

MADTOWN BHANGRA

APPLICATION PACKET



MARCH 9TH 2024

Dear MTB Applicant,

Thank you so much for your interest in Madtown Bhangra 2024! We're thrilled to announce that this year marks the third iteration of our competition, and for the first time, we are hosting MTB in person! This exciting shift wouldn't be possible without your support and we are beyond excited to showcase collegiate Bhangra teams from all over the nation.

This packet contains information and materials regarding the application process, competition requirements, and deadlines. This year's competition will be taking place on **March 9th, 2024** and will be held at **Shannon Hall**, nestled within the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The application packet will be due on **November 3rd, 2023**. Any late applications will be due **November 17th, 2023**. Madtown Bhangra will get back to teams by **December 8th, 2023** (subject to change) regarding their acceptance.

At the core of Madtown Bhangra's mission lies promoting Punjabi culture in Wisconsin. We hope to bring together individuals who share a deep passion for Bhangra, while also giving back to the community. For competition updates, follow our Instagram @madtownbhangra and 'like' our Facebook page facebook.com/madtownbhangra20. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at madtownbhangra20@gmail.com.

We wish you the best of luck for the competition season, and we hope to see you compete at Madtown Bhangra 2024!

Sincerely,

Madtown Bhangra

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PHILANTHROPIC INITIATIVE

Madtown Bhangra is the only collegiate Bhangra competition that actively encourages a full philanthropic endeavor, with the majority of registration costs going into a prize pool.

All of the proceeds will be donated to charities chosen by the top three placing teams. Each team that enters the competition will select a charity and Madtown Bhangra will make the donation on behalf of the winning teams. The [Application Form](#) will have a section for each team to fill out details regarding their chosen charity.

In this section, provide the name of the charity, a short description, and proof of legitimacy. Post-acceptance, each competing team will submit a 30-45 second video of 1-2 people explaining the charity they chose and why they chose it. We would like to thank all prospective teams for contributing to many great causes!



TIMELINE

PRE-ACCEPTANCE

- **Regular Application Due**
11/03/2023 by 11:59 PM CT
- **Late Application Due**
11/17/2023 by 11:59 PM CT
- **Notification of Status**
12/08/2023 by 11:59 PM CT
(subject to change)
- **Acceptance Deadline & Security Deposit Due**
12/18/2023 by 11:59 PM CT

POST-ACCEPTANCE

- **Final Roster, Fees & Charity Info Due**
01/19/2024 by 11:59 PM CT
- **Hotel Booking & Travel Plans Due**
02/08/2024 by 11:59 PM CT
- **Mix, Lighting Cues, Intro Video & Props Due**
03/02/2024 by 11:59 PM CT

➔ **COMP DAY: MARCH 9, 2024** ⚡

Please note - any changes to these dates will be updated on our social media. Make sure to follow us!

Instagram: @madtownbhangra

Facebook: facebook.com/madtownbhangra2020

APPLICATION PROCESS

1 Read the application packet in its entirety.

It will give you clarity on the application process and competition details.

2 Make a Google Drive Folder.

Make a Google Drive Folder and label it "Team Name MTB 2024". Place your Audition Video in here and share the folder with **nihal.pingali@gmail.com**.

Ex: Wisconsin's School of Bhangra MTB 2024

3 Complete and submit the Application Form.

4 Submit a Tentative Roster.

Although Final Roster information is Due 01/19/2024, please submit a tentative roster with your Audition Video in the Google Drive Folder from Step 2.

Reference the template from the ROSTER INFORMATION section of the Application Packet, found on page 14.

APPLICATION PROCESS CONTINUED

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Venmo @Madtown-Bhangra

Venmo us the appropriate application fee **@Madtown-Bhangra**. Please label your payment with "Team Name Application Fee".

Ex: Wisconsin's School of Bhangra Application Fee

	DEADLINE	FEE
REGULAR APPLICATION	11/03/2023	\$85
LATE APPLICATION	11/17/2023	\$100

Please Note: The fee is non-refundable. If your team is accepted to compete at Madtown Bhangra, you will be required to submit a security deposit and a per member fee for every member/team affiliate on the team's roster. Please reach out if you have any concerns regarding the fees.

RULES & REGULATIONS

- This competition is only open to collegiate teams.
- The Madtown Bhangra Executive Board reserves the right to refuse the registration of any team.
- The application fee is non-refundable to all teams that apply. We will require a signed contract and a security deposit from accepted teams. There will be consequences for teams who do not communicate changes in commitment in a timely manner.
- A minimum number of 8 and a maximum number of 16 members will be allowed on stage per team. Each team is allowed to perform with two non-dancing members (dholis, chimta, etc.) in addition to the 16 members maximum. This number is negotiable.
- The final application deadline for when all application information must be received/postmarked by 11:59pm CST on Friday, November 3rd for the regular deadline and Friday, November 17th for the late deadline.
- All application materials must be received by this time in order to be considered.
- All music must be on one continuous track. Any breaks, pauses, or blank time must be pre-recorded into the track.
- Teams are expected to comply with all deadlines after declaring intent to participate in the competition. Failure to comply with particular deadlines without prior communication may result in a fine.

RULES & REGULATIONS

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- Additional supporters who are not registered on the final roster or unable to present the required identification will not be allowed at the mixer or backstage during the competition. They must purchase tickets to the show.
- Each performance must be a minimum of 6 minutes and cannot be longer than 9 minutes. If performance includes a sher, mela, etc., the time for the extra segment must be included in the mix. Teams that go over or under the set time are subject to deduction of points.
- Madtown Bhangra is not responsible for any lost/stolen items.
- Obnoxious, rude, or impermissible behavior during the competition will not be tolerated. This may be grounds for point deduction or disqualification.
- Throughout any team conduct or performance, Bhangra culture must be respected. This includes respectful use of props, vardhiyaan, and music.
- Any rules that are violated may lead to an individual or team disqualification. These decisions are at the discretion of the Madtown Bhangra Board and/or Directors. All team members, team managers, and team affiliates are responsible for the rules outlined.
- The Madtown Bhangra board reserves the right to add and update rules and regulations that it deems necessary and appropriate. Accepted teams will be notified via email and/or social media of all changes.

AUDITION VIDEO GUIDELINES

- 75% of the competing team members must be present in the audition video.
- All team members must be visible in the video frame at all times.
- The audition video should be between 2-4 minutes of consecutive dance footage.
- Videos must be taken in one continuous take. NO video editing is permitted.
- The camera should be stationary at all times. This includes no movement such as zooming or changing the angle.
- Videos must have clear visual quality (1080p) and be in .MOV or .MP4 format; prior performance submissions will NOT be accepted.
- There must be audio overlay on the audition video.
- The audition video should be representative of the routine that will be performed.
- We will accept any audition videos your team has recorded on or after January 1, 2023.
- One prop segment must be included in the audition video.
- Absolutely no display of university logos, name, mascot, or colors is permitted on clothes or in the background. Videos will be judged objectively. There should be no indication of the team name or location.

AUDITION VIDEO

SELECTION PROCESS

- Teams should upload their audition videos to their Google Drive Folder (named "Team Name + MTB 2024") and share it with **nihal.pingali@gmail.com**. Videos should be high resolution (1080p) and formatted in either TeamNameMTB2024.mov or TeamNameMTB2024.mp4.
- The MTB Board will evaluate all audition videos based on the criteria used in the actual competition. These criteria include risk/ideas, choreography, formations, impact of design, energy/form, confidence/presence, cleanliness/sync, execution of formations, and overall impression.
- Once teams are notified of their spot on lineup, they will be given a maximum of 10 days to respond.
- Only the MTB Board will have access to the application packets and audition videos.

ROSTER INFORMATION

Click [here](#) for the template. Please make a copy of the template and submit your roster in your Team Drive.

Example table

	First Name	Last Name	Phone	Email	Shirt Size
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FINAL CHECKLIST



Completed the Application Form [pg. 6](#)



Regular Application fee of \$85 or Late Application fee of \$100 paid through VENMO to @Madtown-Bhangra [pg. 7](#)



Tentative Team Roster submitted in shared Google Drive Folder to nihal.pingali@gmail.com. [pg. 12](#)



Audition Video representing the team any date after January 1st, 2023 submitted in shared Google Drive Folder to nihal.pingali@gmail.com. [pg. 10](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to MTB at madtownbhangra20@gmail.com. We look forward to reviewing your application. Thank you for applying to be a part of Madtown Bhangra 2024!

CONTACT US

Feel free to ask us any questions!

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