

# Competition Team Parent Packet

Being a competition dancer is a prestigious and coveted position; it is a privilege that requires hours of hard work and most importantly dedication and commitment.

I would like to thank you parents in advance for your cooperation in working with us in our company program. Without the commitment and dedication of the parents we would not have a successful program. Please help our dancers follow these guidelines to a successful program.

## **Class Requirements**

Summer Intensive is MANDATORY for all company members. Each competition team has a required number of class hours per week:

- Company members must be enrolled in a ballet class, one other class of their choice and must attend company ballet classes on Thursdays at 5:45 pm.
- Hip Hop competition team members must be enrolled in one RPDA hip hop class.

Please note, we **don't** suggest company members to take more than 4 classes a week.

## **Attendance**

Regular participation and being on time to all required Company classes is extremely important. We understand things come up and are understanding to each situation, if it is not done in an excessive manner. Please call or text if you will be late or missing class, so I can let your teacher know. A good attitude is expected at all times.

## **Performances**

Participation in every performance and competition is mandatory for all company and hip hop competition team members. The schedule for all such events will be announced before August 1. All performing groups are a team effort and we need all participants of the team to perform at EVERY dance competition on the schedule. NO EXCEPTIONS!

It is the responsibility of the student and parents to be aware of all upcoming competitions and events. All extra practices (if any) for upcoming competitions are always mandatory. Practice times/dates will always be given to you in a timely manner.

## **Competition**

We're attending 2 competitions this season.

## **Financial Expectations and Commitments**

Tuition: Company fees are \$15/month and billed August - April each year.

Estimated Budget for 2022-2023 season

***Mandatory - due by October 15***

\$140 company apparel (new company members only)

\$300 (includes two group competition entry fees, group costume and group choreography fee)

***Optional - Solos and duet fees are due October 15.***

Solos— \$300 (includes choreography fee and competition entry fee. Doesn't include costume!)

Duets - \$195 per dancer (includes choreography fee and competition entry fee. Doesn't include costume!)

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Trios—\$150 per dancer (includes choreography fee and competition entry fee. Doesn't include costume!)

\*Choreography fees: A one-time fee per dancer, per group dance that includes 6 hours of practice time. This includes all choreography, music selection, cutting the music, extra rehearsals, costume design, etc. all done by the choreographer. **Additional time will be billed at \$30/hour if needed.**

## **Competition Day**

Students must arrive at competition and be READY to perform/rehearse at least 2 ½ hours prior to their first scheduled routine. If you will be doing hair and makeup at the competition, please allow yourself an appropriate amount of time to be ready 2 ½ hours prior to their first scheduled performance.

Required Company Competition warm ups should be worn during award ceremonies. If you are a new company member you can place your order with Mrs. Chaleak. Team apparel packet includes a sports bra, shorts, tank top and jacket and costs \$75.

## **Fundraisers**

Active participation in all individual fundraisers is optional. We will have several fundraisers throughout the summer to help offset the financial burden of competition. We understand the financial commitment is great and we want to help you out as much as possible. If any parent would like to help schedule and manage fundraising efforts, please let us know.

Deadlines on all forms and fees for competition must be turned in BY THE DEADLINE DATE, any fees not paid within 5 days of the due date will incur a \$10 late fee. These fees are due and payable throughout the year, a schedule of due dates has been provided with this packet. You have plenty of notice to plan out for each competition, so please be advised of the deadline dates for each.

*Fundraisers Summer 2022*

July - Calendar

August - Popcorn Fundraiser

You can most definitely fundraise all mandatory fees with our three planned fundraisers. They are super easy and don't require any up-front money nor do they require you to a lot of face to face selling.

*Our common goal as both parents and teachers is to nurture these young dancers and help them grow and mature into fine young adults who can and are well prepared to go out and make their mark in the world whether it be in the dance world or the professional business world. We will take pride in having helped them along the way. So, thank you for allowing us the privilege of educating your child in the field of dance.*

Thank you, Mrs. Chaleak