

# ACADEMY BATON COLLECTIVE DRESS CODE

## DRESS CODE

Athletes are expected to come to class prepared, including proper attire, footwear, and hair. The following outlines Elite Academy's attire expectations:

Hair must be neatly secured and out of the face. A bun is required where possible.

Jazz shoes are required for all practices. Athletes may bring running shoes for warm-up, though must be able to change into jazz shoes when instructed. The only exception to this rule is for acro, during which athletes must be barefoot.

For all Elevate Academy scheduled practices, athletes must wear all black activewear. The following are considered appropriate activewear options for class:

- Fitted tank tops paired with activewear shorts/leggings
- Bodysuits paired with tights

The following may be worn to and from class, though are not considered appropriate activewear attire for class:

- Sweatpants/sweatshorts
- T Shirts
- Hoodies/sweatshirts

These attire expectations are meant to display the professionalism we expect at Elevate Academy and improve our ability as coaches to make technical corrections for your athletes.

## BATONS

Batons must be kept in good condition at all times. This means that baton ends must be cleaned regularly and replaced if broken through. If an athlete wishes to use baton tape, their batons must be taped according to IBTF standards. In accordance with this, they may be taped in a spiral or non-spiral fashion. In either case, no more than one third of the baton may be taped.

Athletes must use black grip tape at all times and can use a black or white strip of electrical tape as a center marker. Grip tape must be in good condition at all times, meaning it should not be loose, have holes, or be ripped. We will check batons during class time and athletes may be asked to re-tape their batons should they not meet the guidelines.

## COMPETITION ATTIRE EXPECTATIONS

When arriving/leaving competitions and during processions, athletes must wear the Elite Academy club jacket alongside black pants.

At all times when competing, hair must be well secured in a bun and set with hairspray and/or gel. For team events, hairstyle is at the discretion of the coaches. For individual events, athletes may wear a hairstyle of their choosing, so long as it is tightly secured and they received prior approval from coaches.

Competition attire includes tights in good condition (i.e., no holes), a coach-approved costume, and jazz shoes in good condition.

Athletes must bring their costumes to class prior to the beginning of the competition season for approval by the Head Coaches. This check-in is to ensure that the costume is in good condition, fits properly, and is appropriate for the athlete's age, level, and routine. If an athlete purchases a new costume during the competition season, they must receive approval from the Head Coaches before wearing the costume at competition.

Batons follow the same standards for competition as they do in practice. Please ensure batons have been cleaned in between the athletes last practice and the start of each competition.