

AV Dance Studio '81

Competition Team Contract 2026-2027

The purpose of this contract is to make sure that all company members and parents are aware of the commitment and expectations that come along with being a member of AVD'81's Company.

Commitment

*Teen Company members are **REQUIRED** to take ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, lyrical, and TJC, in addition to Company classes (Tuesday 6:00 pm Megan, Wednesday 6:15 pm Brittney, Friday 7:15 Lorenzo). Other pieces will be by audition ONLY.

*Junior company members, are **REQUIRED** to take ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, lyrical and TJC, in addition to their weekly Company Classes (Wednesday 6:15 pm Brittney, Friday 7:15 Lorenzo/Maddie). Other pieces will be by audition ONLY.

*Mini company members are **REQUIRED** to take ballet, tap, (combo if age appropriate) jazz, lyrical, hip hop, and TJC, in addition to their weekly Company class (Saturdays at 12:30 pm).

***ALL COMPANY MEMBERS** are expected to attend Saturday Production rehearsals when scheduled.

All required classes are to be taken at AV Dance Studio '81

Weekend rehearsals will be held and students will be expected to attend!

- The Company team will attend several conventions and competitions for the 2026-2027 dance year. All competitions are held on the weekends, sometimes including Fridays. Competitions may be FULL day and possibly FULL weekend commitments. We will not receive the competition schedule until the week of. Please plan for the whole weekend, to be prepared.
- **NO** outside extracurricular activities that interfere with required classes, Company rehearsals or EXTRA weekend practices are allowed. This means no school dance teams, community theatre or dance productions, as well as outside sports teams, etc. If you do choose to participate in the above activities, unexcused absences will be applied.

- Company members are NOT EXCUSED from any required competitions or conventions. In the event of an emergency, there are no refunds on the cost of any convention or competition fees.
- Extra rehearsals may be called during competition season. These extra rehearsals may be held on Friday evenings, Saturdays, or Sundays.

Attendance

- A dance company is a TEAM, just like any other sports team. We need all members to fully commit to practices and competitions. Absences will not only hold back the individual dancer but the whole team as well.
- Students will need to fill out absent forms anytime they will be missing a company class or other registered classes. This will be a google form that is submitted directly to the studio that way we can keep track of absences.
- Students are allowed 3 excused and 3 unexcused absences (per company class) for the entire company season, September '26-August '27.
- Company Members: IF ABSENCES EXCEED THE ABOVE AMOUNT, STUDENTS WILL THEN BE REQUIRED TO SCHEDULE AND PAY FOR A 30-MINUTE PRIVATE LESSON WITH THE COMPANY INSTRUCTOR FOR EVERY EXCESSIVE ABSENCE. Private lessons would be scheduled at the discretion of the instructor. \$30 per 30-minute lesson.
- All Company Members: Excessive absences may result in being pulled from solos/duets/trios, group numbers or team as a whole. **REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID FOR.** (This applies to ALL registered classes.)

- All Company Members: Students who miss MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS OF A REQUIRED CORE CLASS AND/OR 3+ CLASSES IN A FIVE WEEK PERIOD (PER CORE CLASS), MUST ATTEND A MAKEUP CLASS OF THAT SAME STYLE. This is required and will be tracked.
- Excessive absences (decided by Miss Alicia) MAY BE GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL.

Members must NOT miss rehearsal the week of competition.

If you are injured, you must still attend Company class to watch.

All Company members will be guaranteed a production routine.

Teen Company members will have 4 REQUIRED company pieces in addition to production.

All other dances will be audition numbers and are not guaranteed for all students.

Junior Company members will have 5 REQUIRED company pieces in addition to production.

All other dances will be audition numbers and are not guaranteed for all students.

Mini Company members will have 3 REQUIRED company pieces in addition to production.

All other dances will be audition numbers and are not guaranteed for all students.

Company Members & Parents Expectations

- All company members must wear **SOLID BLACK OR STUDIO BLACK** to every company class/rehearsal. **NO SWEATS AND OVERSIZED SHIRTS.** **Hair must be pulled back NEATLY.** Students must also bring all required pairs of shoes (ballet, tap, jazz, and sneakers) to class.

- Arrive to all classes on time!
- Phones are NOT to be used during any company rehearsal.
- Only water can be brought into company rehearsal.
- Promote good sportsmanship and positive attitudes. We are a team, and we support each other. Parents included.
- Encourage your dancer to practice outside of the studio so they will be prepared for their classes.
- Check email and Band regularly for updates and announcements.
- **Students are expected to participate in studio-related events (unless special circumstances apply and are approved by director) such as recitals, parades, picture days, community events, etc.**
- **To be considered for a solo/duet/trio, your account must be paid up to date with the studio. You must perform all extra dances at all competitions.**
- **All Company classes will be CLOSED to parents and friends.**

Being a member of AVD'81 Company team is a privilege. All Company members will be held to the highest standards of conduct. Company members must show courtesy and respect to teachers, students and other studios. Any student who exhibits disrespect to teachers or other students will be asked to leave the AVD'81 Company.

POOR BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

Solos, duets, and trios will be the first dances to be pulled from any competition if bad behavior continues, regardless of what has already been paid for.

Financial Commitment

- All competition related fees **MUST** be paid before dancers step onto the stage.
- All payments must meet the deadlines set by the parent organization and studio.
- Failure to do so will result in the dancer **NOT** being allowed to perform.

Instructor Expectations

We are always striving to do our best and to provide the highest-quality dance instruction to all students.

Instructors will provide positive feedback and constructive criticism.

Instructors are 100% committed to our dancers and ask the same in return.

Instructors will address any conflicts and/or issues and will resolve them appropriately.

If you have a concern involving an instructor, please address it right away.

We have established a chain of command for any issues that may arise during the competition season:

- If a problem arises in class or amongst team members, please **FIRST** approach the instructor in charge to help resolve the issue. If you have not spoken to the instructor, do **NOT** speak to anyone else. The instructor is the first person to be notified.
- If the problem has not been resolved after speaking to the instructor, please then speak to the Company Manager, Georgina Brown. If it is still not resolved, please then speak to Studio Director, Alicia Springer.

Contacting your instructor: Please be aware that instructors have lives outside of the studio. As much as we love you and your children, we cannot be available at all times of the day.

- When contacting an instructor via call or text please be courteous and try to only contact them Monday through Friday, at appropriate times, if you have dance related concerns or questions.

*This does not apply to emergencies. In the event of an emergency, please contact us as needed.

Email is also a great method of contacting an instructor. Feel free to email us at anytime!

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