Welcome to the Pulse Dance Project Auditions FAQ! Whether you're a returning dancer or new to our company, we've compiled answers to the most common questions to help guide you through the audition process.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### Q: When are auditions held?

We have two audition dates for the 2025-2026 Season. Dancers are only required to attend one date but may attend both if they wish to.

June 27th

July 18th

## Q: What time are auditions?

Each audition time slot will be broken up by your dancer's competition age. (Age as of January 1st 2026)

9:00-9:45 AM:Ages 7 & Under

9:45-10:45 AM: Ages 8-10

10:45-11:45 AM: Ages 11-13

12:00-1:30 PM: Ages 14 & Up

Dancers may be asked to stay for an older audition block if we want to see them dance up.

## Q: Can I still join if I miss the audition date?

If your dancer is unable to attend either audition date in person please email pulsedanceatx@gmail.com to schedule a private audition date. If you are out of state and need to submit a video audition we will give you specific parameters to film.

# Q:Do the auditions cost anything?

Our auditions are completely free!

## Q: Where are auditions held?

Auditions will take place at our new studio location

2300 Lohmans Spur Rd Suite 160 Lakeway, Texas 78734 (Located next to Chair King)

### Q: Are parents able to watch auditions?

Parents will not be permitted to watch auditions but you are welcome to stay in the lobby while your dancer auditions.

# Q: What if I already auditioned for another team earlier in the Summer but want to explore my options?

We understand competition dance is a significant time, financial, and emotional commitment and it's important to find the best fit for your dancer! If you audition at another company and have to pay an initial deposit, but find Pulse to be a better choice for your dancer, we can offer you a discount towards our company registration for making the switch! Just email <a href="mailto:pulsedanceatx@gmail.com">pulsedanceatx@gmail.com</a> to speak with one of our administrative staff!

#### **AUDITION REQUIREMENTS**

# Q: What styles will be evaluated during auditions?

Dancers will be evaluated in the following styles:

- Jazz Technique
- Lyrical/ Contemporary
- Ballet
- Tap
- Improvisation

Dancers will learn a few short centre and across the floor combinations in various styles to demonstrate technical and stylistic capabilities. Everything will be taught during the audition.

#### Q: What should I wear to auditions?

Please wear:

- Form-fitting dancewear (any color is fine!)
- Appropriate shoes for each style (ballet, jazz, tap shoes)
- Hair neatly secured away from the face

## Q: What should I bring?

- Water bottle
- Completed registration form (Completed online) Link:
   https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfGg CektOFEcHnPM5EQzXDjpuFr34pw r
   gPExoUnOlhcCNpA/viewform
- Completed & Signed Liability Waiver (Completed online)

#### COMPANY EXPECTATIONS

#### Q: What is the time commitment if selected?

Company members are expected to attend:

- Weekly technique and choreography rehearsals
- Company classes
- Weekend rehearsals (as needed- typically done the weekend before a competition.) All
  rehearsals will be scheduled out at the beginning of the season so you can plan ahead.
  In the event we need to call extra rehearsals we will communicate schedules in advance
  to avoid conflicts.
- Regional and national competitions. Travel may be required
- Community performances (optional)
- Year end recital

These commitments will vary depending on which company you are selected for and your specific age group. If you are a part of a Middle or High School dance team or assist on a convention please send us all required hours & dates from your directors as soon as they are available.

#### Q: Are there additional costs?

Yes. In addition to your monthly tuition expenses, company expenses may include the following:

- Competition & Convention Fees
- Choreography- in House Choreography and guest choreography rates may vary in price.
- Costumes, Hair pieces & other accessories for dances
- Company gear- warmups, backpacks etc
- Master classes in studio
- Travel to & from competition
- Props if applicable
- Administrative fees

We provide full transparency through itemized invoices for all expenses associated with company. You deserve to know where your money is being spent. Administrative and Credit card fees will be applied when applicable.

Pulse will never charge your account without your permission. All transactions are initiated by our customers at their discretion.

We do not charge 100% of Company fees up front at the beginning of the season. There will be an initial company deposit & registration deposit for competitions. Remaining competition invoices will be sent out one month prior to each event and must be paid in full to attend the event. Costumes are invoiced when they are ordered and choreography for groups & solos will be invoiced prior to the completion of the choreography.

## Q: What competition & Conventions will the Companies be attending?

Our full schedule will be released in May once all competitions & conventions have released their dates for the next season.

All regional competitions will be in Texas ( Austin, San Antonio, San Marcos, Houston & Dallas are all options) & Nationals will be held out of state.

For Reference here was our group schedule for 2024-2025:

24Seven (San Antonio, Tx): November 1st-3rd

Adrenaline (Austin, Tx): January 17-19th

Jump (Dallas, Tx): February 7-9th

Nuvo (Houston, Tx): March 14-16th

Dancemakers (Dallas, Tx): April 11-13th

Nationals: The Dance Awards Las Vegas

June 29- July 6th

# Q: Are dancers able to attend optional conventions & competitions in addition to the mandatory group ones?

Yes! We will have a pre-approved list of all optional competitions and conventions you can attend. If there is an out of state optional you want to attend just email <a href="mailto:pulsedanceatx@gmail.com">pulsedanceatx@gmail.com</a> to get approved for those specific dates. We register for all competitions in August. Small non-refundable deposits may be required but full amounts will be paid one month prior to the event. In the event you wish to add on a convention later in the season you can email us to register but we cannot guarantee you will be able to get in, as many conventions sell out in advance.

## Q: Will there be payment plans or fundraising available to help with costs?

For all information regarding payment plans please reach out to Braden at Pulsedanceatx@gmail.com and he can assist you further.

During our founding season we ran a few very successful fundraising campaigns that applied directly to dancer's competition & convention fees.

We have a fundraising committee that coordinates opportunities for fundraising each season and ALL money raised goes directly to cover dancer's competition & convention fees. Fundraiser distributions are noted on invoices throughout the season.

For the 2024-2025 season we were sponsored by 9 local businesses, and we also did an individual "Got your back" sponsorship campaign that allowed friends and families to directly support their loved ones!

# **RESULTS & PLACEMENT:**

# Q: How are dancers placed?

**Pulse Company is merit based.** Placement is based on age, ability, technique, performance quality, and potential. Final decisions are made by the Pulse staff.

# Q: When will audition results be announced?

Results will be emailed within one week of your audition date. All leveling and placements will be sent out after the second audition date.

## Q: Can I request feedback after auditions?

Yes, we offer limited post-audition feedback sessions upon request.

# Q: When will company contracts & new team deposits be due?

Company contracts are due to be signed & turned in by <u>July 21st</u>. We will host an official "Signing Day" event for the dancers along with a team bonding event at the beginning of August

# Still have questions?

We're here to help!
Email us at **Pulsedanceatx@gmail.com**