



# 2023-2024 SEASON DANCE COMPETITION HANDBOOK

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## General Policies

**\*\*Please keep this copy\*\***

1. **ALL** dancers are expected to be 10 minutes prior beginning of class.
2. **ALL** dancers are expected to attend class weakly.
3. **ALL** dancers will attend every class, participate to the best of their ability, and put 100% effort, energy, and enthusiasm.
4. If necessary, **ALL** dancers should use the restroom before the class begin to avoid distraction during the class.
5. **ALL** dancers are required to wear proper footwear during the class.
6. **ALL** dancers are expected to neatly store their belongings in appropriate locations. All items should be labeled. Volta Dance Studio does not take responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged personal property left unattended.
7. For the safety of our dancers' parents should take the responsibility of picking up the child on time after the class ends.
8. **ALL** dancers are required to respect Volta Dance Studio property. Parents take financial responsibility in case of any damages caused by their children.
9. **ALL** dancers are expected to clean up after themselves and any mess that they create while at the Volta Dance Studio.
10. No food, gum, or candy allowed in Volta Dance Studio during the class.
11. No individual, other than owner or instructor, may post music, videos of choreography, routines, etc. on any social media account until the season is complete. Videotaping or recording by parents is prohibited.
12. No individual, other than owner, instructor, and students, may enter the dance floor shortly before and during the scheduled class time.
13. Distraction caused by parents or/and siblings during the class has a negative impact on **ALL** dancers in group. Volta Dance Studio will ask all violators to leave.
14. Parents must have respect to dancers and do not talk to instructors during the scheduled class.
15. Students must have a parent's permission to leave the Volta Dance Studio.
16. **ALL** Dance Routine decisions are at the discretion of the instructors.
17. Bullying, bad mouthing, or any sort of verbal/physical abuse will not be tolerated.
18. Any Criticism to an instructor about the ability of their teaching skills will not be tolerated.
19. There are no cell phones use during the class.
20. Substance usage on property of Volta Dance Studio is forbidden.
21. No bicycles, skateboards, and/or motorcycles allowed on property of Volta Dance Studio.
22. Please leave your animals at home.
23. Due to COVID-19 parents and guardians are responsible to notify the Volta Dance Studio of any covid symptoms. Child should remain home.
24. Volta Dance Studio staff will determine if weather conditions are suitable to hold class. If you do not receive notification that class is cancelled, assume it is still being held and you are required to attend. You will receive notification of cancelations via Facebook Volta Dance Studio page, text message and/or email.
25. Because the communication is important to us, we encourage you to address any questions, concerns, and disputes directly to Volta Dance Studio. We prefer communication via email or/ and by phone.

## 2023-2024 Code of Conduct

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### Dancer's Code of Conduct:

I agree to maintain a positive and competitive attitude, to stay focused and to work toward the development of the team.

I will demonstrate high standards of conduct as a representative of Volta Dance Studio.

I will refrain from negative acts, comments, or gossip about or toward fellow teammates as well as instructors and other teams, both on and off the dance floor.

The instructor may dismiss me at any time for disrespect, lack of effort and anything that hinders my team's development.

I understand that by threatening to quit, or speaking negatively about the program, I may be dismissed immediately.

I understand that I am to arrive on time to all practices and competitions.

I understand and agree by initialing below, that acting outside of this code will result in disciplinary action at the instructor's discretion, and it could result in my dismissal from the team.

### Parent's Code of Conduct:

As a parent, I understand that the team must always be considered first before any individual.

I understand that instructors reserve the right to place dancers on a team that gives them the best chance of success.

I agree to respect and show compassion towards all adults and children involved with the program at Volta Dance Studio.

I agree to discuss any, and all problems or concerns related to the program, instructors, dancers, or other parents directly with the Volta Dance Studio staff first.

I agree to not publicly discuss any gossip inside or outside of the Volta Dance Studio.

Troublemaking behavior could result in my child's dismissal from the Volta Dance Studio or from the team.

I understand that by threatening to quit or pull my child from the program we may be dismissed immediately.

I will guarantee the on-time arrival of my child to all practices and competitions.

Instructors may dismiss my dancer at any time for disrespect, lack of effort and/or anything that impedes team development.

I understand that all instructors' decisions are final.

I understand that my position in the Volta Dance Studio is to provide a positive outlook for all children.

## Competition Polices

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1. Attendance to ALL team practices (regularly scheduled or added) is REQUIRED. Expect for there to be additional/extended practices nearing competitions.
2. No more than three absences are permitted during competition season.
3. Excessive absences could result in a demotion to the dancer's role in the competition routine.
4. Everyone must be present to ALL competitions, no exceptions.
5. Everyone must be present to ALL group performances, no exceptions.
6. Missing a practice two weeks prior to a competition is NEVER allowed under any circumstances.
7. Examples of excused absences: contagious illness, mandatory school event, family emergency/death in the family.
8. Withholding a child from practice should not be used as a form of punishment. This is unfair to the rest of their teammates.
9. The only people permitted to discuss matters with judges or competition officials are instructors/owner.
10. Disrespecting teammates, instructors, other Volta Dance Studio dancers , parents, opposing team members, spectators, or competition officials, in any way (via social media/in person,) will not be tolerated.
11. When traveling to a competition, staying at a hotel is not mandated.
12. We understand all families have different financial situations. However, if possible, we request that teammates try to stay at the same hotel to promote team comradery.
13. Feel free to speak to instructors before/after practice regarding any issues you or your athlete might be experiencing.
14. Please respect instructors' time outside of the dance studio. If you are given their personal contact information, please refrain from excessively reaching out to discuss dance matters.
15. Please contact Volta Dance Studio at [Volta2023@hotmail](mailto:Volta2023@hotmail) with any concerns as well.
16. If a problem arises between teammates or parents, please address the issue with the instructor.
17. Never hesitate to request a private meeting to further discuss any issues you feel were not resolved via conversation or email previously.

## Competition Schedule / Costs

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Volta Dance Studio is planning to attend competitions during 2022/2023 season from the following list:

October 26-29, 2023  
November 29- December 3, 2023  
February 9-11 , 2024  
February 22-25, 2024  
March 15-17, 2024  
March 21-23, 2024  
April 5-7, 2024  
May 3-5, 2024

If applies:

National Dance Challenge \*\*

Payment Forms: Forms of payment include Venmo, Cash and Check . Returned check fees are \$30. After 2 bounced checks, payments must be received in cash or Venmo.

Payment Terms: Tuition payments paid 7 days after the session started will be charged a \$25 late fee and after 14 days the late fee will be \$35. Competition fees paid after the deadlines (see schedule below) are subject to a \$20 late fee.

Competition Fees: Competition fees are dictated by each respective competition. Your competition fees are paid per dance. Historically, the competition fee for a group dance is APPROX \$70. (i.e., if a competition fee for a group dance is \$70 and a dancer is in 2 group dances, the fees for that competition would be \$140.) Competition fees are due in accordance with the following schedule: two first competitions fees are due by the end of November 2023; the remaining amount is due by the end of January 2024.

Costumes and travel: We will do our best to keep costume fees to under \$100 per costume. Performance Costume and travel fees are the additional charge.

*\*Dates and locations of competitions will be announced (see Competition Agreement)*

*\*\*National Dance Challenge dates and locations will be announced for groups and/or individual dancers if they qualify*



## 2023-2024 Acknowledgement of Policies

**\*\*Please return copy to Volta Dance Studio\*\***

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge I received a copy of the 2022-2023 Volta Dance Studio Information packet.

1. I understand and agree to abide by the rules, regulations and policies set forth in the 2023-2024 Information Packet.
2. I acknowledge, understand, and agree, that if at any time during the season, my child decides to quit, or is removed from the team, there will be NO REFUNDS for any amounts paid including tuition, competition fees, or Volta Dance Studio merchandise, or costumes.
3. I acknowledge, understand, and agree that if my child decides to quit, or is removed from the team, I am still obligated to pay for items that have been ordered on my behalf prior to leaving the program (Volta Dance Studio merchandise, competition costumes etc.)
4. I have read and understand the “code of conduct” and understand that failure to comply can result in removal from the team.
5. I have read and understand the program fees and expenses.
6. I have read and understand the “General Polices” and “Competition Polices” at Volta Dance Studio.
7. I acknowledge, understand, and agree that my child will be present on competitions and Volta Dance performances during the 2023/2024 season.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



REGISTRATION FORM 2023/2024

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Program Name \_\_\_\_\_ Schedule \_\_\_\_\_ Price \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Mother/ Father)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Mother/ Father)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

How did You hear about VOLTA DANCE STUDIO? (Check any that apply)

\_\_\_\_ Online (website) \_\_\_\_ Facebook \_\_\_\_ Instagram \_\_\_\_ Google Search Engine

\_\_\_\_ Referral - Name of that Person: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Other ( please specify ): \_\_\_\_\_

Does the child is the current student at VOLTA Dance Studio ? YES or NO

If Yes – for how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## 2023- 2024 Volta Dance Studio Competition Agreement

\_\_\_\_\_ **I understand** that *three* dance competitions and the National Dance Challenge (*if applicable*) are mandatory for all members of the Competition Group 8 years old + and Competition Group 6-year-old +.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I understand** that *four* dance competitions and the National Dance Challenge (*if applicable*) are mandatory for all members of the Competition Venti Group, Competition Grande Group, and Competition Hip Hop group.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I understand** that *three* dance competitions and the National Dance Challenge (*if applicable*) are mandatory for all Solo and Duos competition dancers.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I understand** that the \$250 fee applies to any dancer who drops out of the Competition team during the dance season, for instructor to re-choreograph and rearrange the competition routines.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I understand** that the competition fee is not refundable for any dancer who drops out from the competition team.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I understand** that the fee for two first competitions is due by the end of November 2023, the remaining amount is due by the end of January 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I understand** that locations of competitions will be chosen by Volta Dance Studio. No voting will take place, and requests and opinions will not be considered.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I understand** that the End of The Year Recital is mandatory for all competition dancers.

**\*\*A definite schedule will be available during the Dance Season.\*\***

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_