2020-21 Competition Team Information

Competition team participation is an opportunity available for dancers ages 7-18 years. **Competition team means more dedication...**

This includes a more class time, an increase in competition fees and extra uniform costs. Each team has different requirements for the summer and fall sessions. However, this can be very rewarding for your child if they love to dance and perform, is enthusiastic about attending often, and has the ability both mentally and physically to excel. This is a perfect opportunity for students who need more challenges! If you wish to discuss your child’s placement and options please speak with an instructor.

**Dance Team Requirements**

Dancers must attend a technique class evaluation for placement. This class allows the coaches to evaluate each dancer, create a plan for future progression, suggest extra training where necessary, and determine proper team placement. This process is a positive learning experience that can help students overcome fears under pressure and learn to be confident during an audition! At Dynamic we keep it very informal yet challenge them to show their best!

**Mini All-Star Team- 9 years & younger as of 12/31/20**
- **Evaluations** - virtual evaluation video due no later than May 31st *Mandatory to participate!
- **Summer Classes** - any dance class of choice in addition to Dance Conditioning and 1 Acro Workshop. Summer Ballet required for **new** competition team dancers. *Additional classes are encouraged, try new things! Tumbling is not included in “extra class” option.*
- **Fall Classes** - 1 Team practice, Skills & Technique class (included in team tuition), and your dancer’s choice of ballet or jazz class. *Additional classes are encouraged!*
- **Season Routines** - Pom, Jazz & Lyrical
  Mini All Star dancers may be considered to participate on the Youth All Star team. If your dancer is interested in this opportunity, be sure to complete the crossover section on the Google drive form due with your video. If your dancer were selected to participate she would attend a weekly practice with this team.
- **Choreography** - Mini team choreography will be completed in August/September/October.

**Youth All-Star Team- 12 years & younger as of 12/31/20**
- **Evaluations** - virtual evaluation video due no later than May 31st *Mandatory to participate!
- **Summer Classes** - any dance class of choice in addition to Dance Conditioning and 1 Acro Workshop. Summer Ballet required for **new** competition team dancers. *Additional classes are encouraged, try new things! Tumbling is not included in “extra class” option.*
- **Fall Classes** - 2 Team practices, Skills & Technique class (included in team tuition), and your dancer’s choice of ballet or jazz class. *Additional classes are encouraged!*
- **Season Routines** - Pom, Jazz, Lyrical & Hip Hop
  Youth All Star dancers may be considered to participate on the Junior All Star team. If your dancer is interested in this opportunity, be sure to complete the crossover section on the Google drive form due with your video. If your dancer were selected to participate she would attend a weekly practice with this team.
- **Choreography** - Youth team choreography will be completed in August/September/October.

**Junior All-Star Team- 15 years & younger as of 12/31/20**
- **Evaluations** - virtual evaluation video due no later than May 31st *Mandatory to participate!
- **Summer Classes** - any 2 classes of choice in addition to Dance Conditioning and 1 Acro Workshop. Summer Ballet required for **new** competition team dancers. *Additional classes are encouraged, expand your horizons and try new things!*
- **Fall Classes** - 2 Team practices, Skills & Technique class (included in team tuition), and ballet class. *Additional classes are encouraged, studio classes are important for advanced dancers! Classroom education = Advancement!*
- **Season Routines** - Pom, Jazz, Lyrical, Hip Hop
  Junior All Star dancers may be considered to participate on the Senior All Star team. If your dancer is interested in this opportunity, be sure to complete the crossover section on the Google drive form due with your video. If your dancer were selected to participate she would attend a weekly practice with this team.
- **Choreography** - Youth team choreography will be completed in June/July.

**Senior All-Star Team- 18 years & younger as of 12/31/20**
- **Evaluations** - virtual evaluation video due no later than May 31st *Mandatory to participate!
- **Summer Classes** - any 2 classes of choice in addition to Dance Conditioning and 1 Acro Workshop. Summer Ballet required for **new** competition team dancers. *Additional classes are encouraged, expand your horizons and try new things!*
- **Fall Classes** - 3 Team practices, Skills & Technique class (included in team tuition), and ballet class. *Additional classes are encouraged, studio classes are important for advanced dancers! Classroom education = Advancement!*
- **Season Routines** - Pom, Jazz, Lyrical, Hip Hop
- **Choreography** - Senior team choreography will be completed in June/July.

**NOTE:** Required class enrollment must be with Dynamic Studio in/out of season. **ANY** training outside of Dynamic MUST be discussed and approved by Coach Ashley.
**Some Dancers May Have Extra Requirements...**

For some dancers it may take more than the minimum class requirements to participate on a competitive team. Dynamic believes in providing all students a competitive opportunity, however it is also important to maintain integrity within the program. Not all individuals develop the same. This process provides extra attention to students who have the desire and potential to improve.

Families will be notified prior to team announcements with recommendations.

**Dynamic will suggest placement that is ALWAYS in the best interest of your dancer!**

**Team Placement**

**NEW!** The age division placement is the dancers’ age as of December 31st, 2020. Most students will be placed on a team following the age guidelines above. In some cases a student may be placed on a team outside of their age group, or the teams may be formed differently due to numbers, skills level, etc. Each season brings new variables! Not all competition events follow this age grid, so teams division placement may vary at different events.

If your dancer is interested in more challenges and dedication, she may wish to consider being a **crossover dancer** to the next age level. If interested, mark this on the evaluation sign in sheet. All dancers auditioning for this opportunity must attend the proper evaluation session to be considered. Crossovers may not request specific routine styles. Coaches will determine where they will best benefit the team.

**Other Important Information**

- All team members are expected to attend **ALL** team functions, performances and competitions.
- All team members and parents will be expected to sign a team contract prior to participation.
- All team members will be expected to purchase a competition team jacket. *Transition to new 2019-20 design by 2021-22 season.*
- All team members will be expected to purchase team shoes and accessories as needed. (Hair, makeup, jewelry, tights, etc.)
- All team members will be expected to purchase team practice wear.

**Dance Solos/Small Groups**

If you are a **competition dancer** and interested in competing a dance solo or in a small dance group, the notification deadline is **June 22nd**.

Requirements: Practice sessions with a staff member twice monthly between the months of Oct-March. (See fee details below) This opportunity can benefit dedicated students who have a competitive edge and wishes to challenge themselves. The student MUST be serious about this opportunity and understand the importance of independent practice habits. **Note: TEAM IS PRIORITY, ALWAYS!**

Coaches may not be with dancers for these extra events OR be able to be present with dancers at their compete times!

**Important! Junior & Senior TEAM participation requires more cost and dedication during season.** Prior to involving your dancer in a solo/small group please consider the ADDED commitment! (Dancers’ body, Choreography, Costume, Entry Fees, Private Sessions, Time)

Choreography fees depend upon the choreographer. Choreographers must be hired through Dynamic. Your coach may suggest a professional for you based upon your strengths, skill level and preferred dance style. Schedules fill up quickly; submit your interest ASAP if you are interested.

**Private Sessions**

**Private session fees effective June 1st, 2020.** All private session payments should be written directly to staff member.

A 24-hour notice is expected for session cancellations. The session fee is **due in full** without proper notice. Your instructors’ time IS valuable!

**NEW:** Outstanding balances past 30 days will be charged a $10 late fee PER SESSION.

Exceptions: Illness and emergency situations will be taken into consideration!

**Private Session Fees:** 30 minute Session: $25 / 45 min Session: $35 / 1 hour Session: $45

**Group Session Fees:** 30 minute Session: $20 per dancer / 45 min Session: $25 per dancer / 1 hour Session: $30 per dancer

**Team Costs**

- **Choreography:** Choreography fees are split between the team members of each squad. Fees will be communicated after teams are formed and **due by the first day of each choreography session.**
- **Music:** Music license fees are split between the team members of each squad. Fees will be communicated after teams are formed and **due by June 30th.**
- **Uniforms:** Details will be communicated when finalized. Fees will be posted to your account with a 30 day due date. Accessories (hair, jewelry, etc.) may not be communicated until uniforms are received. Uniform costs are built into the monthly payment plan.
- **Poms:** Dancers will purchase their own poms.
- **Coach Fees:** Competition students will submit a fee of $100 (due by September 30th) to assist in coach compensation for weekend events, travel, and extra hours spent with team. *(Separate Coach fee for Nationals events, TBA with event information.)*
- **Conventions/Workshops:** All dancers will be required to attend one workshop/convention during season. If a dancer has a conflict with a scheduled event and is unable to attend, it is expected she attends another event during season to fulfill team requirements.

**Early Team Termination**

In the event a dancer/family terminates participation in competition team anytime after the start of summer classes, there will be a drop fee. Choreography and Music fees are **non refundable.** Uniform fees are **non refundable** unless details not communicated to team at time of drop notice. Competition Fees will only be returned if unpaid to the event organization and the student drops before August 31st.

- Mini & Youth dancers will incur a $150 drop fee, due within 10 days of the student dropping competition team.
- Junior & Senior team dancers will incur a $300 drop fee, due within 10 days of the student dropping competition team.

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Performance Schedule

The season schedule will be communicated mid-summer or early fall. Many events do not communicate their next season dates sooner. Although the schedule is set in the fall, some changes may be necessary as the season progresses due to changes made by event organizers.

- Mini All Star dance team will attend one national’s event during season.
- Youth All Star dance team will attend one-two national’s event during season.
- Junior & Senior All Star dance teams will attend two national’s events during season.
- Junior All-Star team season goal is to obtain an at-large bid and compete one routine at The Dance Worlds in Orlando FL.
- Senior All-Star team season goal is to obtain paid bids and compete all routines at The Dance Worlds in Orlando FL.
- Halftime performances and other performances may be added during the season.

2020-21 Season Events (as of March 2020)

This schedule is not all-inclusive! Dates are subject to change. Not all teams will attend all listed events. Some events may not be attended at all.

- Holidazzle Cheer & Dance: December 5 (Brandon)
- DX Americup Dance Nationals: January 22-24 (MN) *Worlds Qualifier
- Valentines Day Classic: January 30 (Sioux Falls)
- WSA Championship: TBA (Sioux Falls) *Worlds Qualifier
- All Star Championships: February 26-27 (Madison WI) *Worlds Qualifier
- GLCC/The Showdown Grand Nationals: March 6-7 (Schaumburg, IL) *Worlds Qualifier
- Dakota Valley Classic: TBA (McCook Lake SD)
- CSG Dance Nationals: March 12-14 (Schaumburg IL) *Worlds Qualifier
- Main Stage Dance Competition & Workshops: April 10-11 (Sioux City IA)
- Shining Fame Dance: TBA (Worthington MN)
- The Dance Worlds: April 23-25 (Orlando FL)

Competition Dancers must attend one of the following Convention Events:

- MOVE Convention: July 10 (Sioux Falls)
- DX 3D Convention: November 7-8 (SD)

Fee Payment Process

***** Mandatory Fee Payment Process for All Competition Participants *****

Fees below will be applied to your account and due by the last day of each month. The fee amount is a CLOSE ESTIMATE of costs for the season.

- All fees made by check should be noted in the memo as “Competition Fee Pmt” and NOT be combined with other fees due.
- Credit card payments online MUST be applied to the competition fee payment charge or your fee will show unpaid. MUST Notify Ashley when making a credit card payment online for fees. Your payment will not be tracked properly if not communicated.
- Competition payments past due beginning December 1st will be accessed an 8% late fee per month (after 11/30) on the balance owed. (Ex. $500 owed Dec 16th fee of $40, $250 owed on Jan 15th fee of $20.)
- If estimated fees are less than actual fees needed to fulfill registrations, the difference and full balance is due by November 30th.
- If payments are more than actual fees needed, a credit will remain on our account and can be used for other fees/charges.
- If your dancer participates in a solo/small group, there is an additional fee amount listed below.
- Fundraising profit can be utilized for competition fees.

All competition families are required to sign a fee contract prior to participating. This is necessary to ensure we are receiving the lowest rates by submitting registrations early or on time. The contract should be submitted NO LATER THAN the first summer class. Failure to remit payment by the due date in full by the first competition will result in your dancer being removed from all team related events until payments are submitted.

The below estimated payments include the following projected fees:

- One Convention/Workshop Fee
- Team Competition Fees
- Nationals Event Participant Fees *Mini 1 event, Youth/Junior/Senior-2 events
- Nationals Note: CSG credit will be used for those registered in 2020.
- USAF Annual Athlete Membership Fee
- Team Uniforms *Mini/Youth $100 per uniform, Junior/Senior $200 per uniform
- Uniform Note: Estimated costs, may be less if any uniforms from 2019-20 used.
- Annual Coach Fee (Excludes Nationals Events)

- Mini Team Dancers: 6 payments of $200
- Youth Team Dancers: 6 payments of $225
- Junior/Senior Team Dancers: 7 payments of $250
- Solo & Small Group Dancers: 6 payments of $75
- Crossovers are encouraged to submit extra each month

Important Note: If you plan to use fundraising profit towards your monthly fee payments, the profit must be in your account at the time payment is due. Otherwise, submit payment as needed and simply request reimbursement at a later date when the profit is available to transfer.☺

Fundraising

All competition families are encouraged to fundraise. The Dynamic Parent Booster, a non-profit group is now organizing most fundraising events. ALL competition parents are encouraged to be a part of this group! A Parent Booster representative upon request will provide additional details.
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I have read the 2020-21 Competition Dance Team Information handout and fully understand it in its entirety.

I understand the fee process and payment schedule and agree to abide by it as outlined.

I understand missing monthly payments will result in a $15 late fee per month. In addition, competition payments past due beginning December 1st will be accessed an 8% late fee per month (after 11/30) on the balance owed.

Lastly, I understand that my dancer may not participate in team related events until payments are fulfilled.

I have addressed all of my concerns and/or questions to Coach Ashley or Tracy prior to signing and submitting this contract.

Parent ___________________________________________ Date ________________

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Signatures are expected of all parents responsible for the students’ dance related payments.