

New Dance Team Policy Changes Effective June 5, 2023:

1. COMPETITION TRY-OUTS:

There will be a try-out in Dec and then in Feb./March for the 1st Competition. If you know the 2 Routines, then you will perform at each Competition. However, if you do not know the Routines then you have the following option. Schedule Private lessons in 30 minutes increments. Sessions are \$50.00 for each increment. Sessions are limited to time availability. You will be reevaluated for the upcoming performances. It is the responsibility of the parent/student to know your routine. You must practice at home, get the music, video the class routine. Missing classes...especially extra practice puts you very behind, plus you miss any changes that are made to better the look of the routine. **Competition Entry Fees are non-refundable.**

2. SCHOOL FUNCTIONS:

School UIL Sport Functions are excused. However, other school functions are not excused. For example, wanting to attend a club trip, picking up animals for project show, etc. Furthermore, if you know in advance that you are going to miss more than 1 team practice due to these events...you must schedule a private lesson to make up for them.

3. TEAM COMMITMENT:

Before you decide to join a SMS team, please understand that select ball practice, games, tournaments, other studio/gym competitions etc. cannot conflict with our practices, competitions, picture day, dress rehearsal or recital. I give you dates & calendar of events in Aug.- Sept. I have been very flexible on this for years but now feel as if SMS is not being put first at times (by some) and this is not fair to the rest of the team. When we compete against teams that attend classes 2-3 times a week, we are the underdogs to begin with...being absent is not acceptable. **READ YOUR TEAM Policies!**

4. ABSENCES:

It is already in your policies, but this is a reminder and an additional clause- You have 2 (per dance year) excused absences for illness. **After the 3rd absence...you are put on team probation and will not be allowed to return to class until you schedule a private lesson or approved by teacher.** Furthermore, I must know in advance of any absence from a team practice.