



## **Clogging Connection 2025-2026**

### **Competition team contract**

#### **Placements**

Placement on Clogging Connection 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. Company members are selected by instructors and will be invited into the appropriate Company class.

#### **Attendance & Time Commitment**

Clogging Connection is a team. Just as sports teams require all players to attend practices, dance companies require their dancers to attend all classes and rehearsals. Absences will not only affect the individual dancer, but the team as a whole.

Each dancer is allowed up to three (3) unexcused absences from competition classes and practices.

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

The following are considered “excused” absences:

- Death in the family
- Scheduled school programs or performances required for credit
- Wedding or religious dedication of you or a member of your family
- If you are seriously ill or infectious

Cloggers will watch their competition class/practice in the case of injury or mild illness. These same rules apply to all other classes.

Punctuality is just as important as attendance, please be on time and prepared for class. Two (2) occurrences of tardiness will count as an unexcused absence.

Students should not miss more than five (5) of any one class per competition year; after which, the dancer may be dismissed from the team. Dance requires consistent ongoing training, and dancers who excessively miss classes will not be able to perform at the same level as those who have attended all classes regularly.

Team members must be present in ALL their classes and practices the week prior to every performance and competition.

Being a member of Clogging Connection is a privilege and comes with responsibility. Personal accountability is essential for a successful season, and commitment to your other team members is a vital component of this success. When a member of the team is not present, it negatively impacts your entire team. Please do not consider being a part of Clogging Connection if missing a trip to the mall with your friends is going to be an issue, or if you expect scheduling conflicts with other sports or activities.

**Regular attendance in all clogging classes is expected of team members. Excess absences from ANY one-dance class may be cause for dismissal from the team. No refund of payment shall be given in the event of dismissal.**

Clogging Connection will attend 2 out of state competitions throughout the year as well as 1 in state competition (see teams in attendance below). Please be aware that becoming a team member will obligate you to these competitions.. All competitions are held on weekends and are a full day and possibly full weekend commitment. Cloggers and parents will need to be available for the entire weekend.

**2026 Mandatory team competitions:**

- Smoky Mountain Encore-All Teams  
March 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>  
Gatlinburg, TN
  
- Florida Clogging Extravaganza-All Teams  
TBD (June)  
Orlando, FL
  
- Showdown of Champions-All Teams  
Tentative (November)  
Knoxville, TN

There are also occasions when our teams are asked to perform at local events.. These events are fun, educational and great team building experiences.

**Courtesy & Respect**

All team members will be held to the highest standards of conduct. Communicating negatively about anyone in or outside our studio will not be tolerated. Team members are expected to show courtesy and respect to all instructors and other students. Any student who exhibits repeated negative or disrespectful behavior will be asked to leave the team. Clogging connection cloggers are always respectful, supportive, encouraging and are positive in spirit, attitude and behavior.

**Financial Commitment**

Tuition for team members varies depending on the number of classes they take. The team will attend (3) competitions. Each Competition fee varies based on the number of dances etc. See the

competition schedule for when fees are due.

Drop-outs: A \$250 fee applies to any student who drops out of the team during the clogging year, for instructors to re-choreograph and rearrange the competition routines.

\*Specialty routines, including solos and duets, may be asked to compete. Practice times for these routines will be outside of their team class time. There are extra fees per these practices for the instructor/choreographer's time. All specialty routines will be decided upon by the instructor and director, and are not at the request of students or parents.

It is mandatory that all team members have Studio CC apparel to wear at all competitions/performances. Dancers must wear their approved apparel upon arrival and when leaving all competitions and performances.

Finally...

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.



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Please sign and return this page. Keep the Clogging Connection contract for your reference. Both dancer and parent have read and understood all that is expected as a member of Clogging Connection. 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 Team

Dancer's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dancer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_