

Competition Team Information

2017-2018

Why should I join the 2017-2018 Competition Team?

Here at Turner Danceworks we believe in positive and inspiring experiences. We provide performance and competition opportunities that will help dancers grow as an individual as well as part of a team. We encourage a healthy positive competitive experience based on teamwork, support from teachers and peers and most importantly a passion for dance and performing. Competition can be a fantastic tool to help develop dancer's skills, confidence and stage presence as well as give them opportunity to learn from other choreographers and dancers. As a team, we celebrate everyone's accomplishments.

Who is Eligible to join the Competition Team?

- Dancers must be 5 years old or older as of **March 1, 2018**.
- You must be registered in 2 dance classes, one of which must be ballet
- You must compete in at least one group (not including the Lines).

What kind of numbers can I compete in?

There are several options when it comes to competition numbers. Every student who wants to join the competition team must be in one group number, not including the lines. The style and size of this number will be determined by **September 25, 2017** based on who is on the competitive team. If dancers would like to compete in **more** than the mandatory group number, here are the other options.

- Another group or groups (3 or more people)
- Duet (2 dancers)
- Solo

If a dancer wishes to compete in a solo or duet, the dancer has a say as to what style they wish to do compete in, however the choreographer will have final say based on what they feel would be the best for the dancers. Dancers can pick from the following styles.

- Jazz
- Tap
- Ballet
- Contemporary
- Lyrical
- Acro
- Musical Theatre
- Hip Hop

Studio wide lines

In addition to the regular groups, we would like to put together three large/x-large groups with all the competitive dancers who are interested. For these groups there will be **no choreography costs for the first line** and a small fee for the second. There will also be an additional cost for the entrance fee to the competitions and for the costumes. Please note that the Lines do not count as your one mandatory group; these are extra groups that are completely optional.

Rehearsal Policy and Commitment

All competition rehearsals will be scheduled for weekday evenings and during the day on weekends starting in October.

Groups (3 or more dancers)

All groups will have ten 1 hour sessions starting in October. These rehearsals will be mandatory sessions because we will be completing all of the choreography and cleaning the number. If a session needs to be cancelled, we will give you 24 hrs notice and a new session will be rescheduled. If a dancer has to miss a session it is his/her responsibility to catch up on missed choreography outside of rehearsal time. We have limited time and don't want to be spending the time re-teaching numbers. Dancers will be given a copy of their song to practice on their own time.

Solos and Duets (2 dancers)

Dancers will be given ten 30 min choreography sessions where they will work with their choreographer to learn and clean their dance. If dancers need to cancel or reschedule their session, they must give their choreographer at least 24 hrs notice. If not enough notice is given, the missed rehearsal will still count towards one of your 10 sessions. Dates and times for choreography sessions will be booked based on room availability. We will do our best to book a time that works well for everyone. The dancer's choreographer will talk to the dancer about times and dates by **Mid October 2017**. Dancers will be given a copy of their song to practice on their own time.

Competitions

We are planning on attending 4 competitions this year. It is mandatory for all groups to compete in the two competitions however solos and duets can choose which competitions they would like to attend. If everyone within a group would like to attend one of the optional competitions we will enter that group number as well. All of the competitions we are attending this year are in Calgary and area.

Dates for competitions

- **Kick It Up** – April 12-15
- **Dance Invasions**- April 25-28 (mandatory)
- **Great Canadian Dance Challenge**- May 2-6 (mandatory)
- **The View**- May 17-20

2017-2018 Competition Fees

Competition and costume fees will be due **November 1st** so we can take advantage of early registration discounts. **Choreography fees will be due February 1st, 2018.** Please make cheques payable to Turner Danceworks.

Choreography Fees

Solo	5 hrs	\$200
Duet /trio	5 hrs	\$100 per dancer
Group	10 hrs	\$75 per dancer
X-Large Group	10 hrs	\$0 per dancer (1 st x-large group) \$40 per dancer (2 nd x-large group)

Competition Fees (per competition/per dancer)

Solo	\$70 (\$85 for the View)
Duet/trio	\$45
Group	\$37
X-Large Group	\$37

Costume Fees

Solo	\$65 per dance
Duet	\$65 per dance
Group	\$65 per dance
X-Large Group	\$65 per dance

If you are interested in participating in our 2017-2018 Competition season, please fill out the form below and return it to the office no later than **September 18th, 2017.**

Competition Request Form

Please fill out the following form and hand it into the office by **September 18th, 2017**.

We do our best to make sure we partner up dancers who would work well together and who have similar technique and ability. To accomplish this please let us know what you would like to do this year. Please note that not all the groups below will run, if one of your preferred groups does not have enough dancers we will suggest an alternative based on what other groups will be created.

The groups are separated by level, please check off which groups you would like to compete in. **Please note that the choreographer may change.**

Lines - (Please remember that the lines do not count as your one mandatory group)

- Studio wide Line- Character Ballet with Miss Sam (open to all Competitive Dancers)
- Inter/Senior Line- Contemporary/Jazz with Miss Sam (open to all Inter/Sr Dancers)
- Pre Inter Line- Character Jazz/Musical Theater with Miss Kris (open to all Pre Inter Dancers)

Jr Level

- Jr Jazz

Pre Inter Levels

- Pre Inter 2 Jazz
- Pre Inter 2 Ballet
- Pre Inter 3 Jazz
- Pre Inter 3 Ballet
- Pre Inter 4 Jazz
- Pre Inter 4 Ballet
- Pre Inter Lyrical
- Pre Inter Tap

Inter Levels

- Inter Jazz
- Inter Ballet

Senior Levels

- Senior Lyrical
- Senior Contemp
- Senior Tap
- Senior Ballet
- Senior 1 Jazz
- Senior 2 Jazz

Other

- Acro group
- Hip Hop Group

