



COMPETITION GUIDELINES 2017-2018

Parents & Dancers –

Included in this packet is information regarding competition fees, dates, deadlines, and guidelines for the 2017-2018 Competition season. Please review all of the information thoroughly to be ready for Competition Registration.

Payments:

Your monthly payment will always be due on the 1st of every month (August – May). Please make checks payable to JLDS. If a payment is not received by the upcoming competition you will not be allowed to compete. In order to participate in a competition you must have a balance of \$0 in your Competition account. Any credits you may acquire during the year will be applied to your Competition account. We are also working on an online payment option!! Watch for more detailed info soon!

Refunds:

No refunds will be granted. If you chose to withdraw from competition your monthly fee will remain. This includes injury (unless in extreme circumstances). Once your contract is submitted to Janet Lang/Byron Dance Academy, you are committed to each monthly payment from August 2017 through May 2018.

Competition Apparel:

Competition jackets, pants, t-shirts, and other fun apparel will be available for purchase. Extra competition apparel is not required, but is a fun way to show off your team identity!!!! We will have items for sale soon! Watch for more info!

Birth Certificate:

A copy of each dancer's birth certificate is required in case if there is any question concerning a dancer's age at a Competition. Please make a copy of birth certificate and submit to JLDS/BDA before the first competition. You must have submitted your birth certificate in order to compete. Those dancers who are returning to Competition, please verify with Cindy Hanson that she has your birth certificate on file.

Class Attendance:

In joining a Competition Team it is required and expected that you attend each class as well as your regular technique classes. If it is likely you will be missing more than 2 classes before the first Competition, it is strongly advised you do not register to participate in Competition. If a student is missing class it is at the teacher's discretion if they will compete in the upcoming Competition. In any case where a teacher feels a student is not ready to compete no refunds will be granted for the Competition entry fee.

Disclaimer:

Please note that JLDS, BDA, and Competition staff will NOT be responsible for any injury sustained while rehearsing, taking class, traveling, or competing while on a JLDS/BDA Competition Team.

Extra Practices:

We have found it to be very beneficial for both dancers and coaches to begin rehearsing in August. We are working on this schedule, and we plan to have it finalized soon. We understand that families may already have activities, vacations, etc. scheduled, and we will excuse dancers for these reasons.

Closer to the Competitions extra practices may be scheduled to assure readiness for the upcoming Competition. If extra practices are scheduled parents and students will be notified in advance. All extra practices are MANDATORY! There will be no extra fee for any extra practices that may be scheduled; this is included in the registration fee.

Fundraising:

In efforts to keep costs at a minimum, fundraising opportunities will be available for those in Competition.

Fundraising is NOT required. It is up to each individual dancer and their family if they want to be involved in fundraising. Only those who do participate in fundraising will receive the benefits.

Remember.....all profits you make in your efforts go directly to YOUR account!

Class Requirements for Competition Dancers:

It is mandatory that students remain in their required classes for the entire year. If a student is missing an inexcusable amount of class or if they discontinue their required classes they will not be able to compete. ALL COMPETITION DANCERS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE A BALLET CLASS. In addition, it is required that whatever dance you are performing, you must also be taking a technical class of that discipline. For example, if you are performing in the Tap routine, you should be taking a tap class. Competition Classes are strictly choreography classes, so it is assumed that dancers will be taking a technical class as well. To maximize the schedule, this year there will be a few competition classes that will combine regular class. We will be sure to clarify which teams include a regular class as part of their competition class. These classes will be longer in length as well.

The instructors at JLDS/BDA and the Competition Coaches will all be working together as a team and monitoring attendance and attitude for ALL classes! When you make a commitment to a Competition Team, you MUST live up to the expectation that you are maintaining and improving upon your dance skills. Therefore, you must ATTEND your classes regularly, and you must also consistently put forth 100% effort in a positive manner. If a Competition Dancer is not upholding this part of the agreement, the Competition Coaches reserve the right to have a discussion immediately with the dancer. If the attendance and/or attitude is not improved upon after the discussion, the Competition Dancer will be excused from his/her Competition Team with NO REFUNDS.

We realize that there may be times where a situation demands an exception from the above rule. For example, a death in the family may warrant an extended period of absence due to a funeral. When these unexpected situations arise, we ask that communication directly to the Competition Coach, Wendy, or Cindy be initiated.

Because we feel very strongly that Competition Dancers are part of a unique dance family, representing JLDS/BDA and because we want to protect the integrity of JLDS/BDA Competition TEAMS.....Competition Dancers MUST take their required dance classes solely at JLDS/BDA. JLDS will be offering many additional classes with guest instructors, which will give Competition Dancers plenty of diverse opportunities to experience growth and challenges!! Many of these additional classes will be offered at a discounted rate – a “perk” for Competition Dancers. It is expected that Competition Dancers will take advantage of as many additional dance opportunities as possible (taking into consideration time and financial decisions).....and that these additional dance opportunities will be at JLDS/BDA. Any classes and/or performances outside of JLDS/BDA MUST be approved by Wendy. If a Competition Dancer is found to be participating in classes and/or performances outside of JLDS/BDA without permission, he/she will be excused from Competition Dance at JLDS/BDA without refunds. RDC and CDT are currently the ONLY supported performance opportunities.

Community Service Projects:

Being part of a JLDS/BDA Competition Team is truly an honor. You have worked hard to achieve this level of excellence in your dance training. Let’s celebrate your dedication and work together to give back to our community! Not only will these efforts make you feel “good”, they represent the kind of TEAMWORK we want to encourage with our Competition Dance Program. It is expected that each Competition Dancer will participate in at least one Community Service Project during the 2017-2018 Competition Season.

Mandatory Team Bonding Activities:

Competition Teams consisting of confident dancers who fully support each other, dance well and wholeheartedly together, take time to establish! Class time is focused on learning choreography; therefore, team bonding activities outside of Competition Class will be scheduled. Competition Dancers are required to participate in these activities in order to build the kind of Competition Teams we want to represent JLDS/BDA. Any conflicts with mandatory team bonding activities must be communicated immediately.

In addition, Competition Dancers should show support of other TEAMS from JLDS/BDA by coming to watch solos/duets/trios and other group routines when possible! You all know how much it means to you to have your fellow Competition Dancers support your performances by watching, cheering, sharing your accomplishments.....reciprocate that support!

End of the Year Performance:

In the past, we have hosted an additional show to highlight the competition routines and to recognize our graduating seniors. This year, all Competition Team routines will perform in the annual recital! This will be a great way to end the dance year.....and also a fantastic way for you all to show off your talent to your family and friends who are not able to travel to competitions. Solos/Duets/Trios will be invited to perform at Winter Showcase, and SENIOR dancers will be invited to perform their solos/duets/trios at the annual recital.

JLDS/BDA Competition Family Staff:

We are excited to announce the 2017-2018 JLDS/BDA Competition Family Staff:

Wendy, Michaela K, Micaela I, Erica, Brian, Daniel, Jayke, Liz
With support from Mikaela S, Sam, Sydney
AND Cindy, too!

Competition Code of Ethics:

We have come up with the following Competition Code of Ethics to remind dancers and parents of the mission statement of Competition Team Dance:

T is for ***TREAT*** your fellow dancers, dancers from other studios and teams, instructors and coaches with RESPECT!

E is for ***EXCEL***. This word needs no explanation!

A is for ***ATTEND*** all dance classes with a positive attitude and with the knowledge that this is your opportunity to improve your individual skills; thus improving the overall strength of your team.

M is for ***MEASURE*** your team success NOT by the number of trophies, medals, or awards you receive.....but by working your hardest to reach and achieve the goals set by your team. This is success.

Feel free to contact us with any questions you may have throughout the season.
Thank you!

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Please keep a copy of the Competition Guidelines for future reference.