**BU Dance Company Inc.**

**Competition Team Contract**

BU Dance Company has implemented this contract to ensure all parties have a clear understanding of the expectation and commitment that is required to participate on our competitive team. The rules are more strict than recreational classes. This opportunity is not for everyone. Please read carefully and ensure that you agree to this contract. Please understand this contract is necessary for running a successful organized team where the rules are clear, and everyone is treated the same!

**Placement:**

Placement is based on the following criteria: technique, potential, commitment level, enthusiasm, attitude and behavior in class, attendance, and stage presence. We place students together in groups that we feel will work best together in rehearsals and performances. We do not place by age! Company members are selected by instructors and will be invited into the appropriate Company class.

**Attendance & Time Commitment**

A dance company is a team. Just as sports teams require all players to attend practices, dance companies require their dancers to attend all classes, rehearsals, events and Competitions. Absences will not only affect the individual dancer, but the Company as a whole. Each dancer is allowed up to three unexcused absences from Company classes and rehearsals.

\*Excused absences receive prior approval from the director; advance notice of absence does not mean it is excused.

The following are considered “excused” absences:

1. Death in the family
2. Scheduled school programs or performances required for credit (with two-week notification. As these are pre- scheduled through schools)
3. Wedding or religious dedication of you or a member of your family (with two-week notification. As these events are prescheduled.)
4. If you are seriously ill or infectious (Dancers will watch company class/rehearsal in the case of injury or mild illness.)
5. Previously discussed events/other sports activity schedules that you and the director have agreed upon.

If you have more than 3 unexcused absences you may be asked to schedule a private lesson to catch up on missed choreography (fees apply), you may also be removed from the team with a $350 fine per routine to cover the cost and time of re -choreographing routines.

1. Company members must be present in ALL their classes and rehearsals the week prior to every performance and competition.
2. Being a member of a dance company is a privilege and comes with responsibility.
3. Personal accountability is essential for a successful season, and commitment to your other company members is a vital component of this success.
4. Please note that all **split house holds** are responsible for coordinating schedules for your student. Both parents need to agree to the commitment, schedule, and rules.

**Extra Practices**

1. Students need to be available for extra practices that will take place throughout the season.
2. Extra practices are not optional, and company members will need to be present.
3. When a member of the company is not present, it negatively impacts your entire team.
4. Please do not consider being a part of BU Dance Company if you are unable to make a commitment to the team. Making a commitment may mean you have to miss family events, friends’ parties, outings with friends, schedule vacations around your dance Company events, etc. Being a part of a competitive team is not for everyone. It is a commitment!

**Competitions**

1. BU Dance Company will attend 3-4 competitions throughout the dance season.
2. Please be aware that becoming a company member will obligate you to these competitions.
3. All competitions are held on weekends and are a full day and possibly full weekend commitment.
4. Competition management does not send the performance day and time to the studio until 3-5 days prior to the event.
5. Dancers and parents will need to be available for the entire weekend (Friday- Sunday).
6. Competitions are not optional.
7. Missing a competition is grounds for being released from the team.

**Courtesy & Respect**

1. All Company members and their parents will be held to the highest standards of conduct.
2. Communicating negatively about anyone in or outside our studio will not be tolerated.
3. Company members and their parents are expected to show courtesy and respect to all instructors, students, parents.
4. Any student or parent who exhibits repeated negative or disrespectful behavior will be asked to leave the Company.
5. Dancers and their parents are always respectful, supportive, encouraging and are positive in spirit, attitude, and behavior.

**Dress Code**

1. All Dance Company members must wear appropriate dancewear to every class.
2. Forgetting dancewear, shoes, proper hair and/or wearing inappropriate clothing is not acceptable.
3. The dress code for the Dance Company is as follows:
   1. Black leggings
   2. BU Dance Company T shirt
   3. Hair in ponytail or bun

**Competition Dress Code**

Being a part of a competitive team means you are willing to and agree to all terms of our dress code.

1. Hair for competitions can only be natural colors brown, blonde, black, natural red hair (Red and other bright color dies are not allowed for Competitions.)
2. All body piercings need to be removed or clear plugged.
3. Tattoos need to be covered with tattoo makeup.
4. If you Compete above the novice level, Glasses are not allowed during performances.
5. You will be asked and required to wear a specific matching hairstyle for a uniform look.
6. You will be required to wear a specific make up for a uniform look.
7. You will be required to wear specific jewelry for a uniform look.
8. You will be required to purchase specific under garments that compliment your costumes.
9. You will be required to buy a team jacket and T-shirt for the season.

Using the BUDC LOGO or adding to BUDC team Uniforms and jackets.

1. No one is allowed to use the BUDC Logo or name without permission.
2. A lot of time, money and marketing went into creating a professional brand and logo.
3. You are not allowed to put BU Dance Company’s name on anything without permission.
4. You may not add anything to Team uniforms, jackets etc. without permission as the purpose of the uniform is to create a uniform look where everyone is the same.

**Financial Commitment**

1. Tuition must be paid the first week of the month or it will accrue late fees. ($10 on the 15th of the month and another $10 on the 25th of the month.)
2. Should your bill become more than 2 months behind you will not be able to continue the Competition team.
3. You are required to purchase a team jacket
4. You are required to purchase a team shirt every year
5. You are committed to all group, solo, duet and Trio choreography and competition fees that you agree to and sign up for.
6. Competition fees must be paid on time, or you will not be able to remain on the competition team. We do not pay fees until we have received all money from students. Competitions fill up quickly. Delay in payment can cause the team to forfeit their spot in the competition.
7. **In Split house holds** I will need an agreement signed of which parent is responsible for what portion of the bill as well as who will be paying. This will need to be signed by both parents. **If I do not receive this** the parent that has signed this agreement will be responsible for all fees, services, and money billed to the student’s account. (Please see attendance #4 as well)

**Drop-outs:** A $350 per student per routine fee applies to any student who drops out of the Company/Competition team during the dance season, for instructor to re-choreograph and rearrange the competition routines.

**Student leaders:**

Only Company members are awarded the opportunity to become Student Leaders and Assistant Student Instructors. Please see Miss Johnna for more information.

**Solos/Duets/Trio**

When you are given the opportunity to PERFORM A SOLO/DUET/TRIO it is a privilege. We look at things like attendance, effort, time commitment, memory, and abilities. This takes a lot of extra practice and commitment as you are only given 4 full 30minute classes with the instructor to learn your routine. This is not for everyone.

1. Must Compete a minimum of 5 group routines or if your level does not offer 5 routines it will be Miss Johnna’s decision. (Team Comes first)
2. Miss Johnna has final decision over who she feels is ready to compete a solo/duet/trio.
3. Miss Johnna has final decision over costume, song, style of routine performed.
4. You may be asked to audition for a solo/duet/Trio to check your memory and if the group is at the same level and performs well together.

Now that we have all the rules and expectation stated…

Don’t forget to have fun! You’ll gain a lifetime of great memories and friendships during this time together so enjoy every second! We strive to make this the most positive and rewarding experience for our dancers and look forward to having another incredible and exciting dance season. We truly are a dance family that does our very best to help each other out!

-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

**BU Dance Company**

**Competition Team Agreement**

Please sign and return this page. Keep the Company contract for your reference.

Both dancer and parent have read and understood all that is expected as a member of BU Dance Company inc. Competition Team. We understand that these policies are created to ensure the absolute best training and most positive and rewarding experience for everyone. Both dancer and parent understand that failure to meet the conditions set forth in this contract could result in the dancer’s dismissal from BU Dance Company inc. Competition Team. By signing you agree to the full financial responsibility as well as all rules stated in the agreement.

Dancer’s Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Dancer’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_