

5678 Dance Company Contract 2020/2021

Placement

Placement in 5678 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 and will be invited into the appropriate Company. 5678 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.

Attendance & excuses

Each dancer is allowed up to three (3) 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

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.

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.

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

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 5678 Company Dancers 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 ANY one-dance class may be the cause for dismissal from the Company. No refund of payment shall be given in the event of dismissal.

Company classes for the 2020-2021 dance season are as follows:

Elite Professional Company Dancers (A)

Junior Professional Company Dancers (A)

Junior Recreational Company Dancers (A)

Petite Professional Company Dancers (A)
Petite Recreational Company Dancers (A)
Mini Professional Company Dancers (A)
Mini Recreational Company Dancers (B)
Tiny Recreational Company Dancers (B)

Company members (A) are required to take Ballet, Tap/Jazz, Musical Theatre, Technique, and Tumbling. These classes are in addition to the weekly team practice.

Company members (B) are required to take Combo, and Tumbling. These are in addition to weekly team practice.

5678 professional company members will attend six (6) competitions throughout the dance season. Recreational company members will attend two (2) competitions throughout the dance season. Please be aware that becoming a company member will obligate you to these competitions. All competitions are held on weekends and are a full day and possibly full weekend commitment. Competition management does not send the performance day and time to the studio until 5-7 days prior to the event. Dancers and parents will need to be available for the entire weekend until we know whether you are performing Friday, Saturday, Sunday or all 3 days. 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.

Solos/Duos/Trios

Everyone on the professional company teams will be required to perform a solo, duet, or trio in addition to their three group dances. These will be choreographed during the summer. A choreography fee of \$200 per dancer is due at the time of the first private lesson. This fee includes four (4), one (1) hour private lessons with your choreographer. Additional private's are available if needed. \$20 for half an hour, \$50 for a full hour.

Courtesy & Respect

All Company members will be held to the highest standards of conduct. 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 Company. Company dancers are always respectful, supportive, encouraging and are positive in spirit, attitude and behavior.

Dress Code

All Dance Company members must wear appropriate dancewear to every class. Forgetting dancewear, shoes, proper hair is not acceptable. The dress code for the Dance Company is as

follows:

Sports bra or workout tank top, shorts or leggings, half sole shoes (jazz, team class, ballet), and tap shoes. Hair must be securely pulled up for every class. Jewelry is not permitted while in class.

Financial Commitment

Tuition for company members varies depending on the number of classes they take. It is mandatory that all Dance Company members attend a weekly Company class as well as their prerequisite classes. Students will not be charged for additional rehearsals.

The cost for competitions vary. Solos are \$90-\$100 per, Duo/Trios \$60-\$80, and groups vary from \$50-70 a person. This will be broken down more as we get closer to competitions. Please Note: Professional company dancers may also have the opportunity to travel to locations overnight or even over a weekend. Please be aware of any extra expenses that may occur.

Drop-outs: A \$250 fee applies to any student who drops out of the Company/Competition team during the dance season, for instructors to re-choreograph and rearrange the competition routines.

*Specialty group routines, including solos, duets and trios, may be asked to compete. Rehearsal times for these routines will be outside of their Company class time. There are extra fees per these rehearsals for the instructor/choreographer's time. All specialty routines will be decided upon by the instructor and director, and are not at the request of students or parents.

Company Dancers may also partake in other performance opportunities throughout the year. These performances may or may not have participation fees depending on the caliber of the event.

It is mandatory that all company members have warm-ups, competition bags and garment bags for competitions/conventions/performances. Warm-ups cost approx. \$70. Competition and garments bags are approx. \$60 each. Dancers must wear their warm-ups upon arrival and when leaving all competitions, conventions and performances.

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 an incredible first season of dance!

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Please sign and return this page. Keep the Company contract for your reference.

Both dancer and parent have read and understood all that is expected as a member of 5678 Dance Company. We understand that these policies are created to ensure the absolute best training and most positive and rewarding experience for everyone. Both dancer and parent understand that failure to meet the conditions set forth in this contract could result in the dancer's dismissal from 5678 Dance Company.

Dancer's Printed Name: _____ Dancer's Signature:
_____ Date: _____

Parent's Printed Name: _____ Parent's Signature:
_____ Date: _____