

**2026-2027 Competition Team Contract**

Please read the following contract carefully as it's imperative both parents and dancers understand the commitment, time, expectations and expenses that are required to be a successful, contributing member of this team.

**INITIALS** *Parents/Dancers have read, understand and agree to the following participation guidelines upon their competition team acceptance:*

\_\_\_\_\_ I recognize by returning this form and deposit, I am accepting my placement in the following classes (write classes below):

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\_\_\_\_\_ If at any time after July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, I decide to drop any of the above classes, I understand I forfeit my deposit.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand there are only 4 absences allowed per class over the course of the dance season. Attendance at the last practice prior to a competition, our dress rehearsal, and our recitals are MANDATORY. Dancers are only allowed ONE absence per month from January-May. Any dancer with five or more absences from a performance-based class may be removed from the group. Any dancer with five or more absences from a ballet or stay strong class will be required to make those classes up at another time during the week. When possible, injured dancers are expected to observe class. I will make every effort to be at practice as my actions and choices affect my entire team.

\_\_\_\_\_ All tuition, costume, competition entrance fees, recital and late fees are required to be paid in full by the dates set forth by HOTVDA. All payments are the sole responsibility of the competition team member/family. I also understand I am responsible for any travel related expenses for competition.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will follow all studio policies for Heart of the Valley Dance Academy found in our studio handbook. Handbooks can be found on our website, [www.hotvdance.com](http://www.hotvdance.com), under team documents.

\_\_\_\_\_ I commit to always representing Heart of the Valley Dance Academy and our Competitive Team at the highest level. I will be respectful, courteous, kind and compassionate toward dancers and their families from both Heart of the Valley Dance Academy and other studios. This includes online interactions on social media and in person.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that being part of the Competition Team requires hard work. I will be expected to handle personal critiques and criticism and will work towards continuous improvement of routines and technique. I understand that practice outside of the studio is expected at this competitive level. If at any time during the season a dancer falls behind the rest of the class (meaning the dancer is not performing at the same level of ability as the rest of the class), they may be removed from that class or required to take private lessons at the rate of \$30 for 30 minutes or \$50 for one hour.

\_\_\_\_\_ I realize team bonding makes a big overall impact on the success of this program. Dancers are expected to participate in team bonding activities, as much as possible, to help create a strong connection amongst dancers.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that a \$250 deposit and \$50 registration fee, along with this signed contract, is due back to the studio no later than Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> by 8:00 PM to secure my spot on the Competition Team. Failure to return the contract and/or deposit by the due date will result in removal from the Competition Program. If at any time over the course of the dance season (starting in September and ending with Nationals in June) this contract is breached, I understand the \$250 deposit is forfeited. If the contract is upheld, the \$250 deposit will be applied as a final payments to your account.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules listed above and in the studio handbook.

Dancer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTS AND DANCERS, INITIAL, SIGN AND RETURN WITH YOUR \$250 DEPOSIT AND \$50 REGISTRATION FEE BY 8 PM ON JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**\*\*\* FAILURE TO RETURN CONTRACT AND DEPOSIT BY DEADLINE WILL RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM PROGRAM\*\*\***