



Dance Team 2024-2025 Code of Conduct

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Eccentric Divine Dance Team is to provide children with the opportunity to participate in an activity to develop relationships, sportsmanship and character. Being a member of the Dance Team is a privilege, not a right. As a member, you represent the team and yourself; the code of conduct set forth should not be deviated from within practice, performances, and in the community. Team members must show determination, dedication, and the desire to be an Eccentric Divine Dancer.

CONDUCT RULES:

BE RESPECTFUL AND APPROPRIATE. We expect all team members to uphold this behavior at all times. If member's actions are deemed inappropriate and do not coincide with the team guidelines at any point in the season (Tryouts, performance, etc.), they will be denied participation on the team.

PRACTICE ETIQUETTE AND BEHAVIOR:

One verbal warning will be given for any unruly behavior in practice. This includes talking, nonparticipation or any behavior disruptive to the team. If such action continues, the dancer will be asked to leave practice in lieu of any other warning.

CELL PHONE USE

There shall be **No cell phone use during practice.** If you are needing to get in contact with your child, please call the Coaches. Cell phones will be placed on the table in a collective spot to avoid any distractions during practice time.

DEDICATION:

There is a level of commitment required to be a part of the Dance Team. You must have a desired level of commitment not just for yourself, but for your ENTIRE team. Being on this team, you depend on all of your other teammates to be at practice consistently and do their part in having the knowledge of their routine. If at any time you are not doing your part as a productive member of this team you will be suspended from the Dance Team.

PROBLEMS/ISSUES:

We expect everyone representing this team to be positive and uplifting. If you do have a problem we need to know in order to help resolve the situation.

UNIFORMS/PRACTICE ATTIRE:

All practice sessions require appropriate dancewear. New attendees should wear a white T-shirt and black bottoms of any kind, while returning members (veterans) must wear the custom practice uniform along with proper dance shoes. Jeans are not permitted. No jewelry is allowed during practice. Failure to wear the correct attire will result in a warning. After a second warning, you will be sidelined from practice to focus on conditioning. It is essential to keep uniforms clean and in good repair. We will practice this in practice.

PRACTICE TIMES

****Summer Schedule:****

- Tuesday through Thursday, 6:00-8:30 PM.
- Occasionally, practice will be held on Saturday from 8:30-10:30 AM, depending on upcoming events. These additional practices will be communicated at least two weeks in advance.

****School Year Schedule:****

- Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00-8:30 PM. Specific dates will be provided later.

Performance Schedule:

Each performance schedule will include both an arrival time and an estimated performance time. Dancers must arrive at the studio or destination by the specified arrival time, dressed in full uniform, with hair styled as directed by the coaches, and ready to perform. Parents are responsible for makeup unless otherwise specified by the coaches.

Leadership:

Returning members are expected to adhere strictly to the Code of Conduct without exception. Failure to demonstrate leadership and comply with all team rules will result in suspension, demotion, or removal from the team. Returning members will be held to a higher standard and are encouraged to take on leadership roles within the team.

Fundraising:

To minimize costs for parents, we organize fundraisers, which allow us to charge a limited monthly fee for team membership. Successful fundraising requires the active participation of both dancers and parents. Participation in fundraising activities is mandatory for all dancers and their families. Funds raised will primarily be used to cover the cost of uniforms. If you do not participate, funds will not be rendered to the cost of your child's uniform.

Family and Friends:

We maintain a closed-door policy during all practices to ensure that students remain focused and free from distractions. Parents will be invited to observe practice on the first practice of every month.

Parent/Ride Responsibilities:

It is important that dancers are dropped off for practice 10 minutes before the scheduled start time and picked up no later than 10 minutes after practice ends. Please contact the coaches if a dancer will be late or unable to attend practice. If you are more than 10 minutes late to pick up your dancer, a five dollar late charge will be applied to your account. No exceptions!

Disciplinary Action:

Failure to follow the Eccentric Divine Dance Team Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary actions, including but not limited to:

- Sitting out a practice, performance, or fundraiser.
- Suspension or probation from the team.
- Removal from the team.

Attendance:

Only the following reasons will be considered excused absences from any practice or activity:

1. Personal illness.
2. A funeral.
3. A special school activity (must be discussed and approved by the coach in advance).

4. A family vacation (with prior notice from a parent).

****Important Notes:****

- Even with an excused absence, missing practice may impact a dancer's ability to perform, depending on the timing and length of the absence. Dancers who miss practice will not be allowed to perform until they have demonstrated proficiency in the routine to the coach's satisfaction.
- Missing the final two practices before a performance will result in the dancer being ineligible to perform.
- Attendance at all parent meetings is required, and a parent or guardian must be present.
- If a dancer knows in advance that they will be late or absent from practice or a performance, they must notify the coach immediately. Dancers must attend every mandatory practice in its entirety to be eligible for upcoming events.
- If a practice is missed, it is the dancer's responsibility to learn the material before the next practice. Practice time will not be used to catch up on missed material, as this affects the entire team.

Non-Performers:

The following factors will determine whether a dancer is allowed to perform. There will be no exceptions, so please review carefully:

- Lack of knowledge of the routine.
- Inability to perform at the required skill level for the routine.
- An attitude that does not promote teamwork or sportsmanship.
- A lack of dedication or commitment to the Dance Team.
- Insufficient improvement over time in a given routine.
- Disregard for the Code of Conduct and team rules.
- Absences during the week leading up to a performance.
- Gossiping, instigating conflict, or causing turmoil among team members.
- Suspension or probation status.
- Not being in proper uniform and performance-ready by the arrival time listed on the performance schedule.
- Failure to attend required parent meetings or information sessions.
- An injury that prevents the dancer from performing at their normal level.
- Dancers will not be allowed to participate until they have obtained written clearance from a doctor following an injury.

****Please note:**** All team members are required to attend all dance functions, regardless of whether they are performing.

Cost Breakdown:

The monthly fee is \$60, which covers the cost of building maintenance, toiletries, personal necessities for the team, and other essentials. This fee does not include uniform costs. Monthly payments are due on the 1st of each month. If payment is not received by the 5th, the dancer

will not be allowed to return to practice and a late fee of \$10 will be applied. Payments can be made via electronic payment on the official website.

Bottom Line:

If a dancer works hard, attends practice, behaves appropriately, and achieves the required performance level, they will be allowed to perform.

Agreement:

Please keep a copy of the Code of Conduct for your records and submit the following signature page.

****Team Member's Name:**** _____

****Parent/Guardian Agreement:****

I, the parent/guardian of the above-named dancer, have read the Eccentric Divine Dance Team Code of Conduct and understand all the requirements for my dancer to continue team participation, as well as the consequences if this contract is violated. I fully agree to all rules and regulations within this Dance Team Code of Conduct. I also understand that this is a team effort and that I may be called upon to assist in some way throughout the year. I will make every effort to support my dancer and the team as needed. I understand that I am required to be present at parent meetings or have someone attend on my behalf.

****Parent/Guardian Printed Name:**** _____

****Signature:**** _____

****Signature Date:**** _____

****Dancer Agreement:****

As a member of the Eccentric Divine Dance Team, I have fully read the Code of Conduct and understand what is expected of me to remain a member in good standing. I will stay informed of all rules and understand that poor behavior or inappropriate actions may result in my suspension or removal from the team. I will uphold the honor and tradition of the ED Dance Team and respect my teammates and coaches at all times. I understand that my character matters.

If I, _____ (Dancer's Name), choose to participate in another sport during the dance season, I will notify both the Dance Team coach and the coach of the other sport. An agreement must be reached between both coaches, my parents, and myself, acknowledging dual participation and discussing any conflicts in practice times or events. A written resolution must be agreed upon; otherwise, I understand that suspension from the Dance Team may be necessary. If selected to compete with the Dance Team, I understand that no exceptions will be made and that I must attend all practices in their entirety leading up to a performance or event.

Dancer Print Name _____

Signature _____ Signature Date _____