

DANCE TEAM AGREEMENT- RISING STAR DANCE ACADEMY

Dear Student and Parents,

Welcome to another great year at Rising Star Dance Academy. ***Please read this carefully before signing both copies.*** Keep one for yourself and return the other with a completed registration form at the time of audition.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. GOOD ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY!!!** Over the years we have found that absenteeism creates many problems, including the following:
 - a. It is difficult and frustrating for a teacher to choreograph complicated formations when dancers are missing.
 - b. Students, both in class and those who are absent are left unsure of spacing and steps.
 - c. It wastes valuable class time when a teacher has to spend time reviewing for those students who have missed.
 - d. It is a negative influence on the dance team's unity and morale.We request that a student miss no more than 5 classes /discipline/ year. We understand that there may be some exception to the rule, but in general, we feel we are being more than fair. These absences must be excused. A sixth absence is reason for expulsion.
Any student with an unexcused absence (i.e. skipping class) will not be allowed to participate in the next competition, and may be asked to leave the team.
Students who are absent must make an effort to learn missed choreography from another class member.
Students should make up any classes that they miss. Make up classes count against absences.
- 2. PARTICIPATION:** We expect all dancers accepting a spot on a dance team to participate in all extra activities during the year, such as extra shows, all rehearsals and rap sessions. Teachers and/or Directors must be notified if students will be absent from any of these events before deadlines and entries are submitted.
- 3. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BE AT THE COMPETITION RAP SESSION.** Failure to attend may result in the student being unable to participate on the team.
- 4. ATTITUDE:** We expect all dancers to come to class with a positive attitude, ready to work hard. The team is only as good as the members want it to be. All team members will be expected to respect each other and the teacher. ***Bad attitude and behavior will result in expulsion from the team.***
- 5. DRESS:** Please come to class in proper dance wear - no sweats, jeans, baggy shorts, button down shirts, or baggy clothes of any kind. For ballet class, wear pink tights and black or navy blue leotard. You should have appropriate shoes for each class. Tie hair back securely before class so it does not fall out during class. **(A bun is preferred for all classes, and is a must for Ballet and Jazz classes with a hair net and pins)** NO gum in class. **Students will be sold a school outfit to be worn at competitions and conventions.** Be proud of your studio!
- 6. EXPECTATIONS:** We expect all dance team members to remain drug, alcohol and tobacco free. Any student found using one of these substance while representing Rising Star Dance Academy (i.e.: before/after class, while at competitions and recitals, or at studio sponsored events, etc.) will be immediately removed from the team.
- 7. NO CELL PHONES** are allowed in class. Please keep them in your locker or dance bag. RSDA is not responsible for lost or stolen articles.
- 8. COMPETITIONS & FESTIVALS:** We do two to five dance competitions/festivals per year. Participation is mandatory unless otherwise cleared with the directors. Competitions must take precedence over sporting events. As soon as possible, let your teacher know of any spring weekends that you may have school or family related conflicts. We will try to schedule around these if possible. ***Any student who misses class the week before a competition may be asked not to participate in that event and entry fees would be forfeited.*** The teachers and directors would make decisions regarding participation.
- 9. RECITALS & DRESS REHEARSALS:** Your team will be scheduled for 3 recital/dress rehearsals. **These are MANDATORY.** Recitals and dress rehearsals must take precedence over all sporting events. You must receive permission in advance from your teacher and/or directors to miss any of your scheduled performances. Failure to do this will result in your not being allowed to participate in the shows.
- 10. CHOREOGRAPHY:** All choreography is the property of the choreographer and permission to use the choreography outside of RDSA events is needed by the choreographer or the directors of RSDA.

11. **EMAILS-** students are responsible for checking emails and the web page for all current information, schedules and rehearsals.

PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. You must call whenever your child will be absent from class, extra practice, or a scheduled activity. If you know in advance please **give it in writing** to your child's teachers or the directors. We cannot possibly keep track of every student without your help.
2. Please try to get your child to class on time (this means walking into the classroom door on time not the studio). Please call if they will be extremely late.
3. Communication is one of the keys to a successful team. Please let us know of any problems before they get too big. Parents must also be team players. Gossiping can lead to team expulsion.
4. We expect all dancers accepting a spot on a dance team to participate in all extra activities during the year, such as extra shows, all rehearsals and rap sessions. Teachers and/or Directors must be notified if students will be absent from any of these events before deadlines and entries are submitted
5. **AT LEAST ONE PARENT IS REQUIRED TO BE AT THE COMPETITION RAP SESSION.** Failure to attend may result in the student being unable to participate on the team.
6. Payments are due on the 1st of the month and will not be refunded for withdrawals within the month. Withdrawal is only after a **withdrawal form has been completed at RSDA.** The date of absence is not considered the departure date. No student will be admitted into class with any unpaid balance. **Over and above your saturation rights, you further have the right to cancel this agreement with written notification until November 30th of the given year, therefore no refunds will be issued after November 30th of each year.** All outstanding payments, including costume costs and entry fees, are the responsibility of the client. **There is a \$10.00/month+ GST late charge on all payments past their due dates.** All outstanding payments will be made to RSDA for tuition, costumes, and performance fees before costumes are released. All fees are subject to change. **Once a student is registered, withdrawals are subject to a \$30.00 administrative fee.**
7. We will ask for two costume deposits throughout the year. The first one will be for \$120; the other will be for \$60. You can expect the total costume cost for the year to be between \$200.00 and \$500.00. **Please write these dates on your calendar,** and *leave pre-authorized Visa/MasterCard or postdated cheques at the time of registration.* This is for team costumes only: there is a \$40 plus GST per costume deposit for each additional class.
Costume deposit #1 due: Oct 14th - \$120
Costume deposit #2 due: Nov 14th - \$60 **Final Costume balances Due February.**
8. Competition & convention fees must be paid on time. **You are responsible for all fees once students have been entered.** After entry fees have been submitted there will be a \$10.00 + GST late charge for any student wishing to be late entered. Total event fees for the year can be between \$50.00 and \$600.00, and are non-refundable once registered through RSDA. Administration fees are non-refundable.
9. **One to two parents of each dance team are expected to work backstage during competitions, Festivals and recitals. We ask all parents to leave \$100 cash, cheque or credit card payment (postdated for February 1st) at time of registration for Volunteer Fee and once your volunteer commitment has been filled your money will be returned. Volunteer commitments can include, dressing room assistant at Competitions, Festivals or Recital, helping at Picture day, or ask the front desk staff if there is anything else you could do to meet your requirements.**
10. Parents are responsible for checking emails and the web page for all current information, schedules, rehearsals and invoices.
11. Parents are responsible for paying a \$5 team kit supply fee. Due upon registration

I have read the agreement and consent to adhere to all policies:

Student signature
Date

Date

Parent signature

(Please Print Clearly)

TEAM INFO _____

Student's Name _____

Parent's Names _____

If you have any questions regarding the agreement or anything else, please contact us at 669-2369.

Absences/Dates _____