



## **Competition Dance Team Contract**

### **Placement**

Placement in The Vitality Place's Competition team 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. Competition team members are selected by instructors and will be invited into the appropriate dance routines. Please note that group dances come first! If you are offered a duo, trio or solo you must participate in the group numbers to have the opportunity to compete a duo, trio or solo. For example, if the dancer is placed in a solo, trio and group dance. The dancer can choose to just be in the group dance, or they can choose to be in the group and the trio, or they can choose to be in the group, trio and solo. They cannot only choose the solo option.

### **Attendance**

A 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 team as a whole.

Each dancer is allowed up to three (3) unexcused absences from team classes and rehearsals. Please let us know if the dancer will miss class in advance.

The following are considered "excused" absences:

- Death in the family or family emergency
- Scheduled school programs or performances
- Wedding or religious dedication of you or a member of your family
- If you are ill or infectious

Dancers will watch class/rehearsal in the case of injury. Punctuality is just as important as attendance, please be on time and prepared for class. 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 the team if you expect regular scheduling conflicts with other sports or activities.

### **Time & Financial Commitment**

The competition team will be required to attend Competition Dance Camp Intensive on July 31<sup>st</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will be expected to attend extra rehearsals to learn and clean their competition routines. We are aiming to compete at 3 competitions between March & May 2024. They will also have routines in the end of year Recital between their competition dances and recreational dances. For the financial commitment information please read through the PDF called "Competition Fees."

### **Conduct**

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. Competition 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 competition team. Our dancers are always expected to be respectful, supportive, encouraging and are positive in spirit, attitude and behavior. The dancer's behavior at competitions is a direct reflection of the studio and poor attitudes will not be tolerated.

### **Dress Code**

All Dance Competition team members must wear appropriate dancewear to every class. Forgetting dancewear, shoes, proper hair and/or wearing inappropriate clothing is not acceptable. The dress code is laid out in your student handbook for the season as well as the PDF called "Dress Code."

### **Cell Phone Policy**

Cell phones are not allowed in class. If the teacher asks the dancers to film something for choreography practice, they will be instructed to get their phones and return them to the locker room afterwards.

## **Questions & Concerns**

Any and all questions or concerns should go through the director, Nicole White. Please contact her via the studio phone or email. Under no circumstances should the individual instructors be contacted without Nicole's knowledge.

## **Warm-ups**

It is mandatory that all competition members have a warm-up jacket & pants. The cost for that is TBD. In the past they have been around \$216. We recommend buying a bigger size so that it will last longer! Payment for warm-ups is due by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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 another incredible dance season full of learning, growth & development.



**Please sign and return this page.**

Keep the dance team contract for your reference.

Both dancer and parent have read and understood all that is expected as a member of The Vitality Place Competition Dance Team. We understand that these policies are created to ensure the absolute best training and most positive and rewarding experience for every dancer. Both dancer and parent understand that failure to meet the conditions set forth in this contract could result in the dancer's dismissal from specialty dances or the dance team as a whole.

Dancer's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dancer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_