



Dance Competition Teams Contract 2016-2017

Dancer's Pledge

I commit to dedicating 100% of my energy and willpower each time I walk through the studio doors.

I commit to trusting my teachers, my fellow team members and most importantly myself.

I commit to treating each fellow team member with love and respect and will refrain from gossiping about any member or leaving them out.

Attendance Policy

Each dancer is required to attend all scheduled classes (jazz, ballet and team) on time. I understand that emergencies happen and things come up. Two excused absences per class will be allowed (only if necessary) per semester. Semesters run Sept thru Dec and Jan thru May. Excused absences must be approved in advance by your instructor(s) with as much notice as possible. In emergency events (i.e. sickness), please notify your instructor as quickly as possible. If class is about to start or has already started, a text message or voice message is preferred. If you have exceeded your two excused absences, you can make up any other absences incurred by attending the class level below the one you missed. For example, to makeup an absence in Jazz Int B you would need to attend Jazz Int A and B the following week. This must be approved by the instructor of the makeup class you will be attending. No absences will be permitted during competition season. Competition season begins one month prior to our first competition and ends with the last competition. If a dancer has an emergency or illness that requires them to miss a team class it is their responsibility to learn any choreography that was missed from a fellow team member prior to the next class. **No unexcused absences are permitted and may result in being pulled from competition routines and/or suspension/dismissal from the team.** It is imperative that dancers arrive to class on time so that they can properly warm up their bodies to avoid injuries. Please plan on arriving at least 5 minutes early for class so that dancers may put on proper attire and be ready to begin class on time. If a dancer arrives late to class (more than 10 minutes), they will only be allowed to observe and take notes. Two tardies will count as one absence.

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Suspension/ Dismissal

Once you have missed two classes in the semester you will be notified via email that you won't be allowed any more absences. If you are absent again you will be put on probation and may not be allowed to compete with the team. Any unexcused absence will result in automatic suspension, and may result in being pulled from dances for competition or performance. More than one unexcused absence may result in dismissal from the dance team and is at the discretion of Charity and the student's instructors. If a dancer is pulled from any dance or dismissed from the team, no refunds will be given for tuition, costumes, recital fees, or competition/ workshop fees that have been paid for up until that point. Any outstanding balance for costumes will also be required to be paid in full for the remainder of the year. All unpaid balances up to date must be paid for in full regardless of the dismissal. This applies to all classes the dancer is enrolled in. Terms of the probation will be decided based on the situation.

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Three Strike Policy

All team members are required to follow a three strike policy. The policy works as follows:

If any dancer or parent talks badly about another dancer, parent, staff member or any of the TDC family whether in conversation or on social media sites of any kind they will be issued a strike. Strikes will also be issued for any behavior that does not promote team unity. If a strike must be issued the dancer and their parent will be contacted by Charity and each situation will be handled on an individual basis. After three strikes, the dancer will be asked to leave their team. (We don't want that to happen to any of our dancers!....so let's keep ourselves in check :-)) Please note that that this rule applies at school and away from dance - wherever you go. This rule also applies to parents. If a dancer's parent is heard spreading ill will about another dancer, then her daughter will unfortunately have to take a strike for her. The Elite teams' policy is different. They are only allowed one strike, with the first strike they will be put on probation, the second strike they will be asked to leave. This policy is not intended to punish but is meant to help raise the moral at the studio and create a safe environment for our dancers.

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Financial Policy

Consequences of leaving a team early

Although this would be painful for all of us and we hate the thought of losing any dancer there are repercussions for leaving a team before the year is through. Because of the cost associated with re-choreographing a number there is a financial penalty for leaving a team before the year is done. There will be a \$300 fee assessed to any member quitting the team before the spring recital.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition is due on the 1st of the month. Tuition paid after the 10th will accrue a \$20 late fee. Any other competition team fees paid after the due date will also have a \$20 late fee assessed. All team fees are listed on the website under tuition and fees. By initialing below you are acknowledging that you understand our financial policy and agree to pay all fees that are due in relation to the competition team. You are also acknowledging that your account will go to collections and legal action may be taken to collect on your account if it's not paid on time. You will be responsible for all fees incurred during the collections process.

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By signing I hereby agree to the article in this contract. As a parent/ guardian I will do everything I can to ensure that my dancer is prepared for every class with a good attitude and proper attire, on time.

Dancers Name _____

Dancer Signature_____ Date_____

Parent Signature _____ Date_____