

# **Dance Etc. Elite Team Contract**

## **Purpose**

The Purpose of the Dance Etc Elite teams is to provide an outlet for outstanding dancers from Dance Etc Studio to perform, travel, compete and improve their performance and technical skills.

## **Behavior**

All Elite Team members are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner at all times. They should promote good sportsmanship and always be a positive representative of their team, their studio and their community. Dancers should always treat team members and instructors or coaches with respect. Bad behavior or mistreatment of team members will not be tolerated. At the first instance the dancer will be warned, at the second instance the dancer's parent will be contacted and at the third instance the dancer will be dismissed. Being a member of the team is an earned privilege, not a right, and dancers and parents are expected to abide by all rules at all times.

## **Attendance Policy for Elite Practices and Technique**

All Elite Practices and Elite technique classes are MANDATORY.

Attendance will be taken at each Elite Practice and technique class.

Dancers are allowed 3 absences for practice and 3 absences for technique for the year without a doctor's excuse or death in the family. If the dancer has a doctor's excuse or a death in the family that will not count as one of the 3 absences. Three tardies (more than 10 minutes late or leaving more than 10 minutes early) will be counted as an absence. If a member misses more than 3 practices and/or 3 tech classes without an acceptable excuse mentioned above that member will be dismissed from the team.

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## **Attendance Policy for Performances, Competitions and Recital**

All Performances and Competitions are MANDATORY

Dancers must compete in all competitions. The only acceptable excuses for not competing in a competition are an injury with a doctor's excuse stating that the dancer can not compete or death in the family. If a dancer does not compete in a competition and does not have an acceptable excuse mentioned above that dancer will be pulled from the routines for the remainder of the year, including all performances, competitions and Recital.

All Elite dancers are expected to perform in the Elite Show case and ALL Recital performances.

## **Dance Class Enrollment**

All Elite Dancers are required to be enrolled in at least two hours of regular dance class per week at the studio aside from their Elite class, although most Elite dancers take more. All Elite dancers must be enrolled in the required team technique class. This can count as one of your weekly hours of class. All JUNIOR and SENIOR Elite dancers MUST be enrolled in a Jazz or Lyrical class.

## **Dance Class Attendance**

Elite dancers are expected to be students in good standing and must have good attendance in their regular classes. They have been honored as Elite members because of performance in their regular classes and they are expected to be in class. An Elite dancer should NOT miss more than 4 dance classes per semester. If a student's class attendance is poor a conference will be called with the parent. If it continues the dancer can be dismissed from the team.

## **Dance Fees**

All Studio Class Fees and Elite fees must be up to date before Elite team members will be allowed to compete in competition.

## **Elite Officers**

Each Elite team has their own set of officers. Listed below is the breakdown of these officer positions and their responsibilities

**Team President:** The President is the liaison between the coaches and parents. They will provide Parents with necessary info such as events, practice changes and keep them up to date with all that is going on with Elite. All communication is done via email. It is your responsibility to check email regularly to keep up to date.

**Team Treasurer:** Each team has their own bank account. The team treasurer will keep a ledger of each individual dancer's account showing all deposits and debits. Treasurers will send email reminders when fees are due. All fees including entry fees, costume fees etc must be turned in on time. It is not the treasurer's responsibility to track parents down to collect fees. If fees are not turned in on time the dancer will not be entered into the competition or uniforms etc will not be ordered for that dancer if they have not paid. Stay in touch with your treasurer and keep up to date on the status of your account so you will not fall behind. Treasurer's can give you a copy of your account when requested.

**Fundraising:** The fundraising representative will try to provide as many fundraising opportunities as possible for their team. Fundraisers are optional but are very helpful in paying for Elite expenses.

### **Elite Member Continuation Policy**

Once Elite members are chosen they are allowed to remain a member of the Elite teams without auditioning throughout the Youth level. However if any dancer is not improving or is impeding their team they may be dismissed before the next season. Therefore dancer's should be consistently improving skills through dance classes, master classes, technique, camps and any other dance opportunities presented to them. Dancers entering into the 7th grade will have to go through a skills evaluation/ audition to be able to move up to the Junior team. Dancers entering the 9th grade will have to go through a skills evaluation/ audition to be able to move up to the Senior team. Skills required may change yearly depending on skills the current Junior and Senior team is required to do. Dancers may still compete with the Junior team as a freshman if they have not mastered these skills. If a dancer chooses not to return to Elite and then decides they would like to return during another year that dancer must still be enrolled in regular dance class. They must make the coaches aware of their interest to return and then will have to be formally invited via Elite invitation letter to return. They will not be given priority over other dancers vying for a position on the Elite team.

I have read and understand all rules and regulations outlined in the Elite Contract and agree to abide by them.

Signed: Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Dancer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

