



# Excellence Competition Team

## Our motto for the PRIDE:

"We always Strive for **EXCELLENCE** through hard work and **DEDICATION** we are **INSPIRED** to be our best at all times **RESPECTING** all those around us as we share our **PASSION** for dance on and off the stage! "

**Our Excellence team:** Is for the Company dancer who wishes to compete. We have had many dancers and parents request a separate competition team for those wishing to take competition seriously. This does require an exceeded level of dedication and drive above those in company. Competition team dancers should be 100% dedicated to dance. It is their sport. They should possess the drive to want to be the best they can be and no other activity should come before their rehearsals. This team will have strict guidelines and require all team members to abide by them. All competition team rehearsals will be on Saturdays. Team members are required to take their level of company classes. You will choose which style of dance you wish to audition for to compete. You will be placed in the styles and dances you will compete.

## How do you select your styles to compete?

At auditions you will select which styles you wish to be considered for. Those styles will be: Jazz, Ballet, Contemporary, Hip Hop, and Tap.

## When will rehearsals be?

We will have rehearsals on Saturdays from 9-12pm. The same as most sports. Each style will rehearse every other week depending which style you are placed in will determine your schedule. We will have summer rehearsals where all choreography will be set for the competition year. Saturday Rehearsals will be used to clean and tweak pieces.

## How Many Competitions will we attend?

We will attend Tremaine in the Fall. We will then attend 3 additional competitions starting in February. We will also attend one Convention in the Spring. All Hip Hop Competition team members will be required to attend Monsters of Hip Hop Convention as well.

## When will we know our schedule for Competitions?

Competitions start putting out dates in early summer. We will finalize the schedule and let you know as soon as we have them.

## What conventions will we attend?

All Competition Team members must attend the 2 conventions the company attends. All Hip Hop Competition team members must attend Monsters of Hip Hop in the Fall.



## What is required to audition for the Competition Team of Excellence?

Must Audition and Make Company.

Must agree to Company terms and take all Company classes.

Minimum of 3 years ballet.

Agree to take minimum hours of classes

Agree to Saturday Rehearsal time

Agree to compete at 3-4 Local competitions

Agree to attend Summer Intensive and Winter Intensive (added fee)

Agree to attend classes over summer

Agree to audition in May for one year commitment

Must pay on escrow or all at once.

Agree to attend 2-3 conventions per year one in Fall and one in Spring

Agree to all rules and expectations of company dancers



## Costs involved in joining Competition other than Company fees

Competition Team Fee is \$20 per month for each dance placed in.

Example: placed in Ballet, Jazz, and Modern = \$60 per month. This is to cover the cost of Saturday Rehearsals.

Costumes: Additional Costumes will be required for Competition Pieces. Plan \$70-\$80 a piece for these.

Shoes: different shoes may need to be purchased to match the costumes.

Jewelry: Additional rhinestone jewelry may need to be purchased. Competition and Convention Fees.

Conventions are around \$260. Competition run around \$55 per piece for groups and \$110 for solos. These fees will be placed in your escrow.

## What are the Groups?

Groups will be made based on those who audition. Many things will go into the planning of each group. Skill level, age, and how dancers look together on stage. The Director will place each dancer in their group.

## Can I compete a Solo?

Yes. All those who make the Competition Team will be eligible to request a solo. The director will make final decision on all features. ALL SOLOS MUST BE COMPLETE BY THE END OF SUMMER TO COMPETE!

## If I ONLY want to compete a solo and not join the Competition team can I?

Only Seniors will be allowed to compete a solo if not on the competition team. And those dances will need to be completed by the end of summer as well.

## **Competition Team Rules and Expectations ABOVE Company**

### **All team members must be 100% Dedicated to dance.**

This means all rehearsals come before ANY outside activity. We will release the rehearsal schedule with plenty of time to make adjustments and plan around our rehearsals.

### **Attendance Policy STRICTLY enforced:**

Dancers will be allowed 2 absences from any one company class per semester. This means they may only miss each style twice or they will be removed from the competition team. All absences due to illness will require a doctors note. In order to get our dancers to the next level it is important that we have all dancers in attendance at all of their training classes as well as team rehearsals.

### **Classroom Behavior**

Anything other than Excellence will not be tolerated at any time. If any Competition team member is asked to leave class due to behavior issues they will be placed on probation. A meeting will be scheduled with the student and parents and a clear plan will be put in place to come off probation. We do not wish to waste anyone's time and money. If your dancer is not here to take class seriously than we do not want you to be paying for it.

### **Makeup/Competition Attire**

All Team members are REQUIRED to have the Yofi Makeup kit. They are also required to wear false lashes. Parents are responsible for having the proper undergarments that do not show when wearing a costume.

## ALICATS Competition Team of Excellence Consideration FORM

Please fill out this form and bring it with you to auditions. Select which styles of dance you wish to be considered for to compete. Please also select if you wish to be considered for a solo, and which style you would prefer.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Competition Pieces desired to be selected for** \_\_\_\_\_

### Competition Styles to be considered for:

Ballet: \_\_\_\_\_

Tap \_\_\_\_\_

Jazz: \_\_\_\_\_

Hip Hop \_\_\_\_\_

Modern/Contemporary \_\_\_\_\_

**I wish to compete a Solo** \_\_\_\_\_

The style I wish to compete is: \_\_\_\_\_

The choreographer I wish to work with is: \_\_\_\_\_

### ALICATS DANCERS AGREEMENT

I have read the entire ALICATS Competition Team of Excellence Agreement. I understand the financial commitment, and time commitment involved in being a part of Competition Team.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dancers Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parents Signature

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Date