

Black River Falls DANCE **Company Contract** 2024-2025

****Please give an email address that you check regularly. You will receive important information regarding Classes, Recital, Accounts, etc. from the Instructor on a regular basis. Please write legibly.**

Student Name: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

Contact Information: Parent/Guardian Name _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone _____

Emergency Contact (other than parent/guardian): Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Placement

Placement in The BRF 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 during auditions 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 Company as a whole.

Each dancer is allowed up to five **(5) 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/Doctor's Excuse

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.

BRF Dance is not responsible for feeding or obtaining water for Company Members during long rehearsal/class hours. Water is mandatory for all classes, performances, rehearsals, etc. Please plan snacks/meals prior to arrival at the studio. Students are required to eat outside of the studio.

Company Members must be present in ALL their classes and rehearsals the week prior to every performance and event.

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 BRF 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 ANYONE-dance class may be cause for dismissal from the Company. No refund of payment shall be given in the event of dismissal.

Company classes for the 2024-2025 dance season are as follows:

- 5-6 Company
- 7+ Company
- Soloist/Duets
- Company

Company members are required to take at least, but not limited to one main class, (Ballet, Contemporary, Jazz, Hip Hop) and Tech/Flex. These classes are in addition to the weekly Company practice.

The BRF Dance Company may attend events throughout the dance season. Please be aware that becoming a Company Member will obligate you to these events and possibly a **full day/evening commitment**. There are also occasions when our Company may be asked to perform at Local Events, Festivals, Parades, Company Shows, and Local School Festivals. These events are fun, educational and great team building experiences.

Extra rehearsals may be called approaching a performance. 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. Being a Company Member is a Privilege, not a guarantee or right! 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 BRF Company. The BRF Company Members are always respectful, supportive, encouraging and are positive in spirit, attitude and behavior. The following behavior is expected of Company Members both in and outside the studio in order to maintain BRF Company Member status (students and parents much initial each):

- ❖ I will learn and retain choreography in all classes and rehearsals. Dancer_____ Parent_____
- ❖ I will apply corrections for all classes/dances in a timely manner. Dancer_____ Parent_____
- ❖ I will accept criticism gracefully from teachers, experts, and peers. Dancer_____ Parent_____
- ❖ I will be respecting of oneself, my peers, instructors, and others outside of the studio, and at events. Dancer_____ Parent_____
- ❖ I will set the behavioral and effort standard inside the studio by being a positive role model to other students in the class. Dancer_____ Parent_____
- ❖ I will have model behavior within all parameters of the Lunda Community Center. Dancer_____ Parent_____
- ❖ I will set an example of how a trained dancer behaves at events. Dancer_____ Parent_____
- ❖ I will maintain a GPA of 2.5 (at minimum) to demonstrate ability to maintain academics as well as a rigorous dance schedule. Dancer_____ Parent_____
- ❖ I will use any breaks in between classes wisely by spending my time on homework, reading, eating, stretching, going over choreography, etc. I will not waste this time gossiping, surfing the web on cell phones, roaming around the LCC area, etc. Dancer_____ Parent_____
- ❖ I will adhere to dress code for all classes and arrive to rehearsals/classes ready for dance class. This includes having the correct shoes, dance attire, hair, and notebook. Dancer_____ Parent_____
- ❖ I will look presentable when arriving to class by having proper hygiene, clean dance attire, dance attire that is free of holes and excess wear such as tights, leos, leggings and shoes. Dancer_____ Parent_____
- ❖ I will be responsible about my personal property/belongings by not leaving them behind at the studio or event venues. Dancer_____ Parent_____
- ❖ I will work at home on choreography and skills that I am having trouble with or need to pay special attention to. Dancer_____ Parent_____

❖ I will not record any video of Company dances at rehearsals or performances without permission.

Dancer_____ Parent_____

❖ I will not post video of myself in BRF Dance classes or other dancers in BRF Dance classes on social media unless permission is given by studio Management. Dancer_____ Parent_____

Any violations of these behavior standards will be addressed in the following ways:

1. Brought to the attention of the student at the studio or performance site.
2. Brought to the attention of the parent in the form of an email or a meeting request.
3. Students showing up for a class or rehearsal without the proper dress code, shoes, notebook more than once will not be allowed to participate which will result in a recorded absence.
4. Students will be given demerits according to the demerit system described below.

**** Company Member Demerit System****

This system is designed to promote a higher sense of responsibility and accountability for our Company Members. There will be a chart in the studio for all Company Members to keep a running tally of any demerits earned. Parents are welcome to come in and look at the chart at any time to check on the status of their student. Demerit Point Amounts:

- ❖ 5 demerits- Arriving at an event without all costume/team wear pieces that were requested for said event by the Company Director(s). This includes hair accessories, paws, shoes, sports bra, tights, socks, etc. Having to call a parent to get them to bring an item to the location is not considered showing up prepared.
- ❖ 5 demerits- Arriving to a meeting site or event site more than 5 minutes later than requested meeting time.
- ❖ 3 demerits- Arriving at an event without makeup/hair completed. Lipstick is the only exception. If there is a special circumstance where we are asked to be there very early and we decide to apply makeup on site, we will inform you of this exception before that upcoming event.
- ❖ 3 demerits- Leaving personal belongings at a competition or performance site. This includes iPads, phones, jackets, shoes, costumes, costume pieces, make up, etc.
- ❖ 1 demerit- Arriving late to any class the Company Member is currently enrolled in. The only exceptions are if prior arrangements/notifications have been made with the Company Director(s) and approved.
- ❖ 1 demerit- Leaving important/valuable items behind at the studio after leaving class/rehearsal. This does not include little things like a pencil, hair tie, water bottle, etc. This includes valuable items like dance shoes, jackets, school backpacks, phones, costumes, costume pieces, electronics, etc. Demerits will be recorded on a chart in studio and any team member reaching a total of 20 demerits will be pulled

from an upcoming performance/competition. The performance the student will not be allowed to participate in will be at the discretion of the Company Director(s)/management.

A Reward System will be offered to the Company Members to encourage good behavior, manners, etiquette and a high level of maturity in the studio and at performance sites. The Reward System can be “redeemed” to subtract any demerits earned by that particular student. The Reward System will be given to students at random and at the discretion of the instructors, Company Director(s) and management.

Being a parent/guardian of BRF Dance Company Member Program is an important role in a student’s success. It is vital that parents/guardians understand what is expected of them to grow their dancer as quickly and effectively as possible and to also be a positive addition to the BRF Company Member family. Parents, please do your part in the following (parent much initial each):

- ❖ Promote good sportsmanship and positive attributes. **
- ❖ Get your students to class on time, and in proper dress code with all of their dance shoes and items needed to be prepared for class or rehearsal. **
- ❖ Call or email the studio prior to an absence. **
- ❖ BRF Dance is always inquiring about event opportunities. Please let us know of any vacations during the contract period so we can most effectively plan performances as they come up. **
- ❖ Encourage your child to review choreography/individual goals and weaknesses at home and provide them with the tools the director(s) send via email to make their instruction effective. **
- ❖ Check emails, Facebook page and the website often for updates and information. **
- ❖ Schedule sit down appointments to check on progress or discuss any concerns concerning your student. **
- ❖ Refrain from gossiping about other Company Members and their progress, placement or actions taken by studio staff concerning that student. **
- ❖ Refrain from speaking negatively about other students or the studio to other parents associated with the studio. **
- ❖ Parents, siblings, family is not allowed to video performances unless otherwise advised. **
- ❖ A parent or guardian must be at the venue where their dancer is performing at all times during events. We will make exceptions for the following reasons. **
- ❖ Both parents have work commitments on the event day that cannot be missed. If this is the case, you must let BRF Dance Management know at least 2 weeks in advance. **
- ❖ You may not leave once your dance has performed on performance/event day unless given the ok from a Company Director or BRF Management. **
- ❖ You must clean up after oneself during or at an event. **

❖ Parents may be asked to help with Recital and Dress Rehearsal responsibilities. Prior to these days, a list will be sent out of tasks we need assistance with. Each parent may be tasked with helping in one avenue or another on show day or dress rehearsal. **

****Any BRF Company Member or parent exhibiting negative behavior on a consistent basis which brings down Company morale, standards and relationships within the Company Member family can result in the removal of the member from the Performance/Events at any time. This is at the discretion of the BRF Company Member Director(s) and management. **

The use of our studio's Facebook page or customer contact list (either by phone, email, postal mail or for any type of communication) for the purpose of negative solicitation and/or defamation of character any staff member or any relation to the studio will not be tolerated. Such actions will result in immediate removal from the BRF Company Member Program. In addition, we have the right to pursue civil legal actions for damages against the person/persons. **

Social Media: All dancers and parents must refrain from negative internet postings regarding any relation to the studio, its Staff members and students. Derogatory and/or demeaning comments or any social media site will not be tolerated and will result in immediate removal from the BRF Company Member Program and the Studio in its entirety. **

As guardians/instructors of your children for multiple hours a week, we at BRF Dance will strive to provide the highest quality of instruction.

- ❖ Instructors/director(s) will address any issues and resolve them as quickly as possible.
- ❖ Instructor(s)/director(s) will provide a positive and fruitful atmosphere for growing excellent dancers.
- ❖ Instructor(s) will provide constructive criticism/helpful feedback to all Company Members and their parents.
- ❖ We, as BRF Dance staff, are committed to the growth of Company Members and hope to instill the same sense of responsibility and effort into our students in all aspects of their life.

Dress Code

All Dance Company Members must wear appropriate dancewear to every class. Forgetting dancewear, 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, BRF Company Jacket, Black Leggings, Ballet, Contemporary shoes & Paws, Jazz Shoes, Hip Hop Shoes Black High Top Converse Sneakers.

(**Optional items, suggested**), BRF Dance T-Shirt, Jazz pants, or form-fitting shorts are optional. Hair must be **securely** pulled up for every class. Jewelry is not permitted while in class. (Stud Earing only)

Financial Commitment

- Tuition for company members varies depending on the number of classes they take, i.e. Private Lessons. It is mandatory that all Dance Company members attend a weekly Company class as well as their prerequisite classes.
- 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.

You will be required to pay the **FULL Registration Fee** to the Lunda Community Center. All Company Members must take Tech/Flex and one other genre along with their Company Class and or Solo Class. Additional Classes may also be included with the additional fees. Private Lessons maybe requested; Private Lessons start at \$55.00 per Lesson.

Company Fees:

Tuition Package Prices (Package Includes: Company Classes and Tech-Flex “Flex with your Kids”)

MEMBERS

Company + Tech/Flex: **\$240.00/\$120 per semester**

Soloist: **\$120.00/ \$60 per semester**

NONMEMBERS

Company + Tech/Flex: **\$400.00/\$200 per semester**

Soloist: **\$200.00/\$100 per semester**

Tech/Flex “Flex with your Kids” Parent Drop-in Fees:

Member: **\$1**

Non-member: **\$3**

Total Requirements Explanation:

MEMBERS Break-Down:

The dancers in company will pay \$240 (Group + Tech/Flex) + \$296 (1 genre) = **\$536.00**

The soloists in company will pay \$240 (Group + Tech/Flex) + \$296 (1 genre) + \$120 (Soloist) = **\$656.00**

NONMEMBERS Break-Down:

The dancers in company will pay \$400 (Group + Tech/Flex + \$395 (1 genre) = **\$795.00**

The soloists in company will pay \$400 (Group + Tech/Flex) + \$395 (1 genre) + \$200 (Soloist) = **\$995.00**

It is mandatory that all Company Members have a BRF Dance Jackets, Black Leggings, Dance Bag, and Garment Bags for performances and events. Dancers must wear their Dance Jackets and Black Leggings upon arrival and when leaving all events and performances.

Additional Cost Include: (Mandatory Items List)

* One or more main classes

* Costume fees for both Company and Main Classes

* Jacket Youth: (Discount Dance LogoWear Store \$55.30 Adult: \$55.30)

*Black Leggings

*Required Shoes:

Ballet, Contemporary shoes & Paws, Jazz Shoes, Hip Hop Shoes Black High Top Converse Sneakers

*Leo

*Tan Tights

*Dance Bag

*Notebook

***Tech/Flex Equipment: Thera-Bands, Circle Thera-Bands, Middle Split Band, Massage Ball, Tennis Ball, Foam Roller, Foam Block, Yoga Mat (optional).**

*** Technical Manual and Dictionary of Classical Ballet by: Gail Grant (Amazon\$6.99-\$8.95)**

Optional Items Highly Recommended:

*The Oxford Dictionary of Dance by: Debra Craine (optional Highly suggested)

* The Ballet Book The Young Performer's Guide to Classical Dance by: Deborah Bowes (optional Highly suggested)

*The Dance Anatomy Coloring Book:

A Visual Guide to Form, Function, and Movement by: Tricia Zweier (optional Highly suggested)

* T-Shirt (optional)

Logo Wear Information: <https://ddlogowear-blackriverfalls.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Please Check LogoWear List for additional items and prices.

***** Must have these items for Tech/Flex Classes. Thera-Bands, Circle Thera-Bands, Middle Split Band, Massage Ball, Tennis Ball, Foam Roller, Foam Block, Yoga Mat (optional). Tech/Flex Classes are held once a week, must be 5 and older. Class consists of ½ Strengthening and ½ Turns or Leaps.**

2024-2025 Possible Events: (Note Company Member Opportunities events are subject to change and some events may be added.)

December 2024

: Trail of Terror

: Christkindl

July 2025

: Festival in the Park

: Black River Falls Heritage Festival

: Jackson County Fair

Photographic Release and Liability

I agree that my child's picture or likeness can be represented and published in any BRF Dance Studio publication or media offered by Black River Falls Dance Studio. All pictures and videography of students in classes, performances, or at any studio related event, may be used for marketing purposes. I hereby affirm that I am, or the above person is in good physical condition and does not suffer from any disability that would prevent or limit participation in this dance program. In consideration of myself, my heirs and assigns, hereby release the Black River Falls Dance and Lunda Community Center, the Lunda Community and Black River Falls Dance Studio employees, Instructors from any claims, demands and causes of action arising from my or the above person's participation in any of the above stated programs, and I hereby release the Black River Falls Dance studio and Lunda Community Center, the owners, and family, their family or employees from any liability now or in the future including but not limited to heart attacks, muscle strains, pulls, tears, broken bones, shin splints, heat prostration, knee, lower back, or foot injuries and any other illness, soreness or injury however caused occurring before, during or after participation in any other of the above stated business, or in any activity sponsored, represent, or organized by Black River Falls Dance Studio, the owners, and family, or employees, for any reason. By signing, I hereby affirm that I have read and fully understand and agree with the above waiver. Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Finally...

Don't forget to have fun! You'll gain a lifetime of great memories and friendships during this time together so enjoy every second! We strive to make this the most positive and rewarding experience for our dancers and look forward to having another incredible and exciting dance season.

I have read and understand all items in the Black River Falls Company Member Contract. I hereby agree to all items, guidelines, rules and expectations covered in the Black River Falls Company Member Contract. Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____