



# **2023-2024**

## **COMPETITION TEAM INFORMATION**

*This packet includes information regarding our competition program and auditions for the 2023 – 2024 season!*

***Please contact our Competition Director, Kim Dercks, with any questions.***

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# IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Informational Meeting via Zoom at 7 PM
Sunday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Informational Meeting via Zoom at 7 PM
Monday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Optional Open Studio 5-8 PM
Wednesday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Auditions
Thursday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Auditions
Wednesday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Competition Team Placements Announced
Wednesday, June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Signed Contracts & Deposits Due
Monday, June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Classes <i>Begin</i> <b><i>*mandatory for all competition dancers*</i></b>
Wednesday, June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mandatory Team Meeting via Zoom at 7 PM

## 2023-2024 INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

**\*\* All NEW and RETURNING parents should attend ONE meeting \*\***

***Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM***

**OR**

***Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM***

***MEETINGS WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM  
ZOOM LINK WILL BE EMAILED TO ALL CURRENT COMPETITION FAMILIES***

***PLEASE EMAIL [KIMDERCKSGMAIL.COM](mailto:KIMDERCKSGMAIL.COM) FOR ZOOM LINK***

### **Informational Meeting Agenda**

1. Program Expectations
2. Program Structure
3. Time Commitment
4. Audition Details
5. Financial Investment

# COMPETITION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

*Does your child love to dance? Would they love to be a part of a TEAM working together to accomplish common goals? Then Heart of the Valley Dance Academy's award-winning competition program may be for you!*

*Any dancer (ages 5 +) interested in becoming part of a competitive dance team environment may audition. Classes are geared towards the serious dancer who shows potential for growth, those who are enthusiastic and passionate about dance and those who are driven to work hard and practice to gain great results. Dancers must have positive attitudes and be respectful. Dancers are also expected to adhere to our team contract throughout the dance season.*

**SEASON:** *Our season runs from September through early May, ending with our year end recital in May. Actual competitions take place February – April. Nationals are typically held in June.*

*We will be attending **four** mandatory regional competitions. These may be held in Green Bay, Wausau, Madison, or the Milwaukee area. Our nationals competition will be optional and is typically held in the Minneapolis area.*

**CLASSES:** *Dancers can audition for only the styles of dance they wish to participate in. Participation in at least one group routine is mandatory for all dancers to be eligible for a solo, duo or trio. In addition to the classes a dancer auditions for, ONE ballet and ONE stay strong class is mandatory for all competition dancers. Staff will place dancers in these classes based on age/ability. Participation in at least two summer classes is also mandatory for dancers on the competition team. **One of those classes must be ballet.***

*Classes meet on Sundays. Some solos, duos and trios may have their classes scheduled during the week based on studio and instructor availability. Groups meet for 45 minutes each week, duets and trios meet for 30 minutes each week and solos meet for 30 minutes every other week. Ballet classes are one hour each week while the stay strong class is 30 minute each week.*

*Dancers are allowed four absences from each class over the course of the dance season. Practices held the week leading up to a competition are mandatory for all dancers.*



# 2022-2023 AUDITION DETAILS

There will be three age groups for auditions: 5-8, 9-12 and 13 & older. This will help create smaller audition groups, giving instructors more one on one time with dancers.

***Dancers should sign up for their audition group based on their age as of May 1<sup>st</sup>.***

We are NOT going to have audition routines for each style of dance that dancers will need to learn. We are going to focus on skills and quality of movement with dancers to help aid in class placement.

## What To Expect At Auditions:

- Warm Up & Stretch
- Flexibility Check (splits, etc.)
- Skill Checks for all styles (tap, jazz, etc.)
- Freestyle/Improv

**Skill Videos:** We will provide links to video tutorials on how to properly execute various skills that dancers may also be asked to demonstrated at auditions. Links to the videos will be on our website ([www.hotvdance.com](http://www.hotvdance.com)) under our “Competition Program” tab.

## OPTIONAL OPEN STUDIO

**Monday, May 22nd from 5:00-8:00 PM**

*This is **optional** for dancers. We will have staff on hand to help with any skills or questions dancers may have.*

## AUDITIONS

**Wednesday, May 24th OR Thursday, May 26th**

<u>AUDITION TIME SLOTS</u>		
Day	Ages	Time
5/24 and 5/25	9-12	4:00 - 5:00 PM
5/24 and 5/25	5-8	5:30 - 6:30 PM
5/24 and 5/25	13 & Older	7:00 - 8:00 PM

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## **LINK FOR AUDITION SIGN UPS**

### **WHAT EACH DANCER MUST TURN IN ON AUDITION DAY**

1. Completed Registration Form
2. \$10 Audition Fee
3. Solos/Duos/Trios Only:

Letter explaining why you would like the opportunity for one of these limited routines

## **LINK TO COMPETITION REGISTRATION FORM**

### **What To Bring To Auditions**

1. Dancers must dress in a plain black clothing. Leggings, tanks, fitted shirts, etc. are all acceptable. Clothing must be fitted so we can see body lines during auditions.
2. Hair must be secured back in a bun (low or high is acceptable).
3. Proper shoes for the style(s) of dance you are auditioning for.
4. Water bottle
5. A positive attitude and strong work ethic!

**Placement:** Placement on our team is determined by our staff based on age, technique, attitude & performance during previous season, ability to pick up material, and maturity.

### **RESULTS ARE FINAL**

**AUDITION RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 31st**  
(EMAILED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AND POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE)

### **SIGNED CONTRACTS & DEPOSITS (\$150) ARE DUE BY END OF DAY ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Failure to return the contract and deposit by the deadline will result in your dancer(s) not being placed in our competitive program. This \$150 deposit will go towards dancer's accounts at the end of our dance season unless the team contract has been breached. In that case, the \$150 **DOES NOT** go towards the balance of the account and will be used for the added expenses we incur for having to re-choreograph or re-stage routines and added administrative expenses.

# FINANCIAL INVESTMENT

## 2023-2024 Competition Program Payment Schedule

<b>CLASS FEES</b> 29 Weeks of Classes					
Classes	Annual Payment	Installment Payments			Monthly Payment
	September 30th	Payment 1 September 15th	Payment 2 January 15th	Payment 3 March 15th	September - April Due 1st Week Each Month
Solo	\$450	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$56.25
Duet	\$450	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$56.25
Trio	\$364	\$122	\$121	\$121	\$45.50
Groups	\$345	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$43.13
Ballet	\$210	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$26.25
Strength & Conditioning	\$190	\$64	\$63	\$63	\$23.75
Audition Fee	\$10	<i>Due when registration form is submitted for auditions.</i>			
<b>REGISTRATION FEE</b> <i>Per Dancer</i>	\$30	<i>Due when registering to reserve spot(s) in classes</i>			
<b>SHOE FEES</b>			<b>TIGHT FEES</b>		
<i>Due at the time of purchase</i>			<i>Due at the time of purchase</i>		
Style	Cost	Size	Style	Cost	
Ballet	\$24	Child	Footed	\$7.50	
Lyrical 1/2 Sole	\$24	Child	Convertible	\$9.50	
Student Tap	\$26	Child	Footless	\$9.50	
U-Shell Tap	\$31	Child	Stirup	\$9.50	
Jazz Tap	\$60	Child	Fishnet	\$14.00	
Jazz Boot	\$40	Adult	Footed	\$8.50	
Hip Hop Sneaker	\$54	Adult	Convertible	\$10.50	
		Adult	Footless	\$10.50	
		Adult	Stirup	\$10.50	
		Adult	Fishnet	\$16.00	
<b>COSTUME FEES</b>		<i>Please note entrance fees are PER COMPETITION that is attended. We are attending four regional competitions this season.</i>	<b>ENTRANCE FEES</b>		
<i>Due the week of October 16th, 2023</i>			<i>Due December 15th, 2023</i>		
Size	Cost		Class	Cost	
Child Small	\$70		Solo	\$145	
Child Medium	\$70		Duet	\$95	
Child Large	\$80		Trio	\$85	
Adult Small	\$80		Small Group	\$70	
Adult Medium	\$80		Large Group	\$70	
Adult Large	\$80		*Media Fee*	\$20-\$30	
Adult X-Large	\$85		<i>*Only if we attend a competition that charges this media fee*</i>		
Adult XX-Large	\$90				

**ADDITIONAL COSTS MAY INCLUDE: MAKEUP, ACCESSORIES (EARRINGS, ETC.), STUDIO JACKET, ETC.**

**MUTIPLE FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES ARE OFFERED TO HELP OFFSET COSTS**

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# 2023 SUMMER CLASSES

**6 WEEK SESSION**

**CLASSES RUN FROM JUNE 19th – AUGUST 4th**  
**(NO CLASSES THE WEEK OF JULY 4TH)**

**ALL CLASSES ARE 45 MINUTES IN LENGTH**

**\$75 PER CLASS**

**All dancers on our competitive team are REQUIRED to participate in our summer dance program. Dancers must take at least TWO classes. One class MUST be ballet, while the other class(es) can be of the dancer's choice.**

**Summer classes are a great opportunity for dancers to try a new style or simply continue to work on improving their skills. Registration is currently open for our summer session. Register soon to secure your spots in your preferred classes. Some classes are already near capacity!**

**[LINK TO SUMMER SCHEDULE](#)**

**[LINK TO SUMMER REGISTRATION FORM](#)**



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