



# STOP THE BLEEDING, INC.

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## Step 4 Peace

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Dear Parent(s) and Student(s),

Stop the Bleeding, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering accountability in the U.S Virgin Islands community regarding the mistreatment, violence, abuse and hurt of our children and families through effective communication, inter-agency collaboration, and responsible action. We, along with the VI Lottery and Law Enforcement Planning Commission (LEPC) are super excited about your participation in our upcoming "Step 4 Peace" competition. This is the first competition of its kind that offers the youth of our Virgin Islands an opportunity to creatively develop and sharpen skills like teamwork, team building, conflict resolution, leadership, and more. They'll be working with experienced, responsible members of various fraternities and sororities as they develop their performance.

"Step 4 Peace" is open to all public and private schools in the USVI from 4<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade. A maximum of five teams, and a minimum of two, will be accepted to compete in one of three divisions: Elementary (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade), Junior (7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>), and Senior (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>). If less than two applications are received for a particular division, that division will be scrapped and the next five applications will be accepted. For example, if only 1 application is received in the STT/STJ district for the Junior division, we'll accept the next five applications which mean there may be an increase in teams for one or both of the other divisions.

The St. Croix competition will be held on 01/29/11 and the St. Thomas/St. John competition will be held on 02/05/11. First place winners from each district will compete on St. Croix for the over-all championship on 02/19/11.

We look forward to seeing you at this competition and welcome any questions or comments you may have after you review the included rules and regulations and other documents. You can contact us at [www.stopthebleedingusvi.org](http://www.stopthebleedingusvi.org), [stopthebleedingusvi@gmail.com](mailto:stopthebleedingusvi@gmail.com), or via our Facebook page -> [Stop The Bleeding Foundation](#).

Thank you!

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## Competition Rules and Regulations

### **Applications:**

- a. STX and STT/STJ applications must be received no later than 11/15/10
- b. Winners are expected to participate in Feb 19<sup>th</sup> Overall Competition on STX
- c. The competition is open to all schools from 4<sup>th</sup> grade thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- d. A maximum of five teams, and a minimum of two, will be accepted to compete in one of three divisions: Elementary (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade), Junior (7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>), and Senior (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)
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### **Team size:**

- a. The minimum participants for any team is 8
- b. The maximum size is 12
- c. There will be a penalty if more or less than the number of participants "declared" shows up to compete

### **Competition Floor:**

- a. The competition floor will be a standard basketball court.(CHS & UVI)
- b. The competition floor will NOT be provided for practice.

- c. No practicing is permitted in the gym (subject to DISQUALIFICATION). Only the on-deck team will be permitted to stretch in the gym, in a designated area, out of the judges' view.
- d. As a matter of sportsmanship and courtesy, team members must remain seated during another team's performance (subject to DISQUALIFICATION).
- e. Team members must remain on the team side of the gym or designated area (as they must throughout the entire competition).

**Timing:**

- a. Set-up:
  - 1. If a team sets-up outside the competition floor, no set-up time is taken, and no penalties apply.
  - 2. If a team ends their routine inside the competition floor, they will have 30 seconds from the first sign of movement (after the final position) until the last participant has crossed the competition floor.
- b. Clearing
  - 1. If a team clears the floor to music, no clearing time is taken, and no penalties apply.
  - 2. If a team sets-up inside the competition floor, they will have 30 seconds from the time the first team member crosses the line until they assume their starting position.
- c. Length of Routine:
  - 1. The length of the routine must be 3 to 5 minutes.
  - 2. Timing starts with the first beat of music or from the first motion or the first call for Step to begin.
  - 3. Timing ends on the last beat of music for team ending on the floor. Teams exiting to music will be timed until the last participant has left the floor.

- d. All team members must remain outside the competition floor until the announcement, "...you may now take the floor in competition."
- e. Timing Penalties:
  - 1. A 1/2 point penalty will be assessed for overtime in set-up and/or clearing.
  - 2. A 1/2 point penalty will be assessed for routines less than 3 minutes or more than 5 minutes in length.
  - 3. Penalties will be deducted from a teams' final average.

**Uniforms/Props:**

- a. Rubber soled shoes or appropriate dance shoes are required. (The full foot must be covered.)
- b. Jewelry: as a safety precaution, the wearing of jewelry of any kind (including captain pins, etc.) is prohibited.
- c. Props must be declared on your application. No explosives or incendiary props will be permitted.

**Music:**

- a. Each team must provide their own music. Music MUST be turned in no less than 15 or more than 60 minutes prior to the start of the contest. It is advisable that each team has a back-up CD as a precaution.
- b. In the event a team forgets their music, they may NOT select the music of another team.

**Advisors/Coaches:**

- a. Each team must have an advisor, coach or school appointed chaperone accompanying them to the competition. A team captain does NOT qualify as an advisor.



C. CREATIVITY

1      2      3      4      5

The show includes innovative ideas, concepts, and themes that depict peace or non-violence.

D. SHOWMANSHIP

1      2      3      4      5

The show includes intricate stepping maneuvers, syncopation, precision, and degree of difficulty performed with confidence.

**Prizes:**

- a. A first, second, and third place trophy will be awarded in each division for display at the respective school.
- b. Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded to the individual winning team member.
- c. A first place trophy will be awarded in each division at the territorial competition which will then stay at the respective school until the following year's competition. You'll have to win it again to keep it at your school.
- d. Other surprise gifts and prizes may be awarded at both the divisional and territorial competitions.





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## Parental Consent Form

Please note that by completing this form you are giving your permission for child listed below to participate in Stop the Bleeding's "Step 4 Peace" competition and release Stop the Bleeding, Inc and its partners/affiliates from any and all liabilities.

### Section 1: Parent or Guardian responsible for child

Given name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominated contact person** – Please provide details of another person who may be contacted in the event the child's parent or guardian cannot be reached.

Name of nominated contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 2: Child for who consent is given

Given name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Year level at school \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from address listed above)

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or legal guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_