

TMTA SA LMTA STATE ENSEMBLE TEAM GUIDELINES AND AGREEMENT

TMTA CONFERENCE - June 17-20, 2027 - Dallas Hyatt Regency (Dallas, TX)

ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE - TBA

REHEARSALS - Lubbock Piano Gallery, TBA (late May - early June, 2027)

Dress rehearsal in Lubbock: TBA

Dress rehearsal in Dallas: TBA

Parents and students are to return the signed portion below to their teacher along with the \$20.00 non-refundable fee payable to LMTA by February 28th.

TEACHERS:

1. A non-refundable \$20.00 fee for local and state registration fees (check payable to teacher) and signed Piano Team Guideline Agreement are required of each student. Each teacher shall collect appropriate fees and forms for his/her studio and submit the forms and one check payable to LMTA by deadlines.
2. Each student, with the help of his/her teacher, will commit to learning, keeping the piece at performance level, ideally presenting by memory, between the April 1 tryout video and the state TMTA Conference. Dates and times of conference rehearsals and performances will be sent in April.

PARENTS:

1. **Parent Meeting:** Each student must be represented at any announced parent meeting.
2. **Expenses: Students and their families will assume the financial responsibility** of attending the Conference including transportation, supervision, meals, lodging and registration for all attending except for the participating student. One or more overnight stays may be necessary.
3. **Registration:** Participating students are registered by LMTA. **Family members and others** attending the state Conference are responsible for their registration. Attendees are encouraged to pre-register to avoid long lines and save time. Registration is required to attend the Ensemble Program. More information at www.tmta.org.
4. **Participation:** Students are not to be left alone at the Conference. Directors should be informed of arrangements for supervision of students by someone other than their parent. All the members of ensemble teams are required by TMTA to be present at the beginning of their Ensemble Program and remain with their Directors throughout. Directors are responsible for the conduct of ensemble members. Ensembles will be subject to disqualification by TMTA the following year if a student or Director leaves before the end of the program without a valid Excuse Slip secured prior to the Ensemble Program from the TMTA Ensemble Chair by the Director.
5. **Rehearsal Attendance:** Parents are not allowed to listen rehearsals but are welcome at the dress rehearsal.
6. **Questions:** Any questions concerning piano teams from parents should be addressed first to the teacher who will then contact the proper person.

STUDENTS:

1. **Tryouts:** Video to be submitted by teachers no later than February 28th. Director will set tempo requirements for tryouts. Students may be asked to play with the metronome alone or with a partner at the discretion of the director.
2. **Rehearsals:** ALL REHEARSALS ARE REQUIRED. Student will commit to a total of 6 rehearsals at Lubbock Piano Gallery - four 45-minute rehearsals and two dress rehearsals scheduled 2 weeks before the TMTA Conference; more, if necessary. Rehearsal schedules will be distributed by directors, indicating times and places of rehearsals. Unavoidable conflicts should be submitted in advance to the director in writing. Conflicts should be explained in detail and are subject to #5 below.

Students who have to miss one rehearsal must contact the director the day before, schedule a 30-minute make-up lesson & pay the director an extra \$20 fee (if 2 or more students come, the fee is split among

them). Students may not participate, if 2 rehearsals are missed, or if either the Lubbock or TMTA dress rehearsals are missed.

3. **Costumes:** Student will commit to bearing expenses and adhering to any costuming requirements for his/her piano team. Costumes will be selected at the discretion of the Director.

4. **Attendance:** Student will commit to performing at the dress rehearsal and performance at the dress rehearsal and performance held during the TMTA State Conference. Any student who leaves before the end of the TMTA Conference program without a valid Excuse Slip will be disqualified by LMTA from Ensemble participation the following year.

5. **Commitment:** Directors have discretion for a student's dismissal from the team considering attendance, behavior, punctuality, and performance.

**** TEACHERS: Submit the signed portion below to AMTA along with fees by the required deadline. ****

I have read and understand the Piano Team Guidelines and will fulfill my responsibilities as described in these guidelines.

My signature below also grants LMTA the right and permission to use the student's image for LMTA purposes which may include marketing, publicity in newspapers, advertisements, posting on website, promotional brochures, printed materials and other such use as deemed appropriate by the LMTA Executive Board.

Student Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____
(printed)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Teacher Signature _____ Date _____