

MDS Competition Team 2016-2017 Terms of Agreement

Please consider the Terms of Agreement stated below for all dancers. Please return the signed document and we will keep the original and return one copy to the parent/guardian of the dancer.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our purpose is to provide a positive environment for dancers to grow technically and competitively. Our goal is to teach dancers how to perform on a competitive level, how to handle constructive criticism, have good sportsmanship, work as a team, time management and responsibility.

CODE OF ETHICS

INTEGRITY	To conduct yourself with integrity through honesty, courtesy, respect and consideration for your fellow dance members and staff members. This includes a willingness to be held accountable for the manner in which you participate in all team activities.
LEADERSHIP	To be given the privilege of setting an example and serving the people you are leading and being an inspiration to others in the MDS community.
RESPONSIBILITY	To adhere to the policies and procedures of the studio and competition team, to comply with the schedule and request of the staff and to be a person that others can count on.
PROFESSIONALISM	To respect the dance profession and uphold our values and standards of conduct. This includes respecting your teachers, supporting and encouraging each other, to not gossip but be able to voice opinion to the director about your concerns and to recognize yourself as a role model at all times.
CHARACTER	To be a person who represents personal integrity, leadership, responsibility and professionalism in classes outside activities and events and in all interactions with peers and authority figures.

CONDUCT

As a member of the MDS Competition Team you represent yourself, your family and the entire MDS dance community. We applaud you for conducting yourself in a mature and responsible manner!

- The dancer agrees to maintain academic grades that are acceptable to their parent's standards. A conference with the dancer and parent will be called to address any issues that may arise.
- The dancer agrees to abide by the dress code when required.
- The dancer agrees to refrain from illegal activities ie consumption of alcohol, tobacco, drugs etc.
- The dancer agrees to keep their belongings organized and clean and to leave all areas in the same condition or better than they found it at classes, rehearsals and performances.
- The dancer agrees to behave appropriately in and out the studio at all times, this includes posting on social media, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc. Being a member of this competition team does not entitle you to act like you are above any other dancers.

REQUIREMENTS

All dancers must complete auditions and be selected by our panel of judges. All members must be enrolled in 2 of the 3 classes, ballet, jazz, lyrical, tap (level 1 only) at their age level. In addition to these classes they will be required to attend competition practice during the week. They will learn competition choreography during these practices. All dancers will be required to audition annually, no exceptions.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance creates team spirit and success!!

- Be on time for all classes, rehearsals and performances.
- Communicate any and all delays, emergencies and absences as soon as possible.
- Regular attendance at all classes is necessary for participations on the Competition Team.
- It is the student's responsibility to arrange to learn choreography from any missed rehearsal.
- Please communicate any conflict with dates for upcoming performances/competitions.

HEALTH

Please be certain you feel well when participating in classes or dance team activities. Dancing on injuries or when emotionally upset not only affects one's dancing but the spirit of the team as a whole. We want our dancer to work hard yet enjoy every aspect of their participation!

- The dancer agrees to report any injury occurring while in class, rehearsal or at a performance immediately to their instructor or whoever is in charge of them at the time.
- The dancer agrees to observe classes, rehearsals and performances when recovering from an injury or illness if possible.
- The dancer and parent agree to keep all contagious illnesses out of the dance studio. Please do not come to classes, rehearsals and performances when really sick!

TRANSPORTATION

- The parent agrees they are responsible for their dancers transportation to and from rehearsals, competitions and performances.
- The parent agrees to be flexible when dealing with the competition schedules. They are generally not released until 1 week prior to the competition.
- The parent and dancer agree to plan ahead and arrive on time to any rehearsals, competitions and performances.

COSTUMES/HAIR/MAKEUP

Please be conscientious about the care of your costumes, personal dance attires, costume pieces and makeup/ We look forward to our dancers looking polished and professional!

- The dancer and parent agree to take responsibility for all costumes, tights, shoes while in their care.
- The dancer and parent agree to be prepared for all performances with ALL costume pieces and personal dance attire (ie. hair, makeup, tights etc.) as required and to arrive on time.
- The dancer and parent agree to immediately report any costume that is falling apart or has a broken piece etc.
- Dancers are requested to wear their MDS Competition Team jacket or Competition Team attire when attending any outside convention or competition.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

- Regular season rehearsal schedule will be determined after registration in August.
- Each team will have approximately 1-2 hours of rehearsal/week in addition to their regular classes and any voluntary solo/duet/trio rehearsals.

COMPETITIONS/CONVENTIONS

Competition dates will be announced late summer.

- Pre-Competitions/Performances
 - Stack the Stands – Saturday, October 29th
 - University of Iowa Competition – Sunday, October 16th
- The Dance Expo Convention
 - Coralville Marriott – November 19th-20th
 - www.thedanceexpo.com for further information
- Regional Competitions
 - February – Weekend TBA
 - March – Weekend TBA
 - April – Weekend TBA

SOLO/DUET/TRIO

Dancers must sign up for their solo/duet/trio by Sunday, June 19th at 5 pm

To sign up contact Melinda by email, you will not be allowed to signup or add after this date. After sign ups are complete all solos, duets and trios will need to have a scheduled rehearsal time set with the instructor and all team members involved. Parents are not allowed in the studio during the choreography or rehearsal of these routines but may videotape at the end of rehearsal if they choose.

- To be ready for a solo/duet/trio you must make a serious commitment to yourself, your dance and your partner(s).
- Must be willing to practice FULL OUT every time in the studio and at home!
- Trust the judgment of the teachers on choreography of your routine. Repetition is key to perfecting your routine and changing your routine each time will not build your routine.=

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Approximate pricing details below. All prices are subject to change slightly. If a dancer has any of the following items from a prior competition season and it is in good shape they do not need to re-order the items. As your dancer receives each item you will be notified of the amount due and that payment is due immediately. Rehearsal fees will be added to your registration fees due quarterly.

Costume Fees	\$75/routine
Shoes (If Needed)	
*Nude Capezio E-Series Jazz Shoes	\$32.00
*Nude Capezio Lyrical Shoes	\$20.00
Body Tights	\$17.00
Team Makeup (Order Items as Needed)	\$30-\$40
Rhinestone Earrings (Pierced or Clip-on)	\$10.00
Team Jacket	\$60.00
Team Wear – Tee, Tank, Pants	\$75.00
Rehearsal Fees	\$300-\$500 (depending on # of routines, age, etc.)
Convention Fees	\$130
Pre-Competition Fees	TBD
Regional Competition Fees	
*Group Routine	\$30-\$50 per group dance x 3 competitions
*Duet/Trio	\$90-\$100 split between dancers x 3 competitions
*Solo	\$80-\$105 x 3 competitions
Travel Cost & Meals	Parent Responsibility

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Congratulations! This document represents your willingness to abide by the rights and responsibilities itemized in this agreement for the period of 2016 – 2017. You can count on your experience and opportunity as a MDS Competition Team member to be one of positive ongoing growth and development. All team members and their families will be included in any coaching or concern regarding our program and values.

NAME OF DANCER: _____

Dancer Signature

Date: _____

NAME OF PARENT: _____

Parent Signature

Date: _____

Studio Director Signature

Date: _____