



Registration Package

FUSION 2024-2025

Fusion Competitive Dance Team and
Mini Stars are under the umbrella of



Thank you for your interest in Dartmouth Dance Academy's competitive dance team, FUSION!

Each dance season, Dartmouth Dance Academy (DDA) offers dancers, who are enrolled in DDA technique dance classes, the opportunity to participate and perform on the Fusion competitive dance team for dancers from 9yrs to 18yrs. Selections for the competitive team are based not only on the dancer's technique, but on their attitude, commitment to dance, and how well they work with others.

Although Fusion and its faculty appreciate parental involvement and the support of Fusion parents, decisions regarding choreography, costumes and the coaching of the team are the sole responsibility of the Fusion faculty. Fusion faculty direct the rehearsals and decide what each dancer will be doing in the routines. Your dancer may go through emotional ups and downs during the year and may be disappointed about some decisions that will be made. Please know that all decisions will be made with the good of your dancer, and of the team as a whole, in mind.

The information contained in this package is designed to give you a solid understanding of the requirements and expectations for each team member. There is more commitment for both dancers and parents, than in recreational dance, so review carefully before submitting your application.

TEAM MEMBER OBLIGATIONS

1. Fusion team members must be registered and attending DDA technique classes for the 2024/2025 dance season.

Dancers must take technique classes in Jazz and at least one Ballet class per week with DDA. In addition to the required Jazz and Ballet technique classes, dancers are required to **take one** of either **Modern** or **Acro** technique classes with DDA.

2. Fusion team members are required to attend all scheduled practices, rehearsals and workshops.

Unless stated otherwise by the Director, all weekly practices, rehearsals and workshops are considered mandatory for attendance. Unlike other dance teams, Fusion does not expect its members to limit their activities to dance alone. Fusion does expect that the dance team be their **PRIMARY** commitment. The effort and commitment that is put into Fusion by each individual team member will determine their success.

3. All requests for absences are to be sent to the Director.

The Director will consider only illness and school-graded activities as possible excuses for missing a mandatory rehearsal or event. Under no circumstances will Fusion faculty give permission for a dancer to miss practice for reasons such as: school dances, birthday parties, school plays, lack of transportation for your dancer and other extracurricular activities including vacations. We ask dancers take vacations during the set breaks please. Do not approach faculty to ask for permission to miss for any of the above reasons.

4. All Fusion team members and their parents/guardians are required to sign the Obligations Agreement (Contract) before attending the first rehearsal in September.

Dancers and Parents/guardians are always expected to show mutual respect and courtesy towards one another and to the faculty. There will be many highs and lows throughout the season that will require a healthy and positive outlook. Dancers are encouraged to speak with the Director or members of the faculty if they have any issues or concerns with regards to behaviours shown towards them.

5. All Fusion team members are expected to come to rehearsals ready to work.

Dancers are to arrive at all rehearsals 15 minutes before class begins dressed and ready to dance. Time for faculty to work with the team each week is limited, therefore it is critical dancers are ready to dance the moment they walk into the studio. Dancers are expected to practice choreography on their own time, to come to class prepared each week. All music will be distributed electronically to team members to assist with practice and recordings of dances are posted to Facebook.

6. Fusion team members will be required to attend choreography sessions in Summer 2024.

Fusion has once again assembled some of the finest choreographers in Atlantic Canada to prepare troupe and extra dance routines for the 2024/2025 dance season. This work is scheduled based on the choreographers' availability and therefore, dancers will need to be available in June, July and August, as required.

7. Fusion team members will compete in a minimum of four mandatory competitions in the 2024/2025 dance season.

All dancers are required to attend these competitions, without exception. Every dancer has a role to play in the choreography, and it is absolutely critical to the team's success that the dancers are prepared and present. Please note, all extra dance routines (solos, duos, trios, groups) are automatically entered into all mandatory competitions. One of the mandatory competitions may require travel. All travel related costs, such as transportation, accommodations and meals, are the responsibility of the dancer. All competitions and dates, where available, will be announced in the Welcome letter, which will be distributed after registration is complete. Individual competition schedules are released a few weeks prior to the competition and will be communicated to team members as soon as possible. Dancers need to pay particular attention to their own routines' scheduled times, as well as possible encore performances, and must be available to perform.

8. Fusion team members are required to participate in the following mandatory performances:

- Annual Kick-Off Show in front of an audience. All troupe, modern production, musical theatre production, small group, Mini Stars, Elite, and extra dance routines are performed.
- Soloists dance in Solo Primer & perform for judges who provide feedback.
- Duos/trios have dress rehearsal with Miss Lisa, prior to competition season.

- All items listed on our Fusion Year-At-A-Glance are mandatory, including but not limited to our DDA Holiday and Year-End Recitals (include rehearsals).
- Additional performances may be added as the Director sees fit.

9. **Deadlines for fee payment, ticket purchases and event registrations must be met.**

Failure to meet deadlines will result in late fees being applied and loss of the ability to participate in the event or on the team. All fees paid are non-refundable/non-transferrable including the registration deposit due April 5th, 2024.

10. **Team Jacket**

Returning Fusion dancers from the 2023/2024 season have the Fusion Team jacket. Dancers new to Fusion for the 2024/2025 season will need to purchase the Fusion Team jacket.

11. **Earrings**

All Fusion dancers require our competition earrings. Earrings must be ordered by each dancer through the Director (if they do not already own earrings) usually in the fall. Cost per pair is **\$25.00** and may be ordered in either pierced or clip-on versions. We do keep a limited supply of earrings in stock but cannot guarantee we will have enough unless dancers who require earrings order them in advance.

12. **JAM Make-up Palette**

All Fusion dancers who do not already own one, must purchase a JAM make-up palette for their stage make-up from Fusion. The palettes are excellent quality and will last for years if care is taken. Dancers who need a palette will be invoiced by Miss Lisa.

13. **Fusion Dress Code**

For Fusion troupe night (typically Wednesday evenings) dancers can choose to wear their own proper and acceptable dancewear. Fusion Dress code is required for Fusion/DDA Tech classes. Returning Fusion dancers can continue to use current dress code items. New Fusion dancers who do not have dress code pieces will be required to purchase. Dancers can choose from a black body suit and/or a tank top and/or sports bra as well can choose from either black jazz shorts or black jazz pants. Dress code items are embodied with the Dartmouth Dance Academy logo. There is always an option to purchase extra pieces throughout the year. A reminder that dancers are permitted to wear their own black jazz shorts or black pants as a part of the dress code for tech classes, provided they are all black.

14. ****New** Administrative/Event Fee**

New this year, we are implementing and Administrative/Event fee of **\$85/family** (not per dancer) which will be due by Apr. 20th, 2024.

15. **Failure by dancers/parents to comply with the above obligations may result in a dancer being asked to leave the team or to not be invited back for the next season.**

FUSION TROUPE PLACEMENTS AND REHEARSALS

1. Fusion troupe placement will be different this year. The dancers are placed on their level, skill and ability taking years of experience into consideration. Teams will be formed and sent to dancers after the registration deadline/placement class if applicable.
2. Our dancers learn and grow at different rates. Troupe placements are based on a number of variables, including attitude, attendance, technique, work ethic and enrollment in extra classes and workshops. Once a dancer is placed on a troupe, the placement is considered final. All decisions are made with the good of your dancer, and of the team, as a whole, in mind.
3. Troupe rehearsal times will be distributed after registration is complete. Each troupe will rehearse on Wednesday nights. In mid-August, Troupes will also be assigned a time for mandatory and optional technical classes. This registration for DDA technique classes is handled by Cole Harbour Place, not Fusion staff. Fusion staff handle Fusion registration only.
4. Troupes will be required to attend choreography sessions during the Summer 2024 to learn their **troupe dances** for the following competition season. Times TBA but will be found on our monthly schedule and may only affect some Troupes. This will allow more time for technical work on Wednesday evenings next season.
5. The Fusion 2024/2025 season will start on **Wednesday, September 4th, 2024**.

FUSION TEAM FEES INFORMATION

- For your convenience, Fusion offers payment by credit card or e-transfer.
- All credit card transactions are subject to a 5% service fee.
- E-transfer payments to be made to fusiondancedartmouth@gmail.com using the word **dancer** as the password.
- Overdue accounts will be subject to late payment fees – a 5% fee, applied weekly, until the balance is paid.
- **Absolutely no refunds** once payment is submitted, including but not limited to illness, injury, drop-outs or extenuating circumstances.
- Deposits and fees may not be transferred to another Fusion dancer.
- A credit card form **MUST** be submitted the first night of Fusion in September.
- Travel costs associated with competitions will be the dancer's responsibility. Every effort will be taken to keep these costs to a minimum.
- All financial transactions must go through parents/guardians only. Dancers will not be responsible for receiving invoices and making payments

1. Fusion Base Fee:

Total cost per dancer to participate on the Fusion Competitive dance team for the 2024/2025 season is **\$2400.00** (plus the new one-time **\$85** admin/event fee).

The Fusion Base Fee includes the choreography, costume and competition fees for:

- a) Two new Fusion Troupe dance routines from the Jazz/Lyrical/Contemporary dance styles.
- b) One Modern Production dance routine with the entire team.
- c) One Musical Theatre Production dance routine with the entire team (and 2nd year Mini Stars). Choreography & competition fees are included for this production piece. Costume is not included but will be something from home.

The Fusion Base Fee also includes:

- d) Two tickets per family to our annual Kick-Off show.
- e) Two included workshops during the season, which are mandatory for our Fusion team.

The total cost per dancer includes mandatory administration and mandatory workshop fees. It does not include the cost of optional **extra dances** (more information on next page) or of the two workshops dancers must attend if they choose **extra dances** for Musical Theatre.

Please note: No refunds on the Fusion Base Fee for any reason, including illness, injury, dropouts or placements. Please refer to the *Payment Schedule* for registration deposits and payment options.

2. Fusion Fee Payment Schedules:

A \$500.00 Fusion deposit (non-refundable) is required at the time of registration (**April 5th, 2024**), to guarantee your dancer's place on Fusion and is used for initial space and choreography costs. **No refunds on the deposit for any reason including illness, injury, dropouts or placements.**

Registration with deposits must be submitted to fusiondancedartmouth@gmail.com or passed into any dance teacher by April 5th, 2024. If registration is not received by April 5th, 2024, we assume your dancer is not participating on the Fusion competitive dance team the following year.

The new one-time admin/event fee of **\$85** is due by April 20th, 2024.

Payment schedule for remaining amounts, outside of the above deposits for Fusion, must be chosen by each family for September. See below for payment options:

There are three payment schedules available for Fusion:

- a) One Lump sum payment of **\$1,900.00** per dancer due September 4th, 2024.
- b) Two equal payments of **\$950.00** per dancer due on September 4th & November 6th, 2024.
- c) Four equal payments of **\$475.00** per dancer due on September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th, and December 4th, 2024.

3. **Extra Dance Fees (IF APPLICABLE):**

Fusion team members are able to add extra dance routines to their competitive season once they have completed their first year, or have previous competition experience, and remain in good standing with the team. All costs associated with these extra dances, such as choreography, costumes, and competition fees, **are not included** in the Fusion Base Fee and are the dancer's responsibility.

Note Dancers must be enrolled in a technical class specific for the discipline in order to participate in extra dances in the following styles: Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Modern, Acro, Hip Hop. The exception to this rule is Musical Theatre. Contemporary and Lyrical extra dances may be chosen as they fall under the realm of Jazz and Ballet. Failure to register for the correct technical discipline will result in dancers being removed from the routine and forfeit of fees paid.

Dancers involved in extra dances for Musical Theatre must take two mandatory workshops per season with an additional cost.

These extra dances are done by choice for each individual dancer and include: solos, duos, trios, small groups and large groups. Dancers and their parents are reminded that extra dances come with additional commitment in terms of cost and time to rehearse. *It is expected if dancers choose to participate in extra dances, they are committed and prepared for these extra costs and will commit to regular rehearsal times – which must be coordinated by the dancers of each group involved.* It is not fair for the other members of a group if a dancer is not willing to attend extra rehearsals for the dance to develop and improve. If dancers are unable to commit to regular rehearsals of extra dances, they should pass on joining extra groups.

First year Fusion dancers are not eligible to register for extra dances.

Note Depending on the type and number of extra dances selected, these extra costs can be significant. All extra dances are automatically entered into all mandatory competitions and an entry fee must be paid by each dancer participating in the extra dance.

Deadline to register and pay for extra dance routine fees is May 15th, 2024.

Costume and competition fees will be billed in the Fall/Winter.



**Fusion Competition Dance Team
2024-2025 Dance Season
Dancer Registration Package**

DUE DATE – April 5th, 2024 – Yes, I will be dancing on the **FUSION** Competition Dance Team!
If your dancer would like to perform with the Fusion Competitive Dance Team in the 2024/2025 dance season, complete, sign & return the forms on the following pages (including the Liability Waiver) with applicable deposit(s) to fusiondancedartmouth@gmail.com by **April 5th, 2024**.

Dancer's Name: _____

Birth Date: _____
(month, day, year)

Parent(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent's Primary Email Address(s): _____

Dancer's Email Address: _____
(If applicable – if you would like them added to Fusion correspondence)

Telephone: _____
Home Number

Cell Number: _____
Parent's Cell

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Relationship to Dancer: _____

Major Health Concerns: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



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Dancer's Name: _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

2024/2025 FUSION FEES <i>All deposits and payments are non-refundable.</i>	METHOD OF PAYMENT: CREDIT or E-TRANSFER	PAYMENT RECEIVED BY
Fusion Deposit = \$500.00 <i>April 5th</i>		
One-time Fusion Admin/Event Fee = \$85 <i>April 20th</i>		
Lump Sum Payment = \$1,900.00 <i>Sept 4th</i>		
Two Payments = \$950.00 <i>Sept 4th, Nov 6th</i>		
Four Payments = \$475.00 <i>Sept 4th, Oct 2nd, Nov 6th, Dec 4th</i>		

If paying by Credit Card, please complete (5% service fee applied to each transaction):

CARDHOLDER'S NAME (please print)	SIGNATURE:
CARD#	EXPIRY DATE (MM/YY)

If your registration form is not returned by April 5th, 2024, we will assume you will not be participating on the FUSION team for the upcoming year.

LIABILITY WAIVER

In accepting entry for the dancer listed below into Fusion Competition Dance Team, I acknowledge and shall not hold Dartmouth Dance Academy and/or Fusion Competitive Dance Team and/or their affiliates responsible/liable for any loss, injury, death or damage to persons/property incurred by any person in connection with Fusion Competition Dance Team.

Fusion Competition Dance Team and/or affiliates reserves the right to change, cancel or substitute dates, locations and schedules without penalty or compensation. We reserve the right to add/remove faculty members at any time.

Fusion Competition Dance Team reserves the right to use images, both video and/or photographic of all dancers in its promotional materials.

It is further understood that I acknowledge that no payment or other compensation in any form will become due to me, my child, our heirs, agents at any time because of my child's participation in any events, classes, workshops, competitions or for the use of my child's photograph, video or likeness.

There are NO REFUNDS on any Fusion registrations, deposits, payments, post-dated payments, workshop fees, classes, costumes, etc. for any reason - including but not limited to illness, injury, drop-outs or extenuating circumstances.

By my signature below, I understand and agree to all the statements and policies explained in this document.

Name of Dancer: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Date of Signature: _____