

Georgia Dance Lab:

# Competition Company Handbook

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Thank you for your interest in the Georgia Dance Lab Competition Company! This team is designed for dancers who are wanting to dance on the competitive level.

Being part of our competition company is an exciting and serious opportunity. Please review **all expectations** carefully before auditioning.

## WHO SHOULD AUDITION?

The GDL Competition Company is for dancers who:

- Love to perform and thrive on stage
- Are between the ages of 5–19 years old
- Are highly motivated to improve technically and artistically
- Can take corrections and apply them quickly
- Are committed to attending **all required classes, rehearsals, competitions, and events**
- Have a positive attitude and strong work ethic
- Are looking for a **high-level training environment** beyond recreational classes
- Are ready to be part of a **travelling team that represents the studio at competitions and performances**

## COMMITMENT LEVEL

The GDL Competition Company is a **high commitment team** designed for dancers who are serious about their training and growth.

Dancers will be expected to prioritize dance and consistently show dedication, discipline, and responsibility throughout the season.

## WHAT IS REQUIRED:

- Attend the **Dance In Your Element Summer Intensive** (required for preparation)
- Attend the **Company Choreography Boot Camp** (July 13-17 for Teen/Senior or July 20-24 for Mini/Petite/Jr)
- Attend all **weekly required classes** (Ballet, Tap, Leaps, Legs & Turns, 1 Elective, and Company Rehearsals)
- Attend ALL **scheduled rehearsals and choreography sessions**
- Attend ALL **competitions, conventions (if applicable), and performance events throughout the season**
- Purchase ALL **required costumes and competition team attire**
- Participate in the **team photoshoot**
- Maintain **STRONG** attendance and punctuality
- Demonstrate a **positive attitude, professionalism, and respect** at all times
- All dancers and parents must sign the **Competition Company Contract**

## WHAT TO EXPECT FINANCIALLY (TUITION)

Competition Company families can expect the following expenses throughout the season:

- **Monthly Tuition For Members 9 AND UP**  
1 ballet class = \$65 a month

1 tap class = \$50 a month  
1 Leaps,Legs, Turns class = \$50 a month  
1 Elective class of your choice = \$50 a month  
Required Company Class (Wednesday & Friday) = \$150

TOTAL BEFORE DISCOUNT = \$365

**TOTAL AFTER 15% DISCOUNT = \$310.25**

- **Monthly Tuition for Members 8 AND UNDER**

1 ballet & tap combo class = \$65 a month  
1 Elective class of your choice = \$50 a month  
1 Leaps,Legs,Turns class = \$50 a month  
Required Company Class (Wednesday & Friday) = \$150

TOTAL BEFORE DISCOUNT: \$315

**TOTAL AFTER 15% DISCOUNT: \$267.75**

**CUSTOMIZED TRACK JACKET W/ DANCER'S NAME - \$150**

- **Costumes/Uniforms**

All recreational classes will have their own separate costume fees for Holiday and Spring recitals. **These fees do not relate to the competition company.**

The competition company will have a specific competition company uniform for **PERFORMANCES and for the PHOTOSHOOT** which will be required to be purchased one time for the season. The uniform cost will range from **\$80-100**.

- **Team Photoshoot**

Professional photos of the competition company will be taken. Dates for this will be released soon. Expect it to be a Saturday or Sunday in August. The cost of this

photoshoot fee will be **\$50** per competition company dancer.

- **Competition Fees**

The competition company will be attending **4 regionals and 1 national competition**.

\*Pricing is dependent on each individual competition and will be given to those who make the competition company.

- **Competition Costume Fees**

Group costumes fees can range from **\$60 - \$130 per dance**. Each team is in a certain amount of group dances and each group dance requires a costume.

In September, all competition costume fees will be added to your account and all competition costume fees will be due by November 5th.

- **Hair/Makeup/Accessory Fee**

There is a \$55 hair/makeup/accessory fee that will be required to receive the items that are needed for competition.

- **Dance In Your Element Required Technique Intensive**

Each company and performance team member is REQUIRED to take this intensive to work on their technical training before the season starts.

\$50 registration fee due at sign up

\$130 due at least by first day of camp = **\$180 TOTAL**

- **Choreography Boot Camp**

This camp is for the company team to all learn their competition routines for this season.

\$50 deposit when registering online

\$175 due at least by first day of camp = **\$225 TOTAL**

# COMPANY COMMUNICATION

All performance team members or guardians must join the Performance Team Band group. You can download Band on the App Store.

- Once becoming a member of the performance team and signing the contract, you will be sent an invite to join the Team's Band.
- 📌 Dancers and parents are responsible for staying up to date on all announcements, schedules, and changes that occur in the Band app