

2025-2026 Competition Team Contract

Please read the following contract carefully as it's imperative that both parents and dancers understand the commitment, time, rules, 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):

_____ If at any time after **June 5th, 2025** 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 recitals are MANDATORY. Of the allowable 4 absences, no dancer shall exceed one absence per month from Jan to 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 will affect my entire team.

_____ All tuition, costume, convention, 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 competitions.

_____ I will follow all the Studio Policies for Heart of the Valley Dance Academy found in our studio handbook. Handbooks can be found on our studio website 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 towards 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 a 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 or ability as the rest of the class), they may be removed from that class or required to take private lessons at a rate of \$30 for 30 minutes, \$40 for 45 minutes or \$50 for 60 minutes.

_____ I realize that 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 \$200 deposit and \$50 registration fee, along with this signed contract, is due back to the studio no later than June 5th by 7:00 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/July) this contract is breached, I understand the \$200 deposit is forfeited. If the contract is upheld, the \$200 deposit will be applied as a final payment to your account.

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

_____ Date _____ Dancer Signature
_____ Date _____ Parent Signature

PARENTS AND DANCERS, PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN WITH \$200 DEPOSIT BY 7PM on JUNE 5TH

*****FAILURE TO RETURN FORM AND DEPOSIT BY DEADLINE WILL RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM PROGRAM*****

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