



## Attendance CONTRACT for Competition Team Dancers & Parents

Think “**team work!**” As we perform at various locations (some of them on basketball courts where the audience sits above us and can easily see our formations), not only does the dancing need to be as close to perfect as possible, but the spacing and formations also must be top-notch. When a dancer is absent prior to a show (without prior permission), the entire team must re-do the spacing and formations of the whole dance all over again, to compensate for that one missing dancer. This is such a waste of dance time and such a hassle for the dancers who are in attendance. \*We feel that after those adjustments are made, it is unfair to ask the same dancers to CHANGE BACK to the way the dance used to be, just because another dancer didn’t show up to class, prior. So, as a result of many such experiences, we have developed these rules for our performance teams:

1. **ABSENT FOR CLASS:** Every dance class is important, but the two classes prior to a performance are critical. If a dancer misses the classes prior to a performance (without prior permission), she will not dance in that performance, and she may become an alternate for that dance (see \* in above paragraph).  
If she is ill on the class day prior to the show, there is no guarantee she will be well by the upcoming show date, thus we will re-do the formations and she may become an alternate.
2. **MISSING A PERFORMANCE:** If a dancer misses a performance (without prior permission), she will not dance in the next performance either, and may become an alternate for that dance (see \* in top paragraph).
3. **ALTERNATES: We hope we never have to have alternates!** If all dancers have great attendance, and all are progressing in their dance technique and working hard, then alternates will not be needed!!! A dancer may become an alternate if:
  - A. She become injured/ill and falls behind, needing time to recover.
  - B. She falls behind because of lack of commitment, interest and dependability.
  - C. She misses a performance or class prior to a performance.

**Note: School (academics) comes first!** We understand that things come up that may occasionally conflict. Competition Team emails are sent to you continually during the year. If you receive a performance calendar with a show date where you have already schedule something **important** (vacation, school academic activities) if you let us know IMMEDIATELY (by the next day) we will work with you. If we do not hear from you IMMEDIATELY, it is assumed that your dancer will be dancing.

4. **COMPETITION/CONVENTION FEES:** The organizers of every Competition we attend charge a fee per dancer, \$12-\$25 per dance we’re competing. They also charge a convention (classes) fee of \$130-\$160. (Younger teams attend only one convention.) Once we have registered and paid our fees, they are non-refundable. If your dancer, for any reason (illness, absent from class prior to the competition) is not able to participate in the competition, her fees cannot be refunded by our studio because the Competition does not refund the fees to us. (We have fund-raisers to help with these fees!)

### A PERSONAL NOTE TO PARENTS FROM DEBBIE:

There have been times in the past where parents have withheld dance participation from their dancers as a means of discipline/punishment. (i.e. a dancer not doing chores at home or failing to maintain satisfactory grades at school or has developed and “attitude” with parents) and parents have kept that dancer from participation or rehearsal. Please note that at the competition team level, this punishes not only that dancer, but the entire team as well as the teachers and the studio. We wholeheartedly support you parents in raising your wonderful daughters, but please, do not negate what the studio and dance teachers are endeavoring to teach your dancer. Please, as punishment, do not withhold her opportunity to rehearse/perform.

**Parents, please don't send this form to auditions. If your dancer is placed on a team, please bring this to our June 8 Parents Meeting. Thank you. :)**

**I have read, understand, and agree to the above contract:**

Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Dancer \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_