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COMPETITIVE INFORMATION 2022 - 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the competitive team! Last year was a great year with lots of success and growth. I am excited for our students to continue to show-off their talents and invite new talent to our competitive team.

Firstly, I want to remind all students and parents of the dedication and commitment that is involved in being part of such an amazing experience. It is very important that your child attends every class and learns the choreography and asks the instructor for help when needed! The technique classes are just as important as the choreography classes. We want to ensure all students are training to not only become energetic performers, but technical dancers as well. You need to notify us for any absences so we can inform the instructor and make any necessary arrangements.

We understand that money can be a concern. We have tried to keep our fees as low as possible and we are offering a competitive and professional development program which will allow students to attend as many as 5 classes a week. These 5 classes can include choreography classes for groups only. However 2 of these classes must be technique classes. The cost for this program is \$275 plus tax per month and an additional \$65.00/month plus taxes, per class if your child decides to do more than 5 classes. The cost for duets/ trios or solos is as follows:

- Groups for September to June (min of 4) one hour per week, 34 classes = \$708.75 per year/per person (this is for children not attending the competitive or professional development program)
- Duo/trio (min of 2 max of 3) 1 hour classes per week 34 classes = \$892.50 per year/per person.
- Solo (max 1 student) half hour per week for 13 hours = \$945.00 per year

*Applicable taxes will be added at time of registration. The prices above do not include applicable taxes

These fees are just for the choreography and do not include the entry fees for competition. **Note:** each competition charges different amounts. This is just a rough estimate: Solo = \$65.00, duet/trio = \$40.00 per person, group = \$35.00 per person. When I receive the information from each competition I will notify you ASAP!

We encourage the dancers to take advantage of the FREE studio space to practice (see office staff for more details). The instructor reserves the right to recommend that a dancer(s) requires additional practice outside of the regular class time. If necessary, the instructor will require the dancer to take a private lesson with them to catch up or clarify the choreography. Additional private class fees will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian or student.

I am excited to start another great and successful year with all the returning and new students. If you have any questions email me at dancinstarsbc@gmail.com. On behalf of my staff and myself, I thank you and look forward to a new and exciting year!

What is the competitive team?

The competitive team is a group of students who enjoy performing, want to challenge themselves and wish to compete against other dance schools. In this team, students choose what they would like to compete in. i.e. if a student really enjoys ballet then they would learn a dance routine that would be used to compete with other schools in the lower mainland. Not only will the team be dancing in local competitions and festivals but also dancing in various shows, fundraisers, and local events.

What is competition?

Competition is when dance schools compete against each other and are adjudicated by professional dancers and choreographers. When the dance routines are entered they are matched with other dancers who are of the same age and skill level. The students compete for medals, trophies, and scholarships. It is important to realize that when we enter competition it isn't about winning but experiencing the excitement of being on stage and improving by listening to the feedback and enjoying the whole competitive atmosphere in a positive manner.

How do I know that my child is ready for competitions?

When you sign up for the competitive team it is a big commitment! In order to get the full experience students must be motivated, dedicated and love to dance! Choreography needs to be ready by March. It is important that students attend each class so that they know the new choreography and can go on stage with confidence. In the first year, we suggest the student compete in two dance numbers. This will allow your child to get the full experience and decide if this is something they would like to do more of or continue recreationally. If your child loves to dance in front of an audience and can't stop dancing around the house this is probably the best experience for them!

What happens if the team wins a trophy or cash prizes?

In many of these competitions, students may receive trophies. Students who win in a solo get to keep the trophies! With a duet or trio the trophy will be shared for the year between the students and given back to the studio later on or kept at the studio the entire time.

This is up to the students, parents, teacher and director. In the case that a group wins a trophy it will be displayed at the studio. When students and studio receive cash prizes the money will stay with the studio and shared between the students who won and put towards next years fees or fundraising for the group to attend other competitions, workshops etc. We feel that this is the best way to distribute the money since the competitions give money as scholarships for dance.

What is the goal of a competitive team?

The goal of competition is to win but to enjoy the experience of being on stage and performing. When we decided to set up a competitive team we all had the same goal and that was to ensure that children have the opportunity to perform and challenge themselves. One of the great advantages of competition is having the opportunity to take master classes with famous dancers, choreographers, and the chance to audition for national teams. We are extremely dedicated to making sure that each and every child has a good time performing each dance to the best of their ability and to constantly challenge themselves!

When is competition?

The competition season starts after January and is generally on the weekends and evenings! However, some of the festivals and competitions do run during the week. Students may have to miss school. We try our best to have the children compete on the weekends. We will be sending a list of competition dates and times A.S.A.P!

Attendance

Training is just as important as performing. Failure to attend both training and performing classes will result in not being able to perform/compete in upcoming events. If the student misses too many classes (at the director's/instructor's discretion), a re-choreography/spacing fee of \$100 will be charged. Failure to show at a competition without adequate notice will result in the student being terminated from the competitive program. The student will still be obligated to pay for the remainder of the program and fees.

How can parents/guardians be involved?

We have a committee of parents who are involved in brainstorming, fundraising, carpools, and phone networks. The committee meets once a month to discuss upcoming events ideas and general information. These meetings are open to every parent whose child is on the competitive team. Please inform Sonica if you are interested! Remember you are an important part of the whole experience. Please feel free to talk to the teachers at anytime, they are here for you and want to help!

What classes will I participate in?

Every student on the competitive team must take two technique &/or classes a week. It is extremely important that he/she develops with adequate training and muscle development. Here are suggestions of classes that will help insure that each child develops, and strengthen their technique. The classes are as follows:

- Ballet - Ballet and/or Modern
- Jazz - Ballet
- Tap – Jazz and/or Ballet
- Hip Hop – Break Dance and/or Jazz
- Break Dance- Hip Hop
- Acro – Ballet and/or Jazz
- Musical Theatre - Jazz and/or ballet

We also have a professional development class that allows the students to take as many as 5 classes a week in any discipline. These classes will ensure that your child is getting the best training at a lower rate. Please ask us for more details.

Outside Dance Groups

Dancin' Stars does not encourage students to belong to any additional dance groups or dance studios outside of Dancin' Stars as any student that does belong to another dance group or dance studio could potentially let their team down by having a conflicting performance schedule. This would not be fair to your peers or studio if you have a conflict. Please be respectful and committed to your fellow dancers as well as Dancin' Stars.

What are the fees?

We have tried to keep fees as low as possible to ensure that each and every child has the opportunity to compete. The two mandatory classes will be the regular school fees, the fee for the choreography classes will be as follows:

- Group (min of 4 students) 1 hour per week = \$945.00
- Duo/trio - 1 hour per week = \$892.50
- Solo - 1/2 hour per week 13 hours = \$708.75

When teachers are choosing groups they may ask your child to participate in groups, duet/trios, and solos. It is your decision on what groups, trip, duos, and solos you participate in. We also have the professional and competitive development program that allows students to take up to 5 classes a week for \$275.00/month plus tax, and if he/she would like to attend more classes, it would be an extra \$75.00/month plus tax, per class. We have kept the prices low so that students have the opportunity to develop in many areas of dance and learn from a variety of teachers.

We offer competitive programs for all ages and levels. Here are the available options. **The minimum requirement for any competitive student is two technique classes.** Please note that these prices (only include the cost of the dance class) do not include exams, costumes, and competition fees.

Pricing

SOLO'S

2 Classes - includes 15% off second class = \$1,300.03(includes GST)

Solo Competitive Choreography (½ hour lessons equivalent to max. 13 hours) = \$992.25 (includes GST)

Total Cost = \$2,292.28 (includes GST)

The Monthly Fee = \$229.23 (includes GST)

DUO'S & TRIO'S

2 Classes - includes 15% off second class = \$1,300.03 (includes GST)

Duo/Trio Competitive Choreography (1 hour lessons) = \$937.13 (includes GST)

Total Cost = \$2,237.16 (includes GST)

The Monthly Fee = \$223.72 (plus GST)

GROUPS

2 Classes - includes 15% off second class = \$1,300.03 (includes GST)

Group Competitive Choreography = \$744.19 (includes GST)

Total Cost = \$2,044.22 (includes GST)

The Monthly Fee = \$204.42 (includes GST)

Professional Development Program

Love dance?! Looking at taking more than three classes a week? We have the perfect program for you! The PDP Program is geared to dancers wanting up to 5 hours of dance per week (up to five dance classes) including technique, recital, and group competitive classes. In this program you can take up to two group competitive classes only. It's a great deal!

The Monthly Fee = \$275.00 plus 5% tax = \$288.75

Team bags & Tracksuits?

When you register for the competitive team, you will be given a Dancin’ Stars clothing item! With this item, you are expected to wear it at all competitions, festivals, recital and any other event the team may be involved in. The competitive clothing item is a part of our identity and all dancers are required to wear their tracksuit at all competitions, performance etc. Bags is an extra cost \$50.00 plus GST.

How do I register for the team?

Book an appointment with Sonica in the office to fill out a registration form. Please note that this is a year commitment and each student who that signs up will be expected to compete in every competition, festival or event! If you would like any more information we can be reached at the office at 604-524-3516 or by e-mail at dancinstarsbc@gmail.com, you can also go online to our website and register, www.dancinstarsbc.com.

I _____ have read, understood and will comply all of the competitive information (*rules and regulations*) for Dancin’Stars & High Note School of Performing Arts. I have also read understood and will comply with the Dancin’Stars & High Note School of Performing Arts 2022/2023 expectations.

Student’s Signature _____ Date _____

Parent’s Signature _____ Date _____