

ACADEMY BATON COLLECTIVE COMPETITION EXPECTATIONS

COMPETITION ATTIRE EXPECTATIONS

When arriving/leaving competitions and during processions, athletes must wear their Academy Baton Collective club jacket alongside black pants.

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

The following are not acceptable to have/wear at competitions:

- Nail polish
- Acrylic nails/nail extensions
- Hair dyed to a non-natural colour
- Jewelry with the exception of decorative lobe earrings
- Visible tattoos
- Glasses that are not secured (athletes must wear either glasses secured with a strap or contact lenses)
- Body tape/braces without notice to coaches and a doctor's note where relevant

COSTUMES

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. Athletes must ensure that any undergarments worn while in costume are not visible in any way.

BATONS

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

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.

HAIR

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.

During the competition season, athletes are expected to have only natural hair colourings. This means that while athletes are allowed to dye their hair, they are not permitted to use dyes with non-natural hair colours (e.g., pink).

COMPETITION ARRIVAL

Athletes are expected to arrive by doors open at all competitions, unless otherwise directed by coaches. They are expected to display professionalism through both their attitude and appearance, including arriving to competitions in the Academy Baton Collective track jacket and black pants.

PROFESSIONALISM

Academy Baton Collective athletes are expected to maintain professionalism and sportsmanship throughout the entirety of the competition. This includes their actions and attitudes on and off the competition floor. Athletes are expected to display sportsmanship in response to personal performances and scores, as well as in all interactions with judges, coaches, and fellow athletes.

While attending competitions, athletes are representatives for Academy Baton Collective. As such, they should maintain themselves with dignity and respect at all times. Athletes must follow coach directives at all times, including their behaviour on the competition floor and in practice gyms.