

Premier Dance Company Handbook 2016-2017

General Information:

- All information will be supplied to parents by email/or company facebook or website
- Any issues/questions should be emailed to:
Team Leader: Tracy Reynolds, mmpremierteam@gmail.com
Company Director: Sarah Taylor,
allaboutdancewear@sbcglobal.net

Class Requirements:

- Weekly technique classes and rehearsals Sept-May.
- June summer intensive prep for Nationals
- Three competitions- 2 local, 1 national(out of town)
- Dancers are placed in technique classes based on skill level. Company dancers may take additional technique classes as approved by instructors. Company dancers will only move up a level if both technique(ballet/jazz) teachers feel that the dancer is ready.
- Jazz/Ballet technique are mandatory. Leaps and turns is optional, but highly recommended. Additional ballet is always recommended.

Mandatory Dances:

- Production will take place every other year. All PDC members will be required to participate.

- A one time rehearsal/choreography fee of \$75 will be due by September 1st

Optional Dances:

- Placement for dances will be based on personal dance requests, audition results, and past history of attendance
- Dancers are required to be in 2 group dances in order to be offered a specialty.
- All specialty (solo,duet,trio) numbers must be submitted and approved by the company director/owner.
- Dancer must be required technique e level in order to receive a solo:

5-7yr level I (single turn)

8-10 level II (double turn)

11-12 level III (triple turn/a la secondes)

13 & up V (a la secondes)

Fees:

- Monthly Tuition is based on the weekly total hours of enrolled classes.
- Tution is due first of the month.
- Tuition is non-refundable and not prorated.
- There is a one time office fee for all specialties. This will cover music and registration for all competitions.
- Costumes: Group costumes will typically run between \$100-\$150. Every effort is made to keep the cost as minimal as possible, but it is not always possible with more custom and elaborate designs.
- Your group costume payments will be divided. \$75 payment is due on October 1st. The remaining costume fees will be due as soon as costume totals are received, usually by mid February.
- These fees will include costumes, accessory pieces (such as hair pieces, additional add ons to costume).

- These fees DO NOT include tights, jewelry(choker/earrings), shoes, and make-up. These items will be decided for each dance and ordered through All About Dance Boutique. Order forms and information will be sent out once all costumes are received.
- Costumes will be distributed in class. If there is a remaining balance, payment must be received before the costume is released.
- Solo, duet, and trio costumes will be coordinated with the company instructor and approval of the company director.

COMPETITION:

- Each routine requires an entry fee per competition. All competition entry fee's are due 2 months prior to the competition.
- Average cost of group routines is \$40 per competition.
- Duet/trio cost average is \$110, split amongst the dancers.
- Solos cost average is \$110.
- All group and specialty routines will compete at all PDC competitions.
- Specialty numbers are encouraged to compete in other competitions as long as they fit within the company calendar. The specialty group will coordinate with the office for registration of additional competitions.
- You will receive the competition schedule for each competition as soon as it becomes available from the hosting organization, usually within 10-14 days of the scheduled dates.
- Any cash/prize awards received at competition for group or specialty dances are given to the PDC team fund.
- If you have a comment, question or concern regarding the schedule, you can direct those questions to the team leader.

CONVENTION:

- We will plan on offering at least one an in-house convention. All company members are required to attend.
- Additional conventions are highly encouraged. The stronger company attendance and interest will result in bringing in more outside instructors for clinics and conventions.
- Convention/clinic costs will vary. All fees will be due to office prior to attending.

TEAM JACKETS/SPIRIT WEAR:

- All PDC members must have the required team jacket.
- These are ordered through *All About Dance Boutique*. The cost is \$
- Orders will be placed in September only.
- Black PDC spirit tank is also required. These will be worn under team jackets at all outside events (chili festival, competitions, etc.)
- Cost is \$22

MAKE UP/HAIR:

- The company will provide select hairstyle for each dance. The standard hairstyle for all events/clinics will be high donut bun.
- Make-up is purchased early spring before competitions. An email will be sent to place your order by the deadline. This make-up is mandatory for all PDC members.
- A make-up application video will be available to view.

REHEARSALS:

- Attendance at each rehearsal is crucial and required. If you miss a rehearsal, you are required to discuss options with the

instructor and learn the necessary choreography before the next rehearsal via video blog.

- Rehearsals may include direct instruction, video critique, self-critique, peer critique, critique following a competition and company instructor feedback. All rehearsals and private fees are the same regardless of content.

ATTENDANCE:

- Dancers are expected to attend all technique and choreography classes.
- Two excused absences a semester are allowed. Any other absences must be made up.
- Dancers must attend all classes 7 days prior to a scheduled competition.

TEAM FEE:

- \$30.00 per group dance is due on February 1st. This fee covers the administrative costs and instructor per diem related to Regional and National competitions.
- Prop fee: \$10 per student

SUMMER TECHNIQUE CLASSES:

- Company members will be required to take technique classes in the month of June to prepare for Nationals as well as participate in rehearsals.

COMPETITION TIPS:

- Pre-Competition: Have all costume pieces assembled prior to the first competition date. Bras should have clear straps and NOT noticeable under your costume. Convertible straps are great in order to use the same bra with multiple costumes. Remove all nail and toe polish.

- **Make-Up:** Each dancer will need make-up bag which includes your own lotion, skin tone foundation, mascara, powder, along with the required Yofi make-up kit you purchased.
- **Hair Bag:** recommendations include: gel, hairspray, brush, comb, spray water bottle, bobby pins, hair ties.
- **Emergency Kit:** recommendations include: clear nail polish, polish remover, baby wipes, bandages, ice pack, aspirin, extra rhinestones/E6000, extra tights.
- Pillow, blanket, snacks/water are also recommended
- **ARRIVAL:**
Have your dancer at the venue and ready to perform 1.5 hours prior to their performance time. This means costume and make-up ready.
- **WARM-UP:**
Practice will happen prior to performance for each number. Be ready when instructor is available. Dancers are required to be at warm ups, and they will take priority over award ceremonies.
- **HAIR ACCESSORIES:** Secure all head pieces with plenty of bobby pins.
- **AUDIENCE:** Wear your team jacket over costumes. Please be supportive of our studio performances. Try to watch other team members.
- **AWARDS CEREMONY:** Please attend your awards ceremony, unless you are needed by another instructor for warm up. Team jackets are required on stage.
- **ATTITUDE:** Please always remember that you are a representative of the Miss Maria PDC. Show respect for your competition, fellow teammates, and instructors. Older members remember to take younger and newer members under your wing.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Student Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Credit Card _____ exp _____

TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS:

____ AutoPay processed on the 10th of each month

____ Personal Check paid to office or placed in drop box
by due date

____ Credit card paid in office by due date

COSTUME FEES PAY OPTIONS:

____ AutoPay

____ Personal check paid to office or placed in drop box
by due date

____ Credit card paid in office by due date

**COMPETITION FEES PAY
OPTIONS:**

____ AutoPay

____ Personal check paid to office or placed in drop box
by due date

____ Credit card paid in office by due date

**TEAM FEE-\$30 & PROP-\$10
PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

____ AutoPay

____ Personal check paid to office or placed in drop box
by due date

____ Credit card paid in office by due date

**CLINIC AND CONVENTION FEE
PAY OPTIONS:**

____ AutoPay

____ Personal check paid to office or placed in drop box
by due date

____ Credit card paid in office by due date

**If payment for any of the above is not received by the due date,
your card will automatically be charged.*