

Competition Team Information 2019-2020



Why should I join the 2019-2020 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, 2020
- You must be registered in 2 dance classes, one of which must be ballet and the other in the style you wish to perform in (i.e. if you want to do a jazz solo you must to be in a jazz class)
- You must compete in at least one group per solo (the musical theatre line does not count towards your one group)

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. The style and size of this number will be determined by September 23, 2019 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.

- Groups
- Trios (3 dancers)
- Duet (2 dancers)
- Solo (you must be in one group for every solo you compete)

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

Rehearsal Policy and Commitment

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. Most rehearsals throughout the regular season will be booked Friday evenings and 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 for 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)

Choreography for soloists and duets will be done in August. Every soloist or duet will be given 2 hours of rehearsals in August to learn the entire routine.

Throughout the rest of the season your choreographer will schedule you for six additional rehearsals to clean and review the choreography. If a rehearsal needs to be re-scheduled please give 24 hrs notice. If 24 hrs is not given, the session missed may be counted towards one of the six additional rehearsals.

Competitions

We are planning on attending 4 competitions this year. It is mandatory for all groups to compete in two local 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.

Dates for Competitions

Most competitions run Thursday to Monday so dancers may be required to miss some school. Unfortunately, we will not know the exact schedule for the competition until a few weeks before and we have no control over the days and times, we cannot make any changes to their schedule.

The four dance competitions for 2020 will be announced as soon as we have confirmation of dates etc.

2019-2020 Competition Fees

Choreography fees

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| Solo (5 hrs) | due August 1, 2019 | \$200 |
| Duet (5 hrs) | due August 1, 2019 | \$100/dancer |
| Trio (10 hrs) | due February 1, 2020 | \$90/dancer |
| Groups (10 hrs) | due February 1, 2020 | \$80/dancer |
| Musical Theatre line (10 hrs) | due February 1, 2020 | \$40/dancer |

Competition fees

Competition fees will be due November 1, 2019 so we can take advantage of early registration discounts. These costs will be finalized as soon as we have confirmed the competitions. Please know that they can range as per below;

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| Solo | \$70- \$90 |
| Duet/Trio | \$45- \$60/dancer |
| Groups/ Musical Theatre Line | \$37-\$50/dancer |

Costume fees

There is a \$75 costume fee per competition number. The dancer and choreographer may choose to use a costume the dancer already has for his/her costume, in this case the \$75 fee for the costume will be waived. Costume fees will be due November 1st along with the competition fees.

How to sign up for the 2019-2020 competition team

Because we are breaking up the rehearsals into two different groups (i.e. solos and duets in the summer and groups in the fall) we will have two different sign up periods.

Solos and Duets

To register for a solo or duet, please complete the competition enrolment form on our website at www.turnerdanceworks.com. Here you will indicate your preference for how many solos/duets you would like to compete, the styles and your partner (for duets). You will have until May 31st to complete and submit this information. By June 30th, we will advise everyone of their final selections and partner them up with their choreographer. At that time, you and your choreographer will discuss themes, music, styles, etc. You will also be able to book your first two hours of rehearsal in August.

Groups

In August we will send out a note to all dancers inviting them to participate in various groups. You will have until September 15th, to let us know which numbers you would like to participate in. We will then provide everyone with the final lists of groups by the end of September and start setting up rehearsal times etc.

NEW THIS YEAR! Studio wide musical theatre line. We are excited to put together a large line for the 2019-2020 competition season. This group will not count towards your one mandatory group, however, all dancers are invited to participate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with Miss Kris or Miss Sam.