

## **Spotlight Dance Academy Competitive Team - season details and policy**

### **Monthly Tuition & Policy**

Our competitive team is a huge commitment. Being such, there are no refunds given for anything such as annual tuition, choreography fees, competition fees, costume fees, etc. Contracts are a must sign by custodial guardians. We are a team, meaning if one decides to just now show up it hurts the entire team. Our commitment contract is for not only Spotlight Dance Academy, but the entire team.

Our tuition prices are based upon a 40-week annual season, and we average your annual tuition out into 10 monthly installments. We charge for 40 weeks of classes, giving the month of June FREE! This covers any unexpected closings or weather days. We have already factored holidays into the total cost. There are NO refunds for missed classes. Three missed unexcused classes will result in the dancer being expelled for the season. SDA tuition is based on an entire season of dance. Our season runs from July - May. Any practices in the month of June are FREE. All competition dancers will showcase their routines in our end of the year spring dance recital.

You may pay the entire season in full or divide it up into 10 monthly installments. Installments are due the 1st of each month. If the monthly installment is paid after the 10th, there will be a \$15 late fee applied to your account. If you become behind two months, then your dancer will be suspended for a week of classes and result in your dancer having one strike against them in the current season.

Custodial parents will still be held responsible for their 10 month contract payment, even if the dancer becomes expelled or quits. Failure to abide by Spotlight Dance Academy's contract that you sign, court actions will then take place.

We do NOT offer refunds. Please use the parent portal to view your account accordingly.

Tuition prices vary and will be discussed at our mandatory parent meeting.

### **Google Classroom**

It is mandatory for all parents to sign in our google classroom to keep up-to-date on important reminders. Google Classroom also serves as another way to communicate with not only the team but the coaches as well.

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### **Competitive Soloists**

Soloists are approved by the teachers / coaches. If a dancer applies and becomes approved then the soloists will have a choreography day learning their routine with the choreographer, then it would be up to the soloists to schedule in private classes with the teacher/coach. Soloists will have to schedule around the teacher/coach schedule. Soloists' private classes are different prices from what is stated above and a cash only payment.

Soloists Private Class Price: ½ hour \$25 - 1 hour \$50 - 1 ½ hours \$75

### **Three Strikes You're Out Agreement**

Each dancer will be on a three strikes you're out agreement. If your dancer receives one strike, they will be suspended from a week of classes. If your dancer receives a second strike, they will be suspended from two weeks of classes. If your dancer receives a third strike, they will be expelled from the current season. Examples of strikes are: 1. Bad behavior during class - meaning if I need to call a parent to remove a dancer during class time due to not listening, nit picking at others, talking back when told to do something, etc. 2. Custodial Guardian becoming behind two months on monthly tuition. 3. Three unexcused missed classes.

### **Hired Choreographer**

Sometimes we will outsource a choreographer when one is available for booking. If we do, it will be with an experienced college dancer, or professional adult dancer chosen by Mrs. Cassie.

### **Choreography Fees**

\$90 collective choreography fee per routine

\$30 per dancer per hour for small groups.

\$40 per dancer per hour for duo/trios

\$50 per dancer per hour for soloist

\$0.58 cents per mile for round trip

If Spotlight Dance Academy chose to do such, SDA will have a price breakdown. Custodial Guardians will be held responsible to pay the price breakdown the day dancers learn their routine. Advance notice will be given in an appropriate manner, no surprises.

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### **July Dates**

As of right now, we do not have any July practices scheduled. The month of July is used for skill classes, learning choreography, beginning fundraisers, choosing community performances, choosing competition locations, and parent meetings. Skill classes will be \$25 per two hour session cash only, but as of right now there aren't any. Any scheduling in July will be notified to you in a timely manner.

### **Fundraisers**

We will have multiple ways throughout the season to raise money for dancers to use towards competition expenses. When we host a fundraiser event, dancers will be required to participate. If dancers do not participate, then dancers will not benefit from the raised money. Spotlight Dance Academy tries to think of multiple ways to help custodial parents pay for expenses being competition can be expensive.

### **Dress Code**

All dancers need to have their hair tied up out of their face and wear all black. Dancers may wear tanks/camis, dance shorts/leggings, sports bras, leotards. An all black non lose attire will help teachers/coaches see any imperfection during practice. Dancers also may purchase our Sparkle Wear to wear during class. See Sparkle Wear bullet for more information. Dancers need to have correct shoes in class at all times. Water Bottles are a must! Dancers will need to take water breaks. No jewelry, and no fake eyelashes or fake nails during class at all times -they can be distracting and dangerous.

### **Recital Fee**

Spotlight Dance Academy's Competitive Team will showcase their routines in our end of the year dance recital. A recital fee (per family) is due with March tuition. This fee helps cover the cost associated with putting on the production. If you are a studio dancer AND competitive team member then you just pay one fee.

This fee must be paid via cash or check (made out to Spotlight Dance Academy)

Recital Fee:

\$45 - per family includes recital fee only

### **Show Tickets**

All tickets will need to be purchased. Dancers performing do not need a ticket. Two free tickets (per family) will be given out the week of recital as long as tuition is up to date and recital fee/costume fees are paid in full. Dancers performing will get action shots for FREE if a photographer is booked. Dancers performing will get a free digital video of the recital. Competitive dancers will be awarded a medal and highlighted at the end of the show!

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### **Costumes**

Costume fees vary depending on classes. If tuition is not up to date, and costume fees are not paid in full then costumes will NOT be ordered for dancers. Costume fees are due with October tuition and November tuition. Costume fees will be posted in September. Sometimes costumes will require you to order extra things such as black dance pants or white cami tanks. If your dancer has more than one costume, then your dancer will need a nude/tan cami leotard to wear under costumes for changing privacy. Fundraiser money can help cover this cost. Fundraising monetary gain can be put towards costume fees!

- 1 costume - \$70 (all due in Oct.)
- 2 costumes - \$130 (½ due in Oct. - ½ due in Nov.)
- 3 costumes - \$200 (½ due in Oct. - ½ due in Nov.)
- 4 costumes - \$260 (½ due in Oct. - ½ due in Nov.)

\*If costumes are found from a website other than a costume company then prices may vary from the amounts above.

### **Drop off/Pick up**

Dancers should only arrive 5 minutes prior to class. If a dancer needs to change or use the restroom then they should arrive 10 minutes prior to class. Dancers do not need to enter the studio room until the doors are opened by the teacher. Practices are closed, so all parents must wait in the waiting room or outside. We will have parent drop in days throughout the season.

### **National Dance Competition Pricing and Policy**

Our goal is to compete at two separate dance companies at minimum. Dancers may get to compete at a total of three or four different national competitions. That will be determined from year to year by Mrs. Cassie. Fundraisers can be used for this balance. Fees are non refundable per the competition companies, even if dancers are sick the day of. Some companies will allow early bird specials. Fees will be given at an appropriate date to budget expenses. Fees below may vary from competition companies.

The price break down for majority National Dance Competitions are

- \$150 - Soloist
- \$30 - Soloist Title Entry along with a Soloist Routine

- Duo/Trio - \$80 per dancer
- Group - \$70 per dancer

The prices above are only the dancers' entry fees for **each** National Dance Competition. All other expenses are separately. Other expenses include but are not limited to, travel, hotel stay, gas, food, costumes, shoes, etc.

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### **General Rules**

No food or drinks in the studio. Water only. This is to protect our Marley Dance Flooring.

No cellphones allowed in the dance rooms. If they are in your bag, they should be turned off and silenced at all times.

SDA is not responsible for items left in the Studio.

No parents, friends, or siblings in the classroom at any time. This is for the benefit of your dancers. They will learn more if we have their complete attention. SDA can offer parent drop in days so you can see your dancer in action -those dates are tba.

Dancers need to follow the dress code to ensure safe dancing.

Class placement- Teachers can determine if dancers/tumblers would be best in a different class than what class their age is set to.

Spotlight Dance Academy must have a working email on file from the responsible custodial parent, as that is our best form of communication. Custodial parents will receive newsletters and upcoming important information during the current season. No spam mail, I promise. SDA must also have a working cell phone number on file from the responsible custodial parent just in case of emergencies.

Parent Portal. All custodial parents must create a parent portal to keep up-to-date on payments and any other important information posted.

All dancers must try out for the team before each current year begins.

Dancers must wear company team jackets and leggings at competitions.

Dancers will need skin color tights for performances. Amazon and other dance stores such as Bloch or Capezio will have the tights.

Dancers will need black tennis shoes to wear with their Sparkle Wear at competitions. You can buy the tennis shoes on amazon or wherever you may find them at.

Dancers will need their own makeup, fake eyelashes, and fake diamond earrings. Earrings can be purchased from the studio. All other items will need to be bought elsewhere after we decide on a team hair and makeup look.