



Competition Team Information 2025-2026

Exciting things are on the way for the dancers at Joy's Dance Company! After Mrs. Joy's retirement, Mrs. Rachael will be opening a brand-new studio in the same location. Your students will still experience the same knowledgeable and loving staff, along with some new additions. Teams will be restructured to better fit your dancer's interests with several new and exciting classes being offered. We are also adding a hip hop team for ages 10 and up!

The purpose of this packet is to provide parents and dancers information needed when considering auditioning for the competition teams at Impact Dance Arts. It is important that you understand that competition dance requires a certain level of commitment both financially and with your time. Please review this information carefully while considering if competition dance is the right fit for your family. A break down of cost and time requirements will be provided in this packet. All team members will be required to participate in 3 competitions; two of these will be local to Birmingham, and one will be out of town. Teams will also participate in the spring recital and Alabaster Christmas Parade.

Admission and Placement

Auditions for teams will be held in May. There will be a \$40 tryout fee due before tryouts that will be applied to the dancer's fall registration. It is nonrefundable. The ONLY exception to this will be if the dancer is not selected for a competition team. The Director of Impact Dance Arts will make selections for teams based off scores from an outside panel of judges and collaboration with team instructors. Dancers will be placed on teams using several factors including age, personal motivation, and ability. Parents and students are expected to respect any decisions made regarding team placement.

Auditions are open for students ages 5-18. Any student that joins the studio after tryouts have occurred and is interested in the competition team may audition privately for the studio director and instructors to be considered for placement on a team. We will offer 6 teams for the 2025-2026 dance season: Diamond, Sapphire, Emerald, Ruby, Shining Stars, and Hip Hop. Students ages 10 and up may audition for the hip hop team.

Diamond – competes 2 dances
Sapphire – competes 2 dances
Emerald – competes 2 dances
Ruby – competes 2 dances
Shining Stars (Inclusion Team) – competes 2 dances
Hip Hop – competes 1 dance

Requirements

Competition fees

Fees for each competition vary, but usually range from \$65-\$100 for each dancer per group dance. Competitions will occur between January and April 2026. Fees will be due approximately 6 weeks before each competition and must be paid in full by the due date for your dancer to be able to participate. Due to rules from the competition hosts, these fees are nonrefundable. All accounts must be in good standing for a student to participate in a competition or performance. We will offer some fundraising opportunities throughout the year to assist with fees.

Class enrollment

Class requirements will depend on the team that the dancer is placed on and are as follows:

Diamond – 1 hour team choreography class plus a minimum of two additional hours of instruction in classes of the dancer's choice

Sapphire – 1 hour team choreography class plus a minimum of two additional hours of instruction in classes of the dancer's choice

Emerald – 1 hour team choreography class plus a minimum of one hour of instruction in classes of the dancer's choice

Ruby – 1 hour team choreography/technique class

Shining Stars – 45 minute team choreography/technique class

Hip Hop – 45 minute team choreography class

Tuition prices are as follows:

Class time per week	Pricing
30 minutes	\$40
45 minutes	\$45
1 hour	\$55
1 hour 15 minutes	\$60
1 hour 30 minutes	\$65
1 hour 45 minutes	\$70
2 hours	\$80
2 hours 15 minutes	\$85
2 hours 30 minutes	\$90
2 hours 45 minutes	\$95
3 hours	\$100
3 hours 15 minutes	\$105
3 hours 30 minutes	\$110
3 hours 45 minutes	\$115
4 hours	\$125
4 hours 15 minutes	\$130
4 hours 30 minutes	\$135
4 hours 45 minutes	\$140
5 hours	\$150
5 hours 15 minutes	\$155
5 hours 30 minutes	\$160
5 hours 45 minutes	\$165
6 hours	\$175
6 hours 15 minutes	\$180
6 hours 30 minutes	\$185
6 hours 45 minutes	\$190
7 hours	\$200
7 hours 15 minutes	\$205
7 hours 30 minutes	\$210
7 hours 45 minutes	\$215
8 hours or more	\$225 (capped)

Tuition is due at the 1st of the month beginning in September. A late fee of \$10 will be applied to all accounts not paid by the 15th of the month.

Sibling discount: Full price for the dancer with the most hours, then a 20% discount will be given for siblings. The discount only applies to tuition!

All additional fees:

- \$40 tryout/registration fee (nonrefundable)
- Costume fee of \$80 per competition dance. Due October 1. Nonrefundable after October 1.
- Team jacket (required), approximately \$45. Due November 1. Nonrefundable after November 1. This will be worn on stage for awards ceremonies.
- Recital fee \$50 (\$10 for each additional child in family). Due March 10. This fee is nonrefundable and covers the cost of venue rental, programs, trophies, etc. A late fee of \$10 will be applied per student if not paid by March 10.
- Students will have the option to attend a convention in the fall. Fees for this will be communicated after the convention is chosen. This will be OPTIONAL for all team members.
- Student is responsible for purchasing any tights, shoes, makeup, etc. needed for competitions and performances.

Expectations

Attendance – Dancers are expected to attend class regularly and arrive on time. All absences should be communicated with the teacher or studio director. When your child misses class or is late it affects the entire team, therefore repeated absences and tardies can result in dismissal from the team at the studio owner's discretion. Refunds will not be issued for any fees paid for competition fees, costumes, or tuition. Students with an injury are expected to attend and observe classes. Classes will begin September 2.

Conduct – Being a member of a dance team is a privilege and comes with a certain set of responsibilities. All team members will be held to the highest standards of conduct. Communicating negatively about anyone in or outside of our studio will not be tolerated. Team members are expected to show courtesy and respect to all instructors, competition staff, and other students at all times. Any student that exhibits repeated negative or disrespectful behavior will be dismissed from the team at the studio owner's discretion. No refunds will be provided for competition fees, costumes, or tuition.

Solos, duets, trios

Dancers may choose to participate in a solo, duet, or trio if they have at least one year of prior competition experience. The music and choreographer **MUST** be approved by the studio director prior to beginning choreography. A choreography fee of \$250 per dance (split between duets and trios) is to be paid to Impact Dance Arts, and is due prior to beginning any choreography. This fee includes all choreography and at least 2 additional group practices during the year. Additional group practices may be provided at the discretion of the choreographer. The student/parent will be responsible for all costume and competition fees associated with the solo, duet, or trio. Solos, duets, and trios will have an optional fundraising opportunity in the fall to assist with associated costs. Solo, duets, and trios will begin in the summer. Team classes and regular classes will begin after Labor Day.

Finally...competition dance is a fun way for your dancer to push themselves to learn and grow! They will learn valuable life lessons and form strong friendships that can last a lifetime! Please let us know if you have any questions about your dancer becoming a part of our award-winning teams!