point deductions.



## PERFORMANCES

- A. Everything needed for performances will be carried in the drill team bag.
- B. Members who are wearing unacceptable, incomplete performance attire will not be allowed to perform.
- C. During football and basketball games, talking is allowed in the stands, but turning around in the stands will not be permitted.
- D. The use of cell phones or any other electronic devices is strictly prohibited in the stands. They will be taken up and demerits assessed.
- E. All Officers will lead their squad into the stands or performance area in an appropriate manner designated by the Director(s).
- F. Officers and Sergeants will sit in front of their stand lines during both football and basketball games and will maintain proper behavior for her stand line.
- G. Members must use the restroom before leaving the school for a performance. Members will be allowed to use the restroom during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter only. Emergencies must be approved by the Director.
- H. During a football game members must keep lines straight with bags and poms lined up as directed by the Director(s).
- I. Members should pay attention to the game and Planoette Captain at all times.
- J. Talking to visitors during the game will constitute points for talking outside of rank.
- K. Visitors will not be permitted to talk to members unless approved by the Director(s). The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter has been designated for families to come down and take a quick picture and hold a quick conversation.

## ATTENDANCE

- A. All performances are mandatory.
- B. All after school practices are mandatory.
- C. An absence is recorded if more than 20 minutes late.
- D. You are encouraged to attend tutorials during zero hour, lunch, or after practice. Should you need to attend tutorials during practice, you must secure the Director's permission one day in advance. If you fail to get 1 day in advance notice you will not be excused to attend.
- E. An unexcused absence from drill team class periods and other practices receives a 10-point deduction. (excused absences: personal illness (with doctor's note), death in family, funeral, and religious holiday)
- F. Absence from practice may result in student being benched from the performance that week even if excused, if the Director determines that the student's absence has hindered the ability of the team to practice efficiently or ability of its members to learn the routine.
- G. If you are ill and will miss a practice, or if you check out of school due to illness, your parent/guardian must call PSHS and leave a message for the Planoette Director at 469-752-9511 or email her prior to 3:00 p.m. Failure to do so will result in demerits (see demerit sheet).
- H. Outside employment is not an excuse to miss any part of drill team activities. Doing so constitutes an unexcused absence and results in point deductions.
- I. Students who are absent from school on a performance day are ineligible to perform.
- J. Members are expected to travel TO and FROM all drill team events with the team.
- K. Members are expected to be in attendance for the entire event except in case of an emergency.
- L. After being chosen as a Planoette you are REQUIRED to participate in camp and August practice. If you do not attend camp you will not perform in the first football game. Camp is an important building block for a successful year.

## ARTICLE VI DEMERIT SYSTEM

The Planoettes are expected to follow all the rules set forth by the constitution and its bylaws. The following demerit system will be used to determine performance eligibility and exemption status for current Junior line members at the time of auditions for the following years squad.

- A. Once a drill team member has received 5 demerits she will be benched for the next performance or performance of Director's choice. Each additional 5 demerits will result in a benching.
- B. If a junior member accumulates 10 demerits in the first semester she will be required to audition for her senior year on Planoettes.
- C. If a member accumulates 5 demerits from the beginning of the second semester to the deadline date of the tryout application she will be required to audition for her senior year as well.
- D. Should a member receive 21 demerits in one semester she will be placed on probation for six weeks after a review with the Director, Principal and Parent.
- E. The accumulation of 25 demerits may result in immediate removal even if no benchings or probationary periods have occurred after a review with the Director, Principal and Parent.
- F. All Planoettes begin each six weeks with a 100 in the grade book. Every demerit received takes 1 point off of their six weeks grade.
- G. Accumulation of three or more benchings may result in a Principal/Director/Parent review.

If a student is academically ineligible at the time of a benching or disciplinary probation, the penalty will be served simultaneously. All extra-curricular activities must follow due-process before any probation, temporary removal or permanent dismissal can occur.

-5 demerits	Benched
-10 demerits	Benched
-15 demerits	Benched
-18 demerits	3 week Probation w/review
-21 demerits	6 week Probation w/review
-25 demerits	Dismissal w/review

## PROBATION AND SUSPENSION

- A. A member must meet all grade requirements as outlined by the State Board of Education, Texas Education Agency, UIL, and state law.
- B. Any member who is placed on probation will not be allowed to participate in any drill team performances during the probation, but must still fully participate in class and after-school practices though the member may not participate in a public performance.
- C. Upon receiving a grade lower than a 70 in any class during a six week period, a member will become ineligible to participate in any drill team activity (excluding practice) until the next eligibility period as set forth by the district and state/UIL guidelines.
- D. A member will be benched for an unexcused absence to class, practice, or a game. The benching will affect any performances within one full week of the unexcused absence. If no performances are scheduled within that week, the member will be benched for the next schedule performance.
- E. If a member is placed on probation, that member will also be on probation regarding Specialty Groups and may not audition for or perform with such groups.
- F. Disciplinary action will be taken for any member who is placed in ISS or Saturday school.
- G. During any probation period, a member may not wear anything with Planoettes on it, this includes game days and pep rallies.

## DEMERITS

Hair not pulled up properly	-1
Wearing Jewelry (any)	-1
Incorrect Clothes during practice or spirit days per item	-1
Not having Poms (practice/performance)	-1
Returning an item with due date per day	-1
Wearing nail polish to a performance	-1
Talking after being asked to be quiet	-1
Not calling/emailing when going to be absent	-2
Chewing gum at practice/performance	-2
Tardy to practice/roll call	-2
Use of cell phone at practice or performance	-2
Failure to dress out	-3
Lending any piece of Planoette wear to someone	-3
Visible tattoo or piercing other than ears during practice/performance	-5
Leaving practice without permission	-5
Inappropriate behavior in or out uniform	-5
Public Display of Affection... Defined as ANY physical contact (other than hand holding or a hug) with the opposite sex	-5
Incorrect/incomplete field/performance uniform	-5
Talking outside ranks (walking anywhere)	-5
Eating in Uniform at performance	-5
Profanity	-5
Unexcused absence from any drill team activity	-10
Receiving a "U" in any academics	-10
Unladylike behavior anywhere anytime	-10
Being disrespectful to Director	-10
Being disrespectful to teachers, administrators, staff	-10
Office Referral that results in disciplinary action	-10 to -20
Missing a performance/Skipping Practice	-10
Academic dishonesty which has been confirmed (could be something like homework copied to cheating on a test)	- 5 to -25/review
Insubordination	-25/review

The Director(s) shall have the authority to give demerits for offenses when necessary which have not been included or which have been inadvertently excluded. The number of demerits given will directly reflect the severity of the offense.



**ARTICLE VIII PLANOETTE SERGEANT AUDITIONS**

Sergeants are expected to maintain an excellent attitude throughout the year. They must be respectful to and supportive of their Director and Officers at all times. Should the Director question the attitude or behavior of any Sergeant or should a Sergeant neglect her duties and responsibilities her rank will be removed without question.

**PLANOETTE SERGEANT CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY**

Any Planoette line member who feels she is capable and qualified to hold the position of Planoette Sergeant.

**PLANOETTE SERGEANT AUDITION PROCESS**

- A. The Sergeants will be chosen on a designated date set by the Director. Three to four qualified judges will reside over the audition.
- B. The following components will factor into the judges process:
  - 1. judge’s interview
  - 2. jazz routine
  - 3. image/presence
- C. The following components will factor into the Directors score:
  - 1. teaching evaluation
  - 2. notebook evaluation
  - 3. Director’s interview
  - 4. team vote
- D. All items will be totaled to give each candidate a final score.
- E. It is at the Directors’ discretion to determine ranks and numbers for any Sergeant positions.

**PLANOETTE SERGEANT DUTIES**

- A. assuming Officer responsibility when the Officers are absent
- B. performing in all performances
- C. running and preparing for the Planoette clinic along side the Officers
- D. running junior boot camp week
- E. choreographing and cleaning junior jazz for spring show
- F. any other duties or responsibilities the Director assigns to them

**ARTICLE IX MAROON GUARDS**

- A. It is at the Directors’ discretion to determine ranks and numbers for any Maroon Guard position.
- B. The Maroon Guards will be in charge of handling heavy equipment and they will provide an escort for the Planoettes as they are entering or exiting the stands, field, in route to the bus, during parades, or any other time the Director feels escorts are necessary.
- C. The Maroon Guards will also help with the preparation, building or assembly of props.
- D. They may also be assigned other duties by the Director such as distributing water to the Planoettes after performances, video taping, running the PSHS flag, etc.
- E. The Maroon Guards are required to register for the Planoettes class period. They are required to attend all Planoette practices and performances.
- F. The Maroon Guards will be required to follow their own set of guidelines.
  - 1. They are to set an outstanding example for fellow PSHS students to follow.
  - 2. The extra-curricular code of conduct applies to the maroon guards as well as the district’s policy on extra-curricular activities.



