



### EDC ELITE COMPETITIVE COMPANY

Evolution Dance Complex is so excited that you are interested in auditioning for our EDC Elite Competitive Company. This packet contains information on the audition process, company dance selection, and company requirements for the 2026-2027 season. Our tentative company calendar and company handbook will be posted to our website on Friday, May 1st. If you have additional questions, we would be happy to set up a phone call or schedule a meeting with the director to address any additional questions or concerns. Contact information is also listed at the bottom of this packet.

**We hope that you are also able to attend our Company Information Meeting on Sunday, May 31st at 2:00 PM.**

#### What Is EDC Elite?

EDC Elite is our competitive performing company. This team will range from ages 9-18 and compete regionally and nationally. If you have a younger dancer ages 4-8 interested in competitive dance, please check out our Performance+ Mini Company!

Our team will train in a well-balanced format of dance and fitness/pilates reformer education and compete in all styles of dance including jazz, tap, contemporary, lyrical, musical theater, jazz funk/hip hop and open. Our main goal is to provide our dancers with high quality training and choreography while also promoting physical and mental wellness and a healthy dance-life balance.

#### Audition Process

- Dancers must register online prior to the Monday 6/8 audition date
- If your dancer cannot attend our audition date, please still register and select that option on your form to be contacted about a private or separate audition
- This is a closed audition but parents are welcome to stay in the parking lot or area (Parents may come in the studio to drop-off and pick-up - just cannot stay during audition time frame)

- Dancers will be provided with a quick warm-up and then proceed with the following in front of a panel of outside judges and EDC faculty:
  - Ballet center/progression work
  - Jazz progressions across floor (**See below for technique prep classes**)
  - Short jazz combo taught then performed
  - Short lyrical/contemporary combo taught then performed
  - Dancers will be asked to improv before and after combinations
  - Dancers will be asked if they have any acrobatic skills to show (we ask for only consistent and well-executed skills - acrobatics are additional and do not negatively impact score or placements)
  - Dancers will be asked to demonstrate any tap skills if trained
- Dancers will receive an email within 48 hours whether they have made the team or not
- If accepted, dancers will have until Sunday, June 14th to accept their spot on the team
- Once dancer accepts, dancer will receive their company handbook to sign and return and then pay the mandatory company incidental fee of \$60 per dancer
- After handbook is signed and incidental fee is paid, dancers may register for their required summer dance classes (information below)

We understand that an audition process can be very stressful or overwhelming for dancers and our goal is never to intimidate, but help understand how a professional audition setting feels through an educational experience. We want you to feel your best so we will be offering (2) audition prep classes that are \$10 to drop in or \$15 for both. These classes will go over certain skills that may be included in the audition to help dancers feel more prepared and more at ease.

Once registered for our audition, we will send out a sign-up for our optional audition prep classes on the following dates:

Saturday, May 30th 9:30 - 11:00 AM

Tuesday, June 2nd 6:30 - 7:45 PM

#### Audition Day Requirements

- Fill out the mandatory audition registration form on our website prior to audition on Monday, June 8th (Ages 9-12 @ 5:00 - 6:30 PM & Ages 13-18 @ 6:30 - 9:00 PM)
- Fill out release waiver after registering (one will be emailed to you if you are not a previously registered EDC student)

- Bring or pay your audition class fee of \$10 prior to audition start time (Cash or Check at the door or Venmo @evolutiondancecomplexoh)
- Dancers must wear all plain black, form-fitting dancewear (ex: black leo, black bra/crop top, shorts, leggings, etc. - dancers do not need to wear pink tights for ballet)
- Dancers must wear hair in a clean bun
- Dancers must bring ALL dance shoes with them for all styles
- Please keep jewelry to a minimum (think simple earrings - no dangling necklaces/bracelets)
- Dancers will be provided with a number and EDC faculty will take a picture of your dancer with their number (for judge/dancer identification purposes only)
- Audition is closed so parents will be asked to leave for the duration but are welcome to drop-off and pick-up inside studio (you are more than welcome to hang in the parking lot or area)

#### Summer Dance Requirements

- All EDC Elite company dancers must purchase the 10 + 10 class bundle (\$245)
  - This class bundle includes (10) dance/technique classes and (10) conditioning classes
  - These classes are all drop-in based except dancers **MUST** attend their placed ballet class on Wednesdays each week (placement after auditions)
  - Dancers may choose any (10) dances classes they would like to attend throughout the summer session
  - Dancers must attend (10) conditioning classes of their choosing through the summer session
  - Dancers are more than welcome to purchase + take more!
  - There are a lot of options in times of day to accommodate activities and work schedules
- All EDC Elite company dancers **MUST** attend at least (2) Master Classes of their choosing
  - Master classes are a separate drop-in fee and is not included in the class bundle
  - These master classes will take place on Thursday evenings each week including a few additionally scheduled classes
  - This is a separate fee due to the experience and professional level of the outside master instructor
  - Dancers are only required to take (2) but we HIGHLY encourage attending as many as possible

**\*\*\*Tentative Summer Schedule out Tuesday 4/28\*\*\***

### EDC Elite Summer Choreography Intensives

- Company dancers will learn majority of their competition routines in August (tentative choreo schedule included in tentative company calendar coming 5/1 on the website) with the exception of a few guest pieces or solo/duet/trios that may start earlier in the summer
- It is mandatory that dancers attend their required choreography intensives (absence could affect placements in the dance especially outside choreographed pieces)
- Dancers are asked to list any known summer conflicts on their audition registration form but may also email additional conflicts if received after auditions to: ERYNN@EVOLUTIONDANCE-COMPLEX.COM
- Choreography fees are due at the time of intensive and range in price due to choreographer + group size (fees will be sent out after company placements are finalized in June) (Average fee cost listed in company handbook)

### EDC Elite Group Placements

Group choreography placements will be emailed out no later than Monday, June 22nd  
(More information on placement process in company handbook)

### Regular Season Requirements

- EDC Elite company members are required to be in a minimum of (3) group dances
- Solos and Duet/Trios are additional and are great opportunities but dancer must fulfill their required (3) group dances to be eligible for a solo/duet/trio
- All required EDC Elite classes must be taken as they complete a strong formula for our training foundation - attendance is mandatory
- All dancers are required to participate in mandatory conventions as these help better grow our students overall training - if students cannot make the required Fall/Winter convention date, they may attend another convention to fulfill their company requirement
- Company dancers are expected to maintain good attendance - we understand things come up and sickness/injuries happen - we just ask for timely communication (especially our older girls driving as a safety precaution)
- Dancers are required to attend their weekly group dance rehearsals
- Dancers are required to attend the scheduled Saturday rehearsals (once a month - finalized Saturday schedule will be sent out in July 2026)
- Dancers are required to dance in the company preview showcase in January and the studio recital in June (dates will be in company calendar)
- Dancers are required to attend all social events for the team (holiday parties, studio promotional events, service events, etc.)

We hope that this information gives you an idea of what to expect going into auditions this summer but we want to help you with any additional questions and concerns. The company handbook will be available on Friday, May 1st as well as the tentative company calendar but we also hope you will join us for our informational meeting on 5/31 @ 2:00 PM! We would love to see you at our auditions and we hope that we can help you EvoLve your dance training at Evolution Dance Complex!

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