



## EXPECTATIONS FOR LONG DISTANCE AND DUAL MEMBERS Preparing for International competition in Houston 2011

The purpose of this document is to outline guidelines for Dual and Long Distance members interested in joining Pride of Kentucky with the desire to compete at the 2011 International Competition in Houston.

### The Audition Process

Dual or long distance members may audition with any piece of music in the chorus repertoire. All Pride of Kentucky auditions require 100% note and word accuracy, singing in quartet formation, privately for our director, Debbie Hite, and members of the Music Team. You may audition as soon as you feel prepared to do so.

### Our Attendance Philosophy, Rehearsal and Performance Readiness Expectations

Pride of Kentucky does not have attendance requirements nor do we maintain a "mandatory rehearsal" schedule in preparation for competition. To ensure that each member receives the same instruction and learning experience from our director on her desired vocal production, sound, showmanship, etc, all members are expected to attend all scheduled rehearsals whenever possible. We have a mutual expectation that chorus members will attend rehearsals regularly and will participate fully in order to create the vocal and visual product we collectively strive to achieve. Our membership understands that the performance of one impacts the many and we demonstrate our respect for one another by being prepared and attending rehearsals regularly.

For dual and long distance members the minimum attendance expectations include all scheduled coaching sessions, any extra Saturday rehearsals, and our retreats. (A full list of scheduled extra rehearsal/coaching dates may be found at the bottom of this document)

Performance expectations for both long distance and dual members are virtually the same as for any "core" member of Pride of Kentucky Chorus. In order to perform with the chorus whether at a competition or public performance, all members must be Performance Ready - visually and vocally. That places the responsibility on the member to ensure they are doing what needs to be done in order to perform. The Visual Team will confirm visual readiness and the Music Team will confirm vocal readiness. Long distance and dual members who may not be able to attend rehearsal each week are still held to the same performance standard and will be expected to take the necessary measures to be equally as ready to perform as any other member.

### Preparation Requires Partnership

In order to assist dual/long distance members in quickly coming up to speed on Pride of Kentucky Visual and Vocal standards, we have the following tools and technology available:

- All recorded Tuesday night rehearsals will be posted on our website to assist in learning the interpretive plans provided by Debbie.
- Regular evaluation and critiques by your section leader will be provided with your routine submission of emailed digital recordings of your work on competition and package songs.
- Choreography demonstrations and performance standards recordings will be provided on the website, along with access to early, extra, and pre-scheduled choreography sessions with members of the visual team.

### Cost of Membership

Dual members already have moneys escrowed for International and Regional dues through their primary chapter. Dual members are required to pay our current chapter dues of \$10/month. By the end of February, we will add an estimate of projected expenses for Houston 2011, which will include planned costume rental fees, expected hotel and meal function costs, and All Events Pass charges, etc.

Anyone wishing to join Pride of Kentucky in the International competition in Houston is expected to begin attending rehearsals no later than April 12, 2011, and to complete the membership process as soon as possible. No one visiting the chorus after April 2011 for the purpose of competing in Houston will be considered eligible to do so without the express permission of the director.

Thank you for considering dual or long distance membership with Pride of Kentucky. We welcome you to take the "Rocket Trip to Houston" with us!! For more information please contact our President, Peggy Sutton, at [peggy.sutton@mercer.com](mailto:peggy.sutton@mercer.com) or (502)741-8981.

"Houston, we have lift off"!!!!

Pride of Kentucky rehearses on Tuesday nights @ 7:30 pm – Additional Rehearsal Dates include:

Saturday, February 5  
March 4 -6 Retreat  
Thursday, March 17 coaching  
Saturday, April 30 coaching  
Saturday, May 21  
Thursday, May 26 coaching  
Saturday, June 18  
Saturday, July 16 coaching  
August 19-21 Retreat, coaching  
Saturday, September 17 coaching  
Saturday, October 8 Dress Rehearsal  
Thursday, October 13, coaching