

## Competition Dancers General Information

### Attendance

Competition dancers are required to attend all classes, rehearsals, performances, and competitions scheduled for the 2013-2014-competition season. Failure to participate in any scheduled event may result in dismissal from the team. **Dancers will be allowed four absences.** A message **must** be left at the studio prior to class time if you are going to be absent. After four absences you will be required to make up any missed classes with a private lesson at your expense. (\$25.00/30minutes) Failure to abide by the attendance policy will result in a dancer being dismissed from the team. This does not apply to extended illness, death in the family or injuries. Dancers are expected to attend class even if they have an injury. If a dancer has an injury, in order to perform at the competition they must be able to practice the week prior to the competition or they will not be allowed to perform at the competition. (Fees will not be refunded.) We apologize for this inconvenience but it puts too much pressure on everyone trying to rework the routines on the day of the competition.

### Ballet Classes

Competition dancers are required to take a ballet class and a technique class in addition to their competition classes. Dancers will be allowed four absences in each class. Students must be dressed appropriately for all classes. Failure to dress properly will result in a dancer sitting out of class. If your child has to sit out of class for improper dance attire it will be recorded as an absence. Tap, Clogging and Hip Hop dancers are not required to take ballet classes or technique classes. Jazz and Lyrical dancers must take ballet and technique classes.

### Dress Code

#### Ballet and Technique class

Solid Black Leotard (no glitter or sparkle)

Pink or Light Suntan tights

Pink ballet shoes

Hair in a low bun

\*If students are dressed inappropriately they will be asked to sit out of class. This will result in an absence for that class if it continues to be a problem.

**\*Please pack extra dance clothes, ponytail holders, and bobby pins in your bag in case of emergency.**

**Tap, Jazz, and lyrical classes** must come in appropriate snug fitting dance attire with appropriate shoes. Students should have on tan tights.

**Hip Hop classes:** shorts and t-shirts are fine with appropriate shoes.

### Competition Fee:

The \$40.00 competition fee per student is due by November 1.

### **Sportsmanship**

All dancers and parents need to show good sportsmanship at all times. This is important not only at competition, but in the studio as well. Children repeat what their parents say whether it is about dancers from other studios or dancers from our own studio. Bad sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Any student or parent that displays bad sportsmanship will be asked to leave the studio.

All parents and students should support every team at this studio. The Dream Team is ONE team with smaller teams extended from it. I expect everyone to make positive comments about every team and every team member in the studio. All students should make every effort to stay and support each other.

### **Parent Observation**

Parents are not allowed to observe classes. This is very distracting to both the dancers and the teachers. Please call the studio and leave a message if you need to talk to your child's teacher. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. Class time is valuable and needs to be spent dancing. The teachers are very good about allowing you to watch the routines as they progress. Most of the time at the end of class they ask you to come in and watch. So please, do not sit in the classrooms during actual instruction time.

### **Dismissal**

If a child is dismissed from the team for any reason (poor behavior in class, poor sportsmanship, too many absences, non-payment of tuition) it still the parents responsibility to pay in full for any costume that has been ordered. Costumes cannot be returned.

### **Regional Competition Fees**

**All Competition fees are nonrefundable.** Fees are paid to the competition 45 days in advance. If your child is sick on the day of the competition and unable to perform your fees are nonrefundable. The competition will not refund your fees, therefore I cannot refund your fees.

### **Dance Times at Competition**

**Please keep in mind that when we attend each competition I cannot give you the dance times for your child until the competition sends them to me. I usually do not receive that information until the week before the actual competition. Please be patient. I will get the information to you as soon as I receive it!**

### **Awards Ceremony**

All students are required to wear their competition jackets on stage at awards. NO EXCUSES. If your child is performing right after the awards ceremony the jacket should be worn over their costume. Please note that we do not like costumes revealed on stage at awards before the routine performs. Your child will be assigned a group of students to sit with. This is designed to help the younger students get on and off the stage and safely back to you. If you are not planning to stay for awards please let someone in the group know.