

**Highway 22 Dance Handbook** 

## **Required Waivers**

All dancers registering must agree to the following waivers presented below.

#### Media Waiver:

I parent/guardian do hereby agree to let any photos/videos be used on any social media linked to Highway 22 Dance. We are in the eye of the public and are subject to appear in the media; this may include the Newspaper, Facebook, Instagram, Competition Page/Websites, etc. This is BEYOND the control of our dance association.

### **Responsibility Waiver:**

I parent/guardian do hereby release Highway 22 Dance of any responsibility for any loss, injury or damage to person or property of the student registered above; which could be incurred by participating in any classes or event associated with Highway 22 Dance.

#### **Email/Consent Waiver:**

I parent/guardian do hereby release Highway 22 Dance to send newsletters/important upcoming information via email.

## **Required Policies**

All dancers registering must agree to the following policies presented below.

## **Class Trial Period:**

1. Dancers will be granted a 1 month grace period during the month of September. They will receive a 1 month free trial to receive a full refund, less the \$80.00 administrative fee. After 1 month, there will be no refund.

### **Commitment Clause:**

- 1. Commitment to dance is necessary in preparation for performances, competition and recital. Especially as we run on a very disciplined schedule. If three (3) consecutive classes are missed without notification (via the absence form), the dancer will be withdrawn from the class without refund or will be offered a class recovery at which the dancer will receive private lessons at an additional cost to regular registration fees.
- 2. Between the months of November and April, dancers who are attending competition are NOT allowed to miss more than 5 classes, or they will not be eligible to attend competition. Competition/costume fees are NON-refundable.
- 3. If poor attendance for any students persists the entire season, the student will not be eligible to participate in our annual year end recital.

### Payment/Fee Clauses:

- 1. Highway 22 Dance accepts full payment at registration time, or a payment plan of half payment at registration and a post-dated cheque due January 1st, 2026. If other payment contracts are needed, they will be created, and a contract will be signed with our treasurer. Any and all NSF payments will be charged the banking fee that is association is charged.
- 2. Highway 22 Dance will pay for the fees of one competition decided by the instructor. Any competition fees there after, are the responsibility of the dancer and will be included in the costume/competition invoice. Competition registration is non-refundable. Our dance instructor is responsible for all registrations. Registration occurs November and the cost incurred will be invoice on your dancers costume/competition invoice. Dance families that withdraw from dance, will be required to pay for their competition fees.
- 3. Costumes: all dancers will require a costume for each class. Costume alterations are at the responsibility of the dance family. Highway 22 Dance orders costumes through select costume companies. Costumes orders are placed mid October to ensure delivery from USA and Canadian Warehouses, and to aim for arrival prior to February. Our instructor will take the measurements for costume ordering and pick the appropriate size. Costumes can only be ordered in certain sizes, and some adjustments to costumes may be needed.

Costume alterations are the responsibility of the dance family. All costumes are non-refundable, once the costume order has been placed. If a students withdraws from dance, dance families will be required to pay for costume(s) that have been ordered.

4. Outstanding balances: if you have an outstanding account from our previous season, this must be paid prior to returning for the upcoming season.

## **Class Placement/Expectation Clauses**

- 1. Placement in classes is finalized and at the discretion of the dance instructor. It will be based on age/ability, evaluation, and their experience.
- 2. Dancers must abide by our dress code. If the dancers purchase incorrect shoes, parents/guardians will be notified and will be required to purchase the proper shoes. If dancers attend class in inappropriate attire they will be given a body suit to wear, or will be asked to sit out. Baggy clothes such as bell bottom leggings are absolutely unacceptable in class.
- 3. Parents/guardians are to come directly to the board of directors when there are concerns regarding dance. They are not to approach other families, competition directors, our photographer, our videographer, etc. The Board of Directors will deal with all parent concerns. If families go out of their way to address concerns, they may be dismissed from the association.

### **Waiting Room/Practice Area Clauses**

- 1. Parents are NOT to be in the practice area. A parent watch night will take place TBA during the season.
- 2. The kitchen remains the waiting room for dancers & parents. As agreed within our rent conditions, we are NOT to use any of the kitchen contents with the exception of the microwave.

## **Fundraising Clause**

1. Fundraisers are mandatory. All dance families are expected to participate, or buyout each fundraiser at \$200. Our fundraisers include a bottle drive (September), and 2 raffles (Winter & Spring).

## **Community Funding**

1. We accept community funding from organizations such as Creative Kids, Jumpstart, and Kids Sport. However, it is the responsibility of the dance family to apply for the funding.

## **Bullying/Vandalism/Stealing**

1. Highway 22 Dance will not tolerate the acts of bullying, vandalism, and/or stealing. Anyone caught bullying, vandalizing, or stealing will be dismissed from Highway 22 Dance immediately.

#### **Behaviour**

1. Dancers must abide by the rules, and behave in class. Disrespect and inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated, and may result in dismissal from the Highway 22 Dance Association (with no refund in fees)

# **Highway 22 Dance Association Board Policies**

- 1. Our board consists of president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and 3 voting board members, totalling 7 members.
- 2. The board will not exceed 7 members.
- 3. Board members will remain in their positions until they choose to resign. Upon a board member resigning, a call will be made to the Highway 22 Dance parent community to seek a replacement.
- 4. Our AGM consists of a parent meeting/financial report at the beginning of the dance year.
- 5. Meetings are held at most quarterly, and may be through virtual platforms, or in person.
- 6. Members must serve a minimum of two years on the dance board.

### **Current board members 2025-26:**

Treasurer: Tina Schmieder

Secretary: Krystal Webster

President/Artistic Director: Jalisa Fendelet

Vice-President: Crystal Lowenberg

**Voting members:** Kayla Hauser, Terese Cowan, & Cheyenne Haymore

Any questions or inquires in relation to our board, can be forwarded to our email at highway22danceassociaiton@gmail.com