



Rhythm House Dance Team Contract 2020-2021

Placement in RHDS Dance Company 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

A dance company 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 RHDS Dance Company as a whole. Each dancer is allowed up to three (3) unexcused absences from Company classes and rehearsals. *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

Dancers will watch company class/rehearsal 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 dance season; after which, the dancer may be dismissed from the Company. 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. Company members must be present in ALL their classes and rehearsals the week prior to every performance and competition.

Being a member of a dance company is a privilege and comes with responsibility. Personal accountability is essential for a successful season, and commitment to your other company members is a vital component of this success. When a member of the company is not present, it negatively impacts your entire team. Please do not consider being a part of The RHDS Dance Company 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 dance classes is expected of Company members. Excess absences from ANY one-dance class may be cause for dismissal from the Company. **No refund** of payment shall be given in the event of dismissal.

Please be aware that becoming a company member will obligate you to these competitions and conventions. All competitions are held on weekends and are a full day and possibly full weekend commitment. Competitions send the performance schedule day and time to the studio 5-7 days prior to the event. Dancers and parents will need to be available for the entire weekend until we know whether you are performing Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

These events are fun, educational and great team building experiences. Extra rehearsals may be called approaching a performance or competition. Extra rehearsals will be held on Saturdays, Sundays or at other times that the studio's schedule permits. Students and parents will be notified of any additional rehearsals at least one week prior to the date. We will make our best efforts to schedule additional rehearsals well in advance.

Courtesy & Respect

All Company members will be held to the highest standards of conduct. Communicating negatively about anyone in or outside our studio will not be tolerated. Company 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 Company. RHDS dancers are always respectful, supportive, encouraging and are positive in spirit, attitude and behavior.

Dress Code

All Dance Company members must wear appropriate dance wear to every class. Forgetting dance wear, shoes, proper hair and/or wearing inappropriate clothing is not acceptable. The dress code for the Dance Company is as follows: Black leotard, Tan tights, and Tan/Black slip-on jazz shoes. Jazz pants or form-fitting shorts are optional and must be approved by the instructor. Ballet; black leo, pink or white tights, and hair MUST be securely pulled up for every class. Jewelry is not permitted while in class.

Financial Commitment Tuition for company members varies depending on the number of classes they take minimum is \$175 mo. It is mandatory that all Dance Company members attend weekly Company classes.

Please Note: Company dancers may also have the opportunity to travel to locations overnight or even over a weekend. Please be aware of any extra expenses that may occur. Drop-outs: A \$250 fee applies to any student who drops out of the Company/ Competition team during the dance season, for instructor to re-choreograph and rearrange the competition routines.

**Specialty group routines, including solos, duets and trios, may be asked to compete. Rehearsal times for these routines will be outside of their Company class time. There are extra fees per these rehearsals 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.

RHDS may also partake in other performance opportunities throughout the year. These performances may or may not have participation fees depending on the caliber of the event. It is mandatory that all company members have Elite/Select Performance Uniform, practice wear, warm-ups, and competition shoulder bags for competitions/conventions/ performances.

Our Goal is to bring up the dancer. Some toughness will be given but nothing ever malicious or demeaning to your dancer. Feelings may be hurt, but the dancer has to be prepared for critiques and held accountable. Independence and confidence will be gained.

All communication will come through the director, Cassidy Pinkston on email or text. Privates and scheduling will be communicated through email along with payments to be made for those privates and fees. All privates need to be made through the front desk and paid for prior to the private.

3 competitions and 1 Nationals

StarQuest

Celebrity

Showstopper

Showstopper Nationals or StarQuest Nationals

*Other competitions could be offered to attend but not mandatory.

Deposits Due: A \$250 dancer deposit is due when application is accepted. Any team Gear Ordered will need to be paid in full before ordering. (typically, the gear takes 4 -6 weeks.)

What our Team Schedule will look like for 2020-2021:

Elite Team: Dancers will come 2-3 times a week for (2 -3 hours each day). Some Sunday or Saturday practices when the season starts but you will know in advance.

Jr & Teen Elite Team: Dancers will come 2-3 Times a week and some Saturday mornings for 1.5 hours.

Mini's Team: Dancers will come 2 times a week (1:45 each day)

Season Break Down:

Registration Fee:	\$50	Due: June 12th
Monthly Tuition:	\$175	Due Monthly: July-May
Competition Fees: Costumes not included	\$720 (2 group dances)	PIF or* \$90 monthly *8 months
Choreo & Music Lic	\$80 per dancer	Due: Sept 2020
Team Leo/Shorts	\$65 per dancer	Due Aug 2020
Camp Fees: *chose a camp	\$265-\$385 Per dancer	Due Aug 2020
Team Warm Up Gear	\$200 Jacket/ Leggings/ Teams shirt	Due July 2020
Costume Fees	\$125 per dancer	

Practice Wear can be purchased from the RHDS pro Shop: Each team member is required to purchase red/Black practice wear for practice per class dress code. Shoes/Tights/ hair up/ no jewelry/no scrunchies etc.

Rhythm House is now Trademarked. Only shirts bought through our pro shop will be acceptable for purchase.

Practice Schedules will be posted for the year by July 15th for the season.

We look forward to an amazing year!

Please sign and return this page. Keep the Company contract for your reference. Both dancer and parent have read and understood all that is expected as a member of The RHDS Dance Company. 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 The Rhythm House Dance Studio Dance Company.

Dancer's Printed Name: _____

Dancer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Printed Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____ cell: _____

Dance Team Director: Cassidy Pinkston 972-322-1659 CassidyPinkston94@gmail.com