Showbiz Dance Company Competition Team 2023-2024 Information Packet



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Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide the governing rules and policies for Showbiz Dance & Apprentice Company Competition Teams. These rules will help maintain the professionalism and cohesiveness of the team.

Objective

The objectives of the dance team are to 1) develop leadership, 2) encourage dance school spirit, 3) provide entertainment at events approved by the Director, and 4) increase individual pride.

Membership Requirements

Dance team members must do the following:

- 1. Be enrolled as full-time dance students from July 2023-June 2024;
- 2. Adhere to all studio and Competition Team rules and policies;
- 3. Be physically capable of extensive rehearsing, conditioning, and dance workouts;
- 4. Be capable of getting personal items such as leotards, proper shoes, costumes, hairpieces, makeup, etc.;
- 5. Maintain high standards of appearance and character in the community and at dance events;
- 6. Participate in all mandatory performances, workshops, and conventions (to be determined by the Director);
- 7. Be prompt for practices and performances;
- 8. Wear proper attire to class;
- 9. Attend all team fundraiser events or make other arrangements;
- 10. Pay tuition on time or make payment arrangements with the Director; and
- 11. Attend extra practices (busy times are from January-May).

Admission

In order to become a member of Showbiz Dance or Apprentice Company, all new students and current members must audition. The Director of Showbiz Dance & Apprentice Company will make final selections for our teams after careful consideration and collaboration with other instructors.

Dancers who may qualify as potential candidates for our teams and have enrolled at Showbiz Kids & Dance Company after the audition process may be asked to privately audition for the Director. These dancers will only be allowed on our teams if the addition does not hinder choreography and costume selections.

Parents will be notified via email of their child's acceptance and placement on the Showbiz Dance Company Competition Teams.

Placement

Previous year's performance, class attendance, behavior, and attitude are considered when making selections for our teams! Please note that you are not guaranteed a spot on our team just because you audition.

The Director will place the students in the appropriate group according to several factors including age and ability. We have a "no correspondence" rule regarding artistic decisions and placement. The director and choreographers have a vision of what they want for each group and ask that you respect it. We care about each student and want to give them the best opportunity for success. Our groups are not like school classes where you move "up," it's more about the dancers' skills and style and how they fit together.

Dancers permitted into Dance Company must adhere to the following requirements:

- Choose dance as a priority over all other extracurricular activities
- Attendance to 3-4 Regional Competitions
- Attendance to 1 Dance Convention
- Attendance to In-House & Out-of-House Master Class Series
- Attendance to Bi-Weekly Saturday Classes & Rehearsals
- Participation in Community Performances, Christmas Show, and Year-End Recital
- Attends Company Lock-In (in February or March)
- Attends Showbiz Dance Company Summer Intensive July 15th -19th
- Take Private Technique lessons with Showbiz Faculty in a variety of dance styles
- Attend Stage One Nationals in June 2024

Communication

Showbiz Dance & Apprentice Company Information will be mainly communicated through **email**. It is important that you check your email regularly for updates on all things related to this team. It is the responsibility of the parent to keep your email address current in the parent portal. We will only hold inperson meetings when deemed completely necessary.

Please email <u>ccdt_showbiz@hotmail.com</u> when you have any questions or concerns. Or you can schedule a face to face meeting with studio owners Mrs. Tawanda & Ms. Dale, or Ms. Nia & Ms. Kya for further communication. Texting or personally calling the teachers or studio owners is not an appropriate form of communication. We ask that you respect our privacy and keep most communication through email, scheduled meeting, or calling the Showbiz number at 470-242-7253.

Probation & Termination of Membership

If a member fails to maintain the standards of conduct required, he/she will be disciplined and possibly dismissed from the company. These types of decisions will be made by the Director and her teaching staff. The following infractions may result in your child's dismissal from our teams:

- 1. Not in correct dance attire. This includes improper hairstyles, jewelry, and shoes. If attire is not correct on one occasion, the dancer and parent will receive one verbal warning via email. If attire is not correct on a second occasion, the dancer will not be allowed to attend one competition. If attire is not correct on a third occasion, the dancer will be dismissed from the team for the year (no refunds will be given for already paid fees).
- 2. **3 unexcused absences in a collective of all technique classes and rehearsals.** Unexcused absences are those in which prior communication was not given via phone or email at least 48 hours in advance. GroupMe, Texting or personally calling the Director, Studio Owners, or Teacher is **NOT** an appropriate form of communication for absences.
- 3. **Missing class and/or rehearsals the week prior and of competition.** Your dancer MUST be in classes the week prior to competition. Failure to attend for any reason short of illness or family emergency will result in immediate termination from the team.

Exceptions

Any exceptions to these rules and policies will be made by the Director and/or her teaching staff. Good judgment and common sense will be used when events are not covered in this document.

Attendance

Attendance is very important. Appointments should be scheduled at times that do not conflict with mandatory dance classes, workshops, and competitions. Note that rehearsals may be held on Saturdays or additional weekdays at the Director's or teacher's discretion.

Dancers must attend all technique classes. Dancers are allowed 2 excused absences in the Fall (August-December) and 2 excused absences in the Spring (January-June). An absence cannot occur the week before or the week of competition. Excused absences must be emailed to <u>ccdt_showbiz@hotmail.com</u> or called to Showbiz Kids & Dance Company at 470-242-7253 at least 48 hours in advance and cleared by the Director. Unexcused absences will not be tolerated.

- **Excused absences** are those in which a doctor's note has been provided (within 2 days) for an illness or injury, death in the family, or other emergency instance approved by Director. In all of these instances except illness with a doctor's note, Director MUST be given prior notice. Injured dancers must still attend all regular classes even if they are unable to dance. All excused absences must be made up with a **makeup class** approved by the Director. The dancer has one week after the excused absence to make up the class.
- **Examples of unexcused absences**: Dinner with family, too much homework, attending a birthday party, taking a night off after competition, being too tired for dance, having a headache, missing over half the beginning of a class, leaving class before it is halfway over, or only attending the first 1 out of however many classes in a day.

Dancers must attend all rehearsals. No absences are allowed from rehearsals. Dancers learn and clean their routines during this time so attendance at **EVERY** rehearsal is crucial. We want our dancers to be properly prepared for competition and this rule ensures that preparation.

Failure to attend all required technique classes and rehearsals will result in dismissal from the competition team.

Showbiz will follow the Paulding County School Calendars unless otherwise informed. The studio *may be closed* when there is inclement weather.

Standards of Conduct

Certain standards are necessary for the integrity and reputation of any leading organization. Members of the competition team are leaders within the studio and their schools. They should set positive examples at all times. Members are expected to maintain standards of character, personal habits, clothing, and appearance.

*There will be no public display of affection with boyfriends/girlfriends while at team functions.

*The use of profanity will not be tolerated by team members or their parents.

*Gossip or speaking of other team members negatively will NOT be tolerated from students or parents.

Monthly Tuition/Competition Fees/Costume Fees

Monthly Tuition

Tuition is based on a 10 to 11 month season. Some months have 3, 4, or 5 weeks. Regardless of the amount of weeks in the month, the full tuition is due. It will all even out in the end. All monthly tuition fees should be paid online via your Parent Portal or at the studio (do not put your tuition in the mailbox outside of the front office). Mrs. Tawanda Mickens will provide each parent with a statement only upon request, which outlines his/her payments and outstanding balances.

Updated 2023

Showbiz Dance Company Tuition Prices: Micro Mini Company Tuition - \$135 Mini Company Tuition - \$135-150 per month Petite Company Tuition - \$165 per month Junior Company Tuition - \$200 per month Teen/Senior Company Tuition - \$200-250 per month

Make Monthly Tuition Checks Payable To: Showbiz Kids Dance Company

Monthly tuition fees are due **on the 1st of every month**. A \$20 late fee will be applied to all tuition that is paid after the 5th. A fee of \$35 will be charged for all returned checks.

Tuition cannot be applied from one month to another for missed classes. There are no make-up classes (a substitute teacher will conduct class when a teacher is absence).

Company Fee

To accept your spot in Showbiz Dance & Apprentice Company Competition Team, all members must pay a **\$265 Company Fee**. This fee covers: Recital Fee, Company Lock-in, Company Photoshoot, & Company End of the Year Party.

The Company Fee will be included in the 10-Monthly Payment Plan.

Solo, Duet/Trio, & Specialty Group Selection & Fees

*Note – Solos, duet/trios, and specialty groups are completely OPTIONAL and require an additional time and financial commitment!

Only dancers who were members of the 2022-2023 Showbiz Dance Company Team are eligible for solos, duet/trios, and specialty groups this upcoming season. <u>THESE DANCES ARE INVITATION ONLY.</u> The Director and her teaching staff will determine whether or not a dancer is ready or deserves a these opportunities based on their performance at auditions and from the previous year.

All solo, duet/trio, and specialty group choreography will begin in July 2023. Dancers will learn their routine over the course of five 1-hour sessions or ten 30 minute sessions. Once choreography is complete, dancers are required to schedule six cleaning sessions with their choreographer. After that, it's the dancer's responsibility to continue to practice & rehearse the routine on their own. Additional private sessions with your dancer's choreographer can be scheduled per request. If the dancer does not keep the routine well maintained, they will not be permitted to compete it at competition. Payment plans for these routines are listed below. Failure to provide payment at on the due dates will result in termination of the routine. No exceptions!

Those who accept their solo, duet/trio, or specialty group position will be required to sign a contract which further details the requirements and information of their solo.

Solo Choreography Fee: \$400 Solo Cleaning Fee: \$210

Any Additional Private Sessions: \$35 per 30 minutes & \$60 per hour

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Duet/Trio Choreography Fee: \$400 (cost is split between the number of dancers) Duet/Trio Cleaning Fee: \$125 per dancer Any Additional Private Sessions: \$35 per 30 minutes & \$60 per hour

<u>Specialty Group Choreography Fee:</u> \$100 per dancer <u>Cleaning Fee:</u> \$125 per dancer

Any Additional Private Sessions: \$35 per 30 minutes & \$60 per hour

Payment Plans for Solo, Duet/Trio, & Specialty Groups *All payments must be made via Cash or Check to the choreographer on scheduled due dates

Option 1: Pay Choreography Fee in FULL on the first day of choreography. Pay Cleaning Fee in FULL on the first day of cleaning rehearsals.

Option 2: Pay Choreography Fee in two equal installments. Pay Cleaning Fee in two equal installments.

Option 3: Pay Choreography Fee in five or ten equal installments at the time of each choreography session. Pay Cleaning Fee in six equal installments at the time of each cleaning session.

*Note – Payment due dates will depend on routine scheduling. *Note – Dancers on scholarship are not permitted to compete a solo.

Competition Fees

Tawanda Mickens will provide a payment schedule for competitions as soon as the Director completes the competition schedule. Your competition fees will be based on your number of entries and the size of the group. Below is the general pricing guide for competition fees:

Solo - \$150 per competition Duet/Trio - \$90 per competition per dance Group - \$75 per competition per dance

*Note – Nationals Competition Fees may be higher in price. Nationals Competition Fees will NOT be included in the 10-Monthly Plan installment. They will be due May 1^{st} .

During competition season, if a team member quits his/her solo, duet, trio, or group number, fees for choreography, music, and studio time will still be due (fees are set by teacher and/or Director). After your competition fee is paid, you cannot receive a refund for any reason.

Convention Fees

All Showbiz Dance & Apprentice Company Members will attend one dance convention each season. Showbiz Dance Company Members will be attending **Revel Dance Convention** on <u>January 12-14, 2024</u>. The Convention Fee of **\$300.00** is due by Tuesday, November 1st.

*NOTE – Micro Mini Company Members are NOT required to attend a convention.

Costume Fees

Company Members are responsible for the purchase of all costumes. Costumes are **\$165 per routine**. All tights must be purchased separately. Accessories are included in the costume fee.

Company Members are responsible for the purchase of all Rhinestones for each costume. Rhinestones fees are separate from the costume fees. The amount needed for each dance differs so the quantity and price will be determined at a later date.

Costume Fee Pricing: *differs depending on how many competition dances your dancer is in. This is just the general guideline. This estimate does not include pricing if your dancer has a solo, duet/trio, or specialty group. You'll add on an additional \$165 for those costumes.

Micro Mini Company: \$340 Total

Competition Costumes - \$165
 Ballet Recital Costume - \$90
 Tap/Jazz Combo Recital Costume - \$85

Mini Company: \$670 Total

3 Competition Costumes - \$495 1 Ballet Recital Costume - \$90 1 Tap/Jazz Combo Recital Costume - \$85

Petite Company: \$750 Total

3 Competition Costumes - \$495
1 Ballet Recital Costume - \$90
1 Tap/Jazz Combo Recital Costume - \$85
1 Hip Hop Recital Costume - \$80

Junior Company: \$750 Total

3 Competition Costumes - \$4951 Ballet Recital Costume - \$901 Hip Hop Recital Costume - \$851 Lyrical Recital Costume - \$80

Teen/Senior Company: \$750 Total

3 Competition Costumes - \$4951 Ballet Recital Costume - \$901 Hip Hop Recital Costume - \$851 Lyrical Recital Costume - \$80

*Note – If we are able to re-use certain competition costumes from the 2022-2023 Dance Season, we will let you know at a later date which costumes will be reused. Dancers are welcome to re-use solo costumes at the teacher's discretion.

Production Routine

We are excited to announce that we'll be doing a Large Group/Production routine at competition this season. This is a routine where ALL Company Members perform in the same dance together. ALL Company Members (except Micro Mini) are required to perform in this routine. **The Production Fee is \$300.** This fee includes choreography & rehearsal time. ALL REHEARSALS FOR THIS DANCE WILL OCCUR EVERY OTHER SATURDAY BEGINNING IN AUGUST. A complete rehearsal schedule will be given in June or July 2023.

An additional prop fee may be required. We'll let you know at a later date if a prop will be utilized and the cost of the prop.

Payment Schedule & Payment Plans

Monthly Tuition, Competition Fees, Conventions Fees, Costume Fees, & more will be due on the 1st of the month. You can choose to do a 10 month payment plan where all fees (excluding tuition & solo fees) are totaled and divided up in 10 equal installments. Or you can do a Pay as You Go Plan where fees are due on the first of the month on a specific month.

All payments are due on due dates without exception. Showbiz Kids & Dance Company does not make special arrangements for payments to be made on a family's personal budget or pay schedule. Please do not ask for an exception. It is your responsibility to budget for these expenses. Fundraising opportunities will be arranged by a parent volunteer and are open to everyone.

All families are required to enter a credit or debit card in their portal. If payments are not made by the 1st, we will draft the card on file by the 10th of the month for any outstanding balances & late fees. If you fail to maintain a valid card on file, there will be a \$25 admin fee posted to your account for each month that a valid card is missing.

10 Month Payment Plan Schedule:

July 13th – \$300 Company Intensive Fee is due August 1st – Installment 1 is due + \$100 Production Fee Deposit + Tuition September 1st – Installment 2 is due + Tuition October 1st – Installment 3 is due + Tuition November 1st – Installment 4 is due + Tuition December 1st – Installment 5 is due + Tuition January 1st – Installment 6 is due + Tuition February 1st – Installment 7 is due + Tuition March 1st – Installment 8 is due + Tuition April 1st – Installment 9 is due + Tuition

Pay as You Go Plan Schedule:

July 13th - \$300 Summer Intensive Fee is due August 1st - \$300 Production Fee + Tuition September 1st - Costume Installment 1 is due + \$132.50 Company Fee is due + Tuition October 1st - Costume Installment 2 is due + \$132.50 Company Fee + Tuition November 1st - Costume Installment 3 is due + \$300 Revel Dance Convention Fee is due + Tuition December 1st - Costume Installment 4 + Tuition January 1st - Competition 1 Fee + Tuition February 1st - Competition 2 Fee is due + Tuition March 1st - Competition 3 Fee is due + Tuition April 1st - Tuition May 1st - Nationals Competition Fee + Tuition is due

Makeup and Shoes

Company Members are responsible for the purchase of all makeup and shoes necessary for competition. A makeup consultation will be scheduled so all dancers can be appropriately matched.

Dancers must have the appropriate style, color, and brand of shoes for competition. A list of all the correct shoes needed for each dancer will be given in August 2022. You are responsible for ordering the shoes your dancer needs. Competition shoes should not be worn in regular technique classes. This will prevent the shoes from getting worn out and dirty. Competition shoes should only be worn in rehearsals a month or two before competition.

Class Rules/Attire

Class Rules

The general classroom rules are as follows:

- 1. No food, beverages (other than water), gum, or candy are allowed in class.
- 2. No jewelry of any kind;
- 3. No sitting, talking, or moving your feet when a teacher is demonstrating (especially in tap class);
- 4. Follow the dress code set by your teacher and/or the Director;
- 5. No talking unless you're asking a question or answering a question directed to you. Raise your hand to be recognized;
- 6. Always respect your instructors and the art of dance;
- 7. Be kind and courteous to your classmates; and
- 8. Ask permission to join class if you are tardy (especially more than 15 minutes late).

Attire *update

The classroom attire rules were created by your teacher and/or the Director. They are as follows:

- 1. <u>Micro Mini & Mini Company</u>: **Girls** Solid pink leotard, pink ballet shoes, pink tights, tan jazz shoes, black tap shoes, hair in bun or in style that keeps hair out of face. No warmers, or other clothing that blocks ability to see and correct body, this includes shorts. Do *not wear panties* under leotards (they bunch up and can be seen through the tights). **Boys** Solid white top, can be A-frame or T-shirt, MUST BE TIGHT FITTING. black ballet shoes, dance belt, tights, OR tight fitting pants like jazz pants or jogging pants, no sweats or loose fitting baggy clothes
- 2. <u>Petite Company</u>: **Girls** Solid light blue leotard, tan tights (tap/jazz), pink tights (ballet), pink leather ballet shoes, tan jazz shoes, black tap shoes, tight fitted black shorts (tap/jazz only); no baggy clothes; **Boys** Jazz pants or shorts and a tight fitting tank top; no baggy clothes

- 3. <u>Junior Company</u>: **Girls** Solid lavender leotard, tan tights (tap/jazz), pink tights (ballet), pink leather ballet shoes, tan jazz shoes, black tap shoes, tight fitted black shorts (tap/jazz only); no baggy clothes; **Boys** Jazz pants or shorts and a tight fitting tank top; no baggy clothes shorts with a fitted top or camisole.
- 4. Teen/Senior Company: Girls Any solid color leotard, tan tights (tap/jazz), pink tights (ballet), pink leather ballet shoes, tan jazz shoes, black tap shoes, tight fitted black shorts or leggings (tap/jazz only); no baggy clothes; Boys- Jazz pants or shorts and a tight fitting tank top; no baggy clothes shorts with a fitted top or camisole.

Hip Hop – T-shirt & baggy pants

Private Technique Lessons

Private Lessons are available with all Showbiz Faculty. We highly encourage you sign your dancer up for private lessons to improve your dancer's technical & performance ability. The one-on-on training your dancer receives is crucial to their growth as a dancer. **Private lessons are \$35 for 30 minutes & \$60 for an hour.** A private lesson sign up will be sent via email each month.

Competition Attire

In order for our dancers to look professional when attending competition, all dancers must have and/or purchase the following uniform:

- 1. Showbiz Dance Company T-Shirt \$25
- 2. Showbiz Dance Company Jacket \$125
- 3. Black Leggings (with no visible logos)
 - Leggings cannot have rips, holes, stains, or faded colors
- 4. White or Black Tennis Shoes
 - Dancers are not allowed to wear any flip flops, sandals, or Crocs at competition

Fundraising

Team Fundraisers

Team fundraisers will be used to pay for teachers' expenses at competitions. Attendance is mandatory unless other arrangements have been made to cover your share of the teachers' expenses (Nationals only).

Personal Fundraisers

Each dancer has his/her own fundraising account. The money raised from personal fundraisers will go into the dancer's personal account. This money may be used towards Showbiz Dance Company Competition Team purchases and competition fees. We highly recommend you participate in fundraisers! This will help offset the cost of fees. We will do 3 to 4 personal fundraisers. Below are the approximate fundraiser months.

All fundraisers using ShowBiZ Kids & Company name should be approved by the Director. However, we are not responsible for personal fundraisers. This effort is purely parent led. There will be a parent volunteer who will serve as Fundraiser Chair. This person will be your point of contact for ALL things regarding fundraisers.

Nationals & Showbiz Dance Company Summer Intensive

We encourage our dancers to continue training either at Showbiz or attend an outside workshop/intensive during the summer months. Summer training is CRUCIAL to a dancer's growth because it gives the dancer an opportunity to take class without worrying about any performances. Company Members are required to attend the Showbiz Dance Company Intensive every year in July.

Showbiz Dance Company Intensive is Saturday, July 15th through Wednesday, July 19th, 2023. This intensive is MANDATORY for all Company Members. Any dancer who does not attend or does not make full payment for the intensive will forfeit their spot in this team. Dancers will take classes in Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Conditioning, Musical Theatre, Lyrical, & More. We have hired industry professionals in the Atlanta area to provide high quality, challenging instruction to help bring your child's technique & performance ability to the next level.

Showbiz Dance Company Intensive costs \$300 per dancer. This fee is due on Thursday, July 13th. Company dancers should also plan to either take classes in our 6-Week Summer Dance Session or take the Company Drop-In Classes on Tuesdays during the summer. Please refer to our website for more info.

We ARE attending a National Dance Competition for the 2023-2024 Dance Season.

Miscellaneous

- When choreography fees have been paid in full for solos, duets, and trios, performers own the routine as long as they continue to dance for ShowBiZ Kids & Company Competition Team.
- Dancers can use their solos, duets, and trios for drill teams, talent shows, etc., but they should give credit to the choreographer and studio whenever possible.
- If dancers leave Showbiz, their solo, duet, or trio may not be used in competition for another studio unless written consent is given by Showbiz.
- The Director will keep 15% of all competition winnings. The remaining 85% should be split by the performers in the group (a soloist keeps 85%). All trophies belong to the studio except for trophies won for solos.
- Showbiz Dance Company Competition Team usually has two annual parties: Christmas and Endof-the-Year. The kids exchange presents for these events. Although attendance is not mandatory, the parties do foster team spirit and give the kids an opportunity to hang out outside of the dance studio.
- All information regarding team commitments and important dates will be distributed by email.
- For a group to compete in an *optional* competition, all members must agree to compete and pay the competition fees.

Parents

Parents are advised not to critique their dancer (you may give them the wrong message). If you wish to discuss your child's progress, please set up an appointment with the teacher (do not use class time). Please do not discuss your child's progress in front of your child, another parent or student. Likewise, do not discuss another child's progress with your child or another parent. Be a cheerleader. Make sure your child practices and tell him/her that he/she is doing a great job. No child wishes to be inferior and children learn at different paces.

Updated 2023

To alleviate rumors and cascading problems, please discuss your concerns with the Director only. Do not discuss your problem or issue with another parent. Schedule an appointment to speak with teachers and the Director (do not use class time).

Please be mindful of the costs associated with competition team membership. In addition to the monthly tuition and competition fees, you are also responsible for costume costs (a single costume can cost \$100+), which may include the actual costume, rhinestones, shoes, accessories, etc. You will also incur cost for team paraphernalia that should be worn at competitions and other team events. The Director and teachers will make every effort to communicate all costs as soon as possible to allow you time to budget.

Each parent is required to participate on a committee during the course of the year. We are currently planning for 3 committees: Team Mom, Fundraiser, and Party Planning. Other committees may be announced later in the year.

Lastly, keep these rules and policies handy so you can refer to them. You and your child should sign the final page and turn it in to the Director.