

## **Expressions Dance Academy Competition Team Contract 2022-2023**

**Objective:** The objective of the Expressions Dance Academy Competition Team Contract is to provide Competition Team members with a listing of the rules and policies that must be adhered to in order to continue being a member of the Competition Team. The policy must be read, signed, dated, by the dancers themselves and a legal guardian and returned to the Competition Team directors (Miss Jennifer or Miss Kelly) either digitally or hard copy before the end of September 2022. Any dancer that has not turned in a signed Expressions Dance Academy Competition Team Contract by the end of September 2022 will not be permitted to continue in their Competition Team classes until they have done so.

### **Classes:**

- Competition classes will be either an hour or a half hour depending on how long the directors feel the class should be for the age and level. Any “closed classes” (closed classes are defined as solos, duos, trios, or groups that are hand-picked by the people in them) will be a half hour long.
- Most group competition classes will have designated technique times that is MANDATORY for the dancers to attend (the exception is the Mini Comp Team). These classes are essential.
- Competition team classes are divided into three tiers: Mini, Regionals and Nationals. Read below for descriptions.
- **Mini Competition Class:** This class is for students ages 3-6 years old. Class will only be an hour long, no mandatory technique time other than the time of the actual class. Dancers will do 2 dances (a jazz and a tap) that will be competed at 3 regionals competitions. They will be required to purchase 2 costumes at \$85 each, and 3 comp fees of \$65 each dance at each competition for a total of \$365 in costume and competition fees. There is no enrollment fee for the mini comp team. The Mini comp team will be attending the same regionals as the Regionals Competition Team Classes.
- **Regionals Competition Classes:** These classes are open and available to all dancers at Expressions Dance Academy (Ages 7 through Adult). Regionals Classes will learn their dances early in the year to be able to perform them at local events as well as competition. Regionals Classes will attend 3 competitions. The cost to be on the Regionals dance team is \$85 monthly tuition for the months of September – May. With this \$85 fee, your dancer can take as many Regionals classes as they want – no additional charge for additional regionals classes. Please note however that each regionals class will have a \$85 costume fee and \$65 competition fee for each of the three competitions. The \$85 costume fee per regionals class will be due end of October of the current dance year. Group Competition Fees are due by the end of November of the current dance year.
- Some of the classes are divided by age group. See below for age groups. Ages are as of September 1 of the current dance year.
  - Mini: Ages 3-6
  - Junior: Ages 7-10
  - Teen: Ages 11-14
  - Senior: Ages 15-19
  - Adult: Ages 20 and up

- If you are a new enrollee in the regionals competition team, you will have to pay \$125 enrollment fee with which you will get a bag filled with everything you need to start up. If this is not your first year, you can “refill” your enrollment and not have to pay the full \$125 if you are just missing a few items. With this fee you will receive:

- Rhinestone Hair Accessory
- Rhinestone Choker
- Rhinestone Earrings
- Body Tight
- Black Tank Style Leotard
- Practice Nude Pair of Turners (Please note that this a practice pair only and to be used at rehearsal in the studio) They must have a nice pair if they are in a contemporary class
- Dance Bag filled with: bobby pins, safety pins, ponytail holders, hairspray, gel, eyeliner, mascara, eyeshadow, blush, lipstick, and hair net for bun, bun former

This fee is due by the end of September of the current dance year for full enrollment items or refill items. If at any point you lose some of the above listed items, it will be your responsibility to replace the items. Please do not ask the directors to do this. You can get most everything online at either [www.discoutdancesupply.com](http://www.discoutdancesupply.com) or [www.dancewearsolutions.com](http://www.dancewearsolutions.com). You can also check Kicks Dancewear on 28th and Breton, they usually have most of the items.

- Regionals classes offered will be Acro, Jazz, Hip Hop, Tap, and Contemporary. Even though there will be a wide variety of ages in these classes, we assure you that the teachers will push the different ages and levels to the best of their ability.
- Regionals classes includes an amount of time be dedicated to technique, toning, and flexibility. There are certain technique classes your dancer is required to attend depending on the classes they are taking. However, all dancers are invited & encouraged to come to any of the technique times at no additional charge regardless if you are in the class “attached” to it. Here are the available technique times:
  - Mondays 6:00pm – 7:30pm (Mandatory for: Regionals Hip Hop & Nationals Hip Hop)
  - Tuesdays 6:00pm – 7:30pm (Mandatory for: Regionals Jazz/Contemporary, Nationals Jazz/Contemporary)
  - Thursdays 6:00pm – 7:30pm (Mandatory for: Regionals Acro)
- Closed Classes (Solos, Duos, Trios, Small Groups): If your dancer wishes to take a solo class and have it be considered a “competition team” solo (which means they are eligible to compete their solo and perform at other venues as time allows). Dancers can choose to do 1 solo for \$85 a month, or two solos for \$100 a month. With either selection, the dancer will get a half hour dedicated time spot during the week. Duos and Trios are an additional \$55 per dancer per month. Small groups (4 or more dancers) are an additional \$40 per dancer per month as well. The dancer MUST be part of a regular Competition Team class to be eligible to have their solo count as a Competition Team solo. In these “closed classes” you may choose the other dancers you are in the class with, and you can choose to attend additional competitions and/or nationals. ALL dancers in the closed class must agree BEFOREHAND as to what their plans for the year and notify their teacher.
- Tuition is charged September – May. Please remember that these fees are due the first week of each month, unless you are set up for auto pay in which case you can select the first of the month or the 15th of the month. Your monthly tuition will be the same each month regardless of how many weeks there are in the month September through May (or through June for those on National’s teams). You will also be required to pay for all of these months of dance, even if your dancer starts late. They will owe for previous months. If this is the case, you can talk to your dancer’s teacher about some makeup times to see if they can get your dancer up to speed, however this is not a requirement that the teacher has to do for your child. Please know that this is not a punishment, we are just trying to make everything as fair as we possibly can for everyone on the team.

- **Nationals Competition Classes:** This team is NOT a separate team from the regionals; it is an extension of the regionals team. Any dancer that wishes to be a part of the Nationals competition classes must take AT LEAST ONE regionals class. Once they have chosen one regionals class, they may enroll in as many of the nationals classes as they desire. Nationals classes will attend 3 regional competitions and 1 nationals competition. The monthly cost of EACH nationals class is \$55. Each nationals class will have a \$85 costume fee and a \$65 competition fee for each regional competition and \$85 for nationals competition. The costume fees will all be due end of October of the current dance year, and the group competition fees will be due end of November of the current dance year.. Everything that applies to the regionals class dancers will also apply to the nationals class dancers since they will be in at least one regionals class. Tuition is charged September through June.
  - Nationals Class options are: Hip Hop, Contemporary/Jazz.
  - Tuition is charged September – June. Please see above Regionals section for more in depth information about tuition.

### **Costumes**

All Competition Team Costumes are \$85 per class. This includes Mini, Regionals Classes, Nationals Classes, and Closed Classes. All costume payments are due end of October of the current dance year. Soloists have the option to get their own costume instead of paying the \$85 fee (consider using an old costume) but the costume must be approved by the dancer's teacher and the directors. When the costumes come in, the directors will put them on hangers for your dancers and put them in a "garment bag" (a large Ziploc bag) that they can use throughout the season to keep their costumes altogether. Please don't leave them in a crumpled mess after performances, hang them back up so they stay nice. You can get your own garment bag if you would like, you don't have to use the one we give you. o If you lose a piece or part to your costume, please notify the directors immediately and we will see what we can do about replacing it. More than likely it will cost you another \$85 (as most of the costumes come as a set, we won't just be able to order a top or a bottom) and a \$25 rush fee. Sometimes we are unable to get them on time no matter what, and if that is the case the option is that the dancer must pay for a whole new "in stock" costume for the team, or forfeit being in the dance with no refund. All this to say, please keep track of your items. The best thing to do after all performances/competitions is to go through all the costumes and make sure all the parts are there, so we are not left in a time crunch for missing pieces.

### **Shoes**

You will be required to obtain your own shoes. Please get these purchased ASAP so your dancer can get used to them before their first performance.

- Tap – All - Black lace up tie taps (they do not HAVE to be this exact one, but these are recommended: Dancerwear Solutions: SKU B160 or SKU S0388)
- Jazz – Mini: Black slip on Jazz shoes (they do not HAVE to be this exact one, but these are recommended: Dancewear solutions SKU B80) Regionals and Nationals: Forgive us as we haven't decided yet! More than likely they will be the musical theatre style shoes, but we aren't sure of color. So please hold off on purchasing for now.
- Lyrical/Contemporary – Tan Canvas Turners (Dancewear solutions: SKU B235)
- Hip Hop – your shoes will be provided for you as part of the costume.
- Acro – no shoes (bare feet)

### **Team T-Shirts**

Team T-shirts are MANDATORY this year. Since we still don't want to make the warmups mandatory (although they are strongly encouraged) we would like to all have matching t-shirts that will be worn on stage at every awards ceremony. This will help us look more unified as a group. The group order form is set up, and orders must be in by October 31, 2022 Here is the link: <https://www.customink.com/g/etk0-00cm-v1y9>

If you already ordered one last year, you do not have to order a new one. Not just dancers, but parents, friends, etc are also allowed to purchase one to show their support. Once you get your shirt, you can put anything on the back that you would like examples: your dancer's name, "Dance Mom" "Megan's Mom" "Megan's Coolest Grandpa" whatever.

### **Extra Optional Costs:**

Warmups-Warmups are not required but strongly encouraged. They did discontinue the warmups we use, but Miss Kelly purchased a bunch of blank jackets that we can get embroidery on. You can order one at the link below (all orders due by October 31, 2022) [expressions-dance-academy.square.site](https://expressions-dance-academy.square.site)

Recital T-Shirt – These t-shirts say "Expressions Dance Academy" on the front and have a listing of all the dancer's names who are in the Recital on the back. These are preordered, cost \$25 and are payment is usually due by May 1. Your dancer will receive their t-shirt on Rehearsal night.

Tickets – Tickets to the 2023 Showcase or Recital will be required for anyone wishing to attend the Showcase or Recital. The auditorium must be rented and their professional staff paid for, so that is why we have to charge. Tickets prices are TBD, probably \$15 each.

We will have fundraisers going throughout the year to help defray costs, we usually have a Cookie Dough Fundraiser, a Sub Sale, Grand Rapids Gold Tickets, and Cake Roll sale. This fundraising money can be used towards costumes, tuition, comp fees, etc. Your dancer will receive these fundraisers as we do them during the year. Make sure you pay attention to the necessary drop off and pick up dates as most of the items need to be refrigerated and we don't have the necessary room. We will always need 1 check or money order made out to Expressions Dance Academy (or cash is fine as well) for the orders.

### **Additional Investments**

- Time – Dance Classes, Technique Classes, Extra Practices, Performances, Competition, Rehearsal, Recital
- Fuel – To and from the above listed
- Effort – Doing hair, makeup, dressing of Competition Team members prior to the designated meeting time of all performances, competition, rehearsal, and recital
- Encouragement – of the dancers to practice their dances as well as technique and facials at home, try hard during class, and to keep working even when they are struggling to master a dance move.
- Priority - The Competition Team must take priority over all other after school activities and sports. Failures to come to class/performances for these reasons are not excused. We will excuse school events that count as a grade such as choir, band, etc. However, you must inform your dance teacher 2 weeks prior to the event.
- Teamwork – We cannot stress enough the amount of teamwork is necessary to be on a Competition Team. Both parents and dancers must be willing to go the extra mile in order to make the dance team the best it can be. Dancers must come to all events on time, and stay the entire duration without leaving early.
- Responsibility – If your dancer misses a class, it is the parent and/or student's responsibility to ask the teacher if he/she missed anything important in regards to news updates and information. It is not always easy for the teacher to remember from one week to another who got the handout and who didn't, so always be sure to ask. It is also the parent/student's responsibility to know the dates and times of all practices and performances without a reminder. Tuition and costume payments must be made on time or costumes will not be ordered and your dancer will be without a costume and not allowed to perform.

## **Attendance**

As with any team sport/activity, attendance is a necessary part of being a member. All Competition Team members are expected to be at all regular classes, technique classes, performances, and competitions. They are expected to show up on time, dressed, and ready to learn with a friendly attitude. Since many of the students can't drive, this responsibility also falls on the parent/guardian to get their student to dance on time. Poor attendance by any one or more students results in low morale and affects the productivity of class time.

- We do not have an official attendance policy, however Miss Jennifer and Miss Kelly reserve the right to dismiss any team member from the team due to poor attendance, tardiness, attitude, and lack of respect for the team, teacher, and studio.
- Because we are trying to take into consideration everything going on this year, if your dancer is sick or feels like they are getting sick, but still feels able to dance, please contact us and we will host class for you on Zoom. That way they are able to still dance at home and/or see any new choreography or changes happening. Please do not abuse this, use it when you feel it is necessary.

## **Additional Workshops**

There are a variety of workshops and conventions offered in the area. We have listed a couple below that are optional for all dancers who are on the competition team.

- TRILL Convention (by ID Dance), Detroit, Michigan on October 2, 2022. Cost: \$170 per dancer. – PLEASE LET MISS KELLY KNOW VIA EMAIL OR TEXT BY FRIDAY, SEPT 1 IF YOU WANT TO DO THIS ONE
- ENERGY Convention Detroit, Michigan on November 6th, 2022, Cost is \$125 per dancer. – PLEASE LET MISS KELLY KNOW VIA EMAIL OR TEXT BY SATURDAY OCTOBER 1 IF YOU WANT TO DO THIS ONE.
  - If your dancer chooses to attend, let Miss Kelly know by October 1st, 2022, and you will have to pay the \$125 by October 1st, 2022. However, your dance account will be credited \$125.00 in January 2023 - meaning that you technically got that money back!  
This offer is only good to dancers that will be part of the competition team during the 2022-2023 year, and if your dancer is not a part of the team in January 2023, the money will not be credited back to you. The dancer also must actually ATTEND the convention - and participate in at least 50% of it.
- From time to time the directors may post workshops they hear about on the Facebook page or send via email. These workshops are not mandatory, but workshops are always encouraged.

## **Performances**

The following is a list of Performances/Competitions that the team is tentatively scheduled to dance at. Make sure you plan ahead as we need 100% participation. For most performances/competitions you must have all pieces and parts of your costumes, makeup and jewelry (girls only), and hair done with appropriate shoes. There should be no nail polish (fingers or toes) no fake tattoos, no other jewelry except what is provided. Some performances are designated as “informal” and will have slightly less strict rules. The following are applicable to all the Regionals/Local Competitions

- Your dancer will be required to arrive at to the venue 2 hours dressed and ready before their scheduled competition time (or at the time the doors open if the doors won't be open 2 hours prior). This is so that the dancers have time to stretch and prepare their dances. Also, competitions can run up to an hour and a half early, so we want to make sure our dance doesn't get missed. The dancers will be required to stay until after their awards.
- Please make sure to have all jewelry, makeup, costumes, and shoes. Girls hair should be in a low bun, middle part, a hairnet to ensure there are no stray hairs and lots of hairspray. The rhinestone clip should go right above the bun.
- Please also plan on helping your dancer change costumes if they are younger and need assistance.

- It is crucial that the dancers look similar, with the same hair, jewelry, and costuming. Points are deducted from their score if someone is missing a necklace or doesn't have their hair slicked back, etc. If someone forgets a piece of their costume, we will not make the other girls forfeit their item just to look the same. The dancer will go on stage as is and risk having the group marked down for improper attire. (We have been marked down in the past because of this). Your dancer may have additional hair pieces that they will need to wear, so check and make sure you know where to put those as well.
  - Some competitions have assigned dressing rooms, some do not, but we never know that until we arrive on site. When you arrive, don't panic, this is another reason we ask you to get there so early as it may be a few minutes for you to locate the dressing room.
  - If your dancer has a long day, bring snacks for them to eat in between dances. They don't always have time to have a full-fledged meal in between. If you have considerable time in between dances, you may leave the venue, but remember that your dancer must be back 2 hours before their next scheduled competition time to get ready.
  - There is no cost to watch the competition, so please invite friends, family, anyone to come watch your dancer perform. However, remember they do not allow any videography or photography, and if you do so, according to their rules, points may be deducted from the dancer's score.
  - We also encourage dancers to come watch even on days when they don't perform to watch their teammates.
  - Please remember that we have no control over the scheduling, pricing, etc of this event, so please do not ask us to try and change things around. If there is an emergency issue we will reach out to the competition and ask if they can, but there is no guarantee that they will.
  - The schedule will be released from the competition about 1 week prior to the event. For the quickest results make sure you like our Facebook page as that is always the first place I post. If you don't have Facebook, go to our website at [www.expressionsdancegr.com](http://www.expressionsdancegr.com) and scroll down on the homepage to the Facebook feed.
- While this sounds like a lot of strict rules, remember that the competition is supposed to be a fun event where the dancers can show off their dance, get professional critiques, bond with their team members, and have fun.

### **Competition Team Showcase**

Friday February 3rd for rehearsal and Saturday February 4th for the showcase. This is a showcase for all of the Competition Team classes including Regionals, Nationals, Mini, and Closed Classes. It will be at South Christian High School near 84th and Kalamazoo Ave. It will be run just like a recital with ticket sales. However, this Rehearsal is closed, there will be no audience/parents/etc allowed to watch.

### **Recital**

There will be 2 planned Recitals this year at 1:00pm and at 2:30pm. All regionals dance classes perform the Recital. Recital is Saturday June 3rd with rehearsal June 1st. Competition team dancers do not have to attend the rehearsal for the actual Recital in June. The dancers should be well practiced by this point. If they are in any recreational dances, they should still plan on attending the rehearsal, and we can always use backstage help. But other than that, they are not required to be there.

### **Festival of the Arts**

Grand Rapids Festival of the Arts - June 2 – 4, 2023. Please keep all these days open as we are going to try to schedule multiple performance times if they allow it. We are open to any suggestions and ideas to perform. Please bring all ideas to Miss Jennifer or Miss Kelly. We look forward the upcoming year and are really excited to watch our team grow. Be sure to encourage your dancer to do the best that they can.

**\*\*\*Please note this year we are not doing the Drive/Gold**

## Competitions

Competition dates, location and fees are listed below. Group competition fees are due end of November of the current dance year. We strive to give you the most up to date information. The venues listed below are what is listed on the individual competition website. It may change without notice. We offer a lot of optional competitions but do not feel that your soloist has to do them all. But the more that your dancer does, the more experience they get, and the more opportunities for them to place, receive special awards, etc.

- Fly Dance Competition
  - February 10-12, 2023
  - Belding High School
  - Solos: \$130 per dance
  - Duos/Trios: \$80 per dancer per dance
  - Classes (4 or more dancers): \$65 per dancer per dance
  - Optional for solos/duos/trios
- Precision Arts Challenge
  - March 3-5, 2023
  - Van Single Fine Arts Center (Byron Center HS)
  - Solos: \$130 per dance
  - Duos/Trios: \$80 per dancer per dance
  - Classes (4 or more dancers): \$65 per dancer per dance
  - Optional for solos/duos/trios
- Addiction Dance Competition
  - March 10-12, 2023
  - Coopersville High School
  - Solos: \$130 per dance
  - Duos/Trios: \$80 per dancer per dance
  - Classes (4 or more dancers): \$65 per dancer per dance
  - **Mini, Regionals, Nationals Groups attending.** Solos, duos/trios, closed classes are optional.
- ID Dance Competition:
  - March 17 – 19, 2023
  - Cooperville High School
  - Solos: \$130 per dance
  - Duos/Trios: \$80 per dancer per dance
  - Classes (4 or more dancers): \$65 per dancer per dance
  - Optional for solos/duos/trios
- Showbiz Talent Dance Competition:
  - April 21-23, 2023
  - Kenowa Hills High School
  - Solos: \$130 per dance
  - Duos/Trios: \$80 per dancer per dance
  - Classes (4 or more dancers): \$65 per dancer per dance
  - **Mini, Regionals, Nationals Groups attending.** Solos, duos/trios, closed classes are optional.

- On Point Dance Competition:
  - April 28-30, 2023
  - Belding High School
  - Solos: \$130 per dance
  - Duos/Trios: \$80 per dancer per dance
  - Classes (4 or more dancers): \$65 per dancer per dance
  - All solos, duos, trios, closed classes are optional.
- Energy Competition:
  - May 5 - 7, 2023
  - Godwin Heights High School
  - Solos: \$130 per dance
  - Duos/Trios: \$80 per dancer per dance
  - Classes (4 or more dancers): \$65 per dancer per dance
  - **Mini, Regionals, Nationals Groups attending.** Solos, duos/trios, closed classes are optional.
- Groove Competition
  - May 12-14 2023
  - Fruitport Performing Arts Center
  - Solos: \$130 per dance
  - Duos/Trios: \$80 per dancer per dance
  - Classes (4 or more dancers): \$65 per dancer per dance
  - All solos, duos, trios, closed classes are optional.
- Nexstar Competition
  - May 26-28, 2023
  - Harvey Kern Pavilion in Frankenmuth, MI
  - Solos: \$130 per dance
  - Duos/Trios: \$80 per dancer per dance
  - Classes (4 or more dancers): \$65 per dancer per dance
  - All solos, duos, trios, closed classes are optional.

### **National Dance Competition**

For those looking to take their dancing a step further, we are offering our soloists and closed classes a chance to perform at a dance Nationals. They compete against dancers from around the United States. This is a great time to further their dance education. This year we have decided that the Nationals we will be going to is the Energy National Dance, which will be in Sandusky, Ohio the week of July 3-8 (be advised this is over the Independence Day Holiday),

- We offer three group Nationals classes: Hip Hop, Contemporary/Jazz. All classes are open to all ages of dancers on the competition team. If you choose to do one of these three classes, you are **REQUIRED** to go to Nationals.
- You do not have to decide right away if your dancer wants to compete their solo at Nationals, but we need to know and have your payment for the entry fee right after the Regionals in March if your dancer wants to go so we can get their spot reserved. Plan on having the entry fee for all Nationals paid by March 31st 2023.



- You do not have to be on a Nationals team to compete at nationals, you can choose to compete your solo. You don't have to compete a solo at nationals either, you can choose just to do nationals group classes.
- Cost for a solo entry into the Nationals competition are \$150/dance. Duos & Trios are \$90/dancer/dance. Groups (4 or more) are \$80/dancer/dance.
- Dancers who participate at nationals will be required to attend the free convention classes of the disciplines which they will be competing (if offered).
- After Recital, nationals class schedules will change to compact dances to fewer nights.
- Nationals Group Classes: In order to be in the Nationals Group Team, you must be willing to go and compete at all three competitions and the Nationals in June. The cost is \$55 per month per class. Costumes are \$85, dancers are expected to be at all classes, and all competition fees will apply. Energy Nationals (July 3–8) will still be available as an optional Nationals if dancers want to bring their Solos/Duos/Trios. Pricing is the same and please have let Miss Kelly know (and have all fees paid) by March 31, 2023.

### **General Reminders**

Thanksgiving Break: November 24-27, 2022

Christmas Break is December 24th – January 8th

Spring Break is the week of April 2 – 8, 2023

**Picture Week:** Picture week will be the week of May 8th, 2023. You will get a picture schedule later in the year (it's usually around the same time as the class, but with maybe a slight time adjustment).

**Music:** Music will be available for download on the website at [www.expressionsdancegr.com/media](http://www.expressionsdancegr.com/media). The songs can be downloaded to your computer or on an Ipad, etc. Please encourage your dancers to practice at home!

**Teacher Assistants:** We are always looking for teacher's assistants from our Competition Dance Team members ages 9 and up. These dancers will come to a regular class (usually a younger combo class) all year and assist the teacher in running the class. We ask for their commitment all year long. This is a great opportunity for your dancer to get more involved with dance, especially if they are interested in becoming a dance teacher themselves. The teacher's assistants get their own special Holiday party, and they get backstage privileges at Recital so they can help their group that they have been assisting. Please talk to one of the directors if your child has an interest in doing this so we can get a class scheduled for them to assist in.

**Continuing this year:** We are going to try and go as paperless as possible. Therefore, you will be required to provide us with an email address where we will email all pertinent information to you. We will also get the necessary items uploaded to the website, but that will always take a couple days to get up there. Fees, Payments, Etc. Please make sure to make the necessary payments are paid by the time they are due. We don't like having to dismiss people from the team for non-payment, but unfortunately we will take the necessary steps if they have to be taken.

- Miss Kelly tries to keep the website updated with current information. The website is located at [www.expressionsdancegr.com](http://www.expressionsdancegr.com). On the homepage there is a calendar widget. Another place to look for us is on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/expressionsdanceacademy](http://www.facebook.com/expressionsdanceacademy). Miss Kelly posts reminders about upcoming dance events. However, she probably won't write out all the detailed information, so please keep this packet.

- You can always email the studio at [expressions\\_dnc@yahoo.com](mailto:expressions_dnc@yahoo.com).

- Miss Kelly's personal cell phone is 616-862-8224. You may call or text her as needed, but please be aware that she may not be in situations where she can text or call back right away.

- As a general rule, never attempt to reach any of the teachers/directors with a question about practices/performances/etc within 24 hours of the event. We may not be available to answer your question right away, and you may be stuck waiting on an answer that may come too late. Please be sure to ask your questions as soon as you have them.

**Quick rundown of fees and when they are due:**

1. Tuition - due the first of every month, or if you sign up for auto bill you can choose the 15th
2. Enrollment Fee/Refill Fee – Due September 30, 2022
3. Costume Fees – Due October 31, 2022
4. Competition Fees for all group classes – Due November 30, 2022
5. Competition Fees for all solos/duos/trios – December 31, 2022
6. Competition Fees for Nationals – Due March 31, 2023

\*Reminder about fees and auto payments: If you sign up for auto billing, this is for your TUITION only. It is not for costumes or competition fees. IF you want them for costume/competition fees, please let Miss Kelly know. I know this is a little inconvenient, but some dancers have to pay literal thousands of dollars in competition fees, and Miss Kelly does not think it's right to do that on auto pay in case the parents have forgotten. So please either log on to the parent portal and pay the costume / competition fees yourself, or just shoot Miss Kelly a message to take it out when she does the tuition. Thank you!

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## Policies, Terms, Waiver, Consent Form

*Please read as registering you/your child for dance means you agree to all these policies, terms, waiver, and consent listed below.*

- I (Guardian) understand that I will be responsible for 9 or 10 installments of the agreed upon tuition (Sep-May for Regionals, Sep – June for Nationals ) and that if my student chooses to stop attending classes, I must submit a “Drop Form” (available online). If I do NOT submit in a “Drop Form” I will be held responsible for tuition payments until that Drop Form is submitted.
- I (Guardian) understand that a \$70 non-refundable costume payment for each recreational class that my student is in is due by December 1 of the current enrollment year UNLESS my student chooses not to participate in the year-end Recital in which case I must fill out and turn in a “Recital Waiver” form (available online and at the front desk) by the due date of the current dance season. If my dancer is on the competition team, each regional/nationals class will have a non-refundable costume payment of \$85 and will be due by October 31 of the current dance year. If I have not paid my costume payment by the due date and my student chooses to be in the recital, there will be an additional \$10 fee assessed per costume.
- I (Guardian) understand that if my child is on the competition team, I will be required to pay all group competition fees by November 30 of the current dance year, or my child will be dismissed from the team.
- I (Guardian) understand that EDA gives my student fundraising opportunities to help defray costs associated with tuition and costumes. All money raised goes towards either tuition or costumes, and is non-refundable. If my student chooses to quit taking classes with a credit balance on their account, it will NOT be reimbursed.
- I (Guardian) understand that in the event that my dancer gets injured during class, a reasonable attempt will be made to get in touch with me. However, if EDA is unable to get in touch with me and the teacher deems the student must be taken to the hospital to avoid fatal or more serious injury, my child will be brought to the hospital and I will take all financial responsibility for the medical bills.
- All tuition is due the first week of each month. (Sept-May) For nationals team members, Sept - June
- Regardless of how many lessons there are per month, you will be expected to pay the same amount each month for the entire dance season.
- We accept cash, checks, and credit card.
- All tuition that is not paid in full the first week of the month will be charged a late fee of \$5.00 per student.
- All insufficient funds will be charged a \$25.00 fee.
- Due to bad weather, classes may be cancelled. Please check our Facebook page or Website to find out whether we are cancelled. If you for any reason feel uncomfortable driving in the weather, even if we are not cancelled, then please do not drive, however, we will not give any refunds for classes missed. (There will not be any refunds due to weather since that is not in our control – however we will attempt to do a makeup)
- No parents, siblings, or friends will be allowed in the dance rooms during class, with the exception of solos/duos/trios.
- No food, gum, candy or drinks will be allowed in the dance rooms except for WATER ONLY!
- EDA is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.
- All persons that are on the property of Expressions Dance Academy, LLC are expected to be respectful to other customers as well as staff members.
- EDA will do everything to make sure your child is put in the appropriate dance class. However, we reserve the right to have the final authority on class levels and sizes.
- We have the right to refuse service to anyone for any reason at any time. Although this is not something that we like to do, there are certain reasons that we may refuse service
  - Large unpaid tuition/costume balances from prior years
  - Destructive behavior such as gossip or malicious attitude about dancers, parents, teachers, or anyone else involved in the dance studio.
- If you dancer has to quit for any length of time during the dance year and then return, there will be a re-registration fee of \$100 per dancer per class. The way you can keep your dancer's spot on the team is to continue to pay tuition for the time he or she is gone.
- There will be no refunds on tuition, costume, fundraisers, or anything else. If you have paid for a costume and you decide to quit, you are entitled to still receive your costume when it comes in. Please make arrangements to come pick it up as we will not ship or mail.

- If you have a problem you are expected to take it up with the teacher of your child's dance class, or the owners Miss Jen or Miss Kelly. Talking to other dancers, dance parents, other teacher, ect is unacceptable and may be grounds for dismissal from the studio.

#### RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT ("AGREEMENT")

Should an accident occur, Expressions Dance Academy, LLC has my permission to seek medical attention for my child. In consideration of participating in the Programs and Activities offered by Expressions Dance Academy, LLC I represent that I understand the nature of this Activity and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I acknowledge that if I believe event conditions are unsafe, I will immediately discontinue participation in the activity. I fully understand that this Activity involves risks of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death, which may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, those of others participating in the event, the conditions in which the event takes place, or the negligence of the "releasees" named below; and that there may be other risks either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, cost, and damages I incur as a result of my participation in the Activity. I hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue Expressions Dance Academy, LLC its respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages, on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the "releasees" or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations and future agree that if, despite

this release, waiver of liability, and assumption of risk I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the Releasees from any loss, liability, damage, or cost, which any may incur as the result of such claim.

I have read the RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

PARENTAL CONSENT AND I, the minor's parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of the above referenced activities and the Minor's experience and capabilities and believe the minor to be qualified to participate in such activity. I hereby Release, discharge, covenant not to sue and AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages on the minor's account caused or alleged to have been caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations, and further agree that if, despite this release, I, the minor, or anyone on the minor's behalf makes a claim against any of the above Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss liability, damage, or cost any Releasee may incur as the result of any such claim.

#### **Photography Consent, Release, and Waiver of Liability (posting pictures to Facebook, Instagram, Website)**

I hereby give my consent to Expressions Dance Academy to photograph me/my child and use the photographs for informational, educational, promotional, or publicity purposes concerning Expressions Dance Academy and its services. I understand that the photographs may be used on Expressions Dance Academy's website, Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, Tik Tok, or in official Expressions Dance Academy publication or displays or electronic or digital recordings. I also understand that the photos may be used without any further consent or authorization from me, Expressions Dance Academy may modify the photographs in the process of editing, and I will not be entitled to any compensation for use of the photograph. I also agree to release Expressions Dance Academy, its officers, employees, or agents from any and all liability arising out of or connected to the use of the photographs as stated above. I have read and understand the foregoing consent, release, and waiver of liability and voluntarily accept and agree to its terms.

Please sign and date this contract and return to Miss Kelly or Miss Jennifer by the end of September 2022.

I have read and understand the Expressions Dance Academy Competition Team Contract 2022 – 2023 and agree to abide by all rules stated for the entire dance season of 2022 – 2023. I understand that I/my dancer may be dismissed from the team for non-compliance with no refund of any sort.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dancer's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dancer's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Email Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Email Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Below section is for closed classes (Solos, Duos, Trios, Closed Small Groups) only:

If you are taking a solo, duo, trio, or are part of a closed class, please mark all the competitions you would like to do this year. If there isn't an agreement between a duo/trio/closed small group, your teacher will discuss with you). Please be detailed on what you would like to do, especially if you are doing more than one solo, duo, ect.

Dancer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to do my closed classes (including solos, duos, trios) at the following Competitions:

Fly Dance: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Precision Arts: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Addicted to Dance: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Showbiz Talent: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ID Dance: \_\_\_\_\_  
 On Point Dance: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Energy National Dance: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Groove Dance: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nexstar Dance: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXAMPLE:**

I would like to do my closed classes (including solos, duos, trios) at the following Competitions:

Creation Dance: Jazz Solo, Musical Theatre Solo, Duo with Olivia  
 Power of Dance: None  
 On Point Dance: Musical Theatre Solo, Trio with Tiffany & Brittany  
 Energy National Dance: Jazz Solo  
 Precision Arts: Musical Theatre Solo, Duo w/ Olivia, Trio with Tiffany/ Brittany

### Competition Dance Team Enrollment Paperwork

**Dancer Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*All competition team members must fill out and return this sheet by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, along with payment.  
**EVEN IF YOU DON'T NEED ANYTHING PLEASE FILL THIS OUT.** If you turn in your sheet late, you will be charged an additional shipping fee\*\*\*

Please mark below the items you need and total it up at the bottom.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a new enrollee in the Expressions Dance Academy Competition Team, therefore I need the entire set (includes Rhinestone Hair Accessory, Rhinestone Choker, Rhinestone Earrings, Practice Tan Turners, Body Tight, Leotard, Dance Bag filled with: bobby pins, ponytail holders, hairspray, mascara, eyeshadow, blush, lipstick, hairnet) **\$125**

**Please put what size Nude Turner Here (put child's shoe size, we will figure it out):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please put what size Body Tight Here (see below for sizes):**

**Please put what size Leotard Here (see below for sizes):**

**Earrings: do you need Clip on or Pierced?**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have maintained everything from the year before including: Rhinestone Hair Accessory, Rhinestone Choker, Rhinestone Earrings, Practice Tan Turners, **Body Tight**, Dance Bag filled with: bobby pins, ponytail holders, hairspray, mascara, eyeshadow, blush, lipstick, brush. I do not need to order anything. **\$0.00**

**Please refill me will the following:**

_____	Rhinestone Choker	\$20.00
_____	Rhinestone Earrings	\$10.00
	Please circle one: Pierced      Clip On	
_____	Rhinestone Hair Accessory	\$10.00
_____	Nude Turners	\$15.00
	Put dancer's shoe size here and we will find best match: _____	
_____	Makeup (all – lipstick, mascara, eyeshadow, blush, and brush)	\$10.00
_____	Hair Access. (all – ponytail holders, bobby pins, hairspray, hair net, bun former)	\$10.00
_____	Body Tight	\$15.00
	Select: Sm Child, Med Child, Large Child, Small Adult, Medium Adult, Large Adult, XLarge Adult, XXXLarge Adult	
_____	Carrying Bag	\$20.00
_____	Black Leotard	\$20.00
	Select size:	
	Small Child, Medium Child, Large Child, Small Adult, Medium Adult, Large Adult, XLarge Adult, Adult XXXLarge	
	Total owed:	\$_____

\*\*\*Please note that if you lose something throughout the year, or if you do not order something you know that you need and wait until a later date, you will be required to get the item yourself at either a local dancewear store or online. We will not be responsible to obtain it for you.\*\*\*