



## 2024-25 COMPETITION TEAM INFORMATION

Our mission is to build confidence and excellence through the art of dance. This competition team will give our students the opportunity to grow in a team atmosphere while creating amazing memories.

### **Why should I consider the competition team?**

Competition dance is a great way to create lifelong memories, encourage a dancer to grow in their ability to pursue excellence with discipline, and to accelerate their acquisition of new skills. Building life experiences such as learning how to win and lose, how to be a part of a team, responsibility, and having fun while doing it, are all important parts of achieving maturity.

### **What does this look like?**

We will have a weekly technique class (in addition to their regular class) which will focus on developing choreography and perfecting the student's role in the dance. It will also be fun.

### **How does each student get chosen for a dance?**

The students will be selected by skill level, work ethic in class, and the needs of the choreography.

### **When do they learn the choreography?**

If a child gets chosen for a dance, the listing of dancers and the schedule will be posted in advance for a choreography rehearsal weekend. These rehearsals will be mandatory for the dancer who wishes to be included in the number. Choreography weekends are necessary for our dancers to learn and perfect our choreography without sacrificing technique growth. Each dancer will have one weekend to learn the choreography.

When the announcement is posted for the selection of dancers, you will have a deadline to commit and pay the choreography fee. This year we expect to have each dancer participate in two dances.

### **What is the time commitment?**

- An additional weekly technique class.
- Choreography Weekends (estimated 2 weekends during the early fall).
- Competition Weekend (estimated 3 weekends during the spring)
- We will offer optional experiences such as conventions and additional classes to help the students grow.
- You will receive a calendar at the end of August with all the dates so that you can plan in advance.

### **What is the financial commitment?** (this information is subject to change)

- The monthly technique class fee is \$60 (in addition to regular class fee)
- The Choreography Weekend fee is \$60.
- A costume payment schedule will be set up in order to split the cost once the costumes are chosen.
- Competition Weekend: The entry fees will be calculated per dance and determined by each competition's rates.
- Additional Expenses: Team Jacket, Earrings

- In order to make this financially possible for all of our students, we may have fundraisers. Please share with us any fundraising ideas you have.

### **How do I get started?**

In order to enter the competition team selection process, you must sign up for our competition team technique classes. To do so, contact Linsy Wells by clicking "CONTACT US" on [www.dancewells.com](http://www.dancewells.com) and filling out the contact form. Be sure to indicate that you wish to sign up for the competition team technique class in the message dialog box.

This techniques class is different than the normal techniques class schedule as shown on the classes page of our website. The competition team techniques classes will start on Tuesday, August 6, 2024. At the end of August, we will have auditions to select dancers for the team from the students who are participating in the technique class, select the dances, and other special opportunities. At this point, the parents/guardians will receive a packet with finalized dates, fee schedule, and any commitments necessary. We will then ask our dancers and their parent/guardian to sign a commitment contract.