

Mission Statement

“At Dance ConXion our goal is to encourage creative expression and positive self esteem through dance.”

Congratulations dancers for displaying the talent, dedication and enthusiasm required for the troupe program! As a team member you have been selected to represent Dance ConXion and will find yourself in the important position of being a role model for dancers throughout the studio.

This comes with responsibilities which I will outline below.

Dancers are expected to work hard. Remember that dancing on a competitive team is a privilege and not a right - if you are not committed and willing to work hard, you may lose this privilege for next season. “Working hard” includes showing up to class prepared (proper dancewear and shoes) and on time as well as **dancing to your full potential throughout the class**. You must maintain a **“I perform like I practice”** attitude and dance your very best each and every class. It is also means maintaining a positive attitude and showing respect to all other dancers/instructors and parents.

All practices, performances and competitions are mandatory - **the only exception is illness and school graded activities**. Dancers or parents are asked not to approach the DC staff for permission to miss practices for reasons such as school dances, birthday parties, school plays, part time jobs, etc. This puts the DC staff in a very awkward position. Competitive troupes will have 3 excusable absences - in order to maintain a strong integrity within the team, disrespect of this rule will result in immediate dismissal from the team (fees non-refundable).

A schedule outlining all events for the year will be sent home in September and as a team member you are expected to be in attendance whole-heartedly bringing 110%. Anyone struggling with work schedules VS competition dates please contact the studio as soon as possible and we can help with arrangements.

This season we will ALL be attending three competitions - two in Halifax one in Wolfville.

Due to the large amount of talent within the DC Studio, troupes are split into different teams who are all part of the same dance family. We must work together to encourage and support each other. We all know how GREAT it feels to be cheered on by our friends and family so the more positive energy we have surrounding us the faster we will grow - so use that enthusiastic energy to encourage each other!! We are continuing our tradition this season - every new team member will be given a *limited edition pep rally* shirt that can be worn on the last day of school before a competition /show. This will promote team spirit and be our good luck charm ☺

As a DC member, dancers are given the opportunity to request solo, duo, trio or own choreography routines. Please note that whether a dancer is technically prepared for a routine, the style and suitability of a routine, as well as the number of entries permitted, will be left to the discretion of the DC staff. **Own choreography entries will ONLY be open to dancers 16+ yrs and permitted in competitions that have that category**. Solo/Duo/Trio lessons times will be booked and tracked through the front desk so please do not email the individual instructor to set up times.

****solos have 3 45minute lessons and duo/trios have 4 45 minute lessons - extra lessons are available for a fee****

Troupe members also have the opportunity to participate in special group and production projects - routines will be rehearsed in short spurts NOT through weekly classes. If you commit to a special group attendance is MANDATORY because of the few rehearsal times available. This will allow us to offer more options at a lower cost with a more intense commitment. They are not mandatory and troupe members can choose to participate or not without affecting their regular troupe classes.

*****Ballet is not mandatory for any troupe team but is strongly recommended*****

Any DC dancer who wishes to participate in an outside performance or event separate from DC must obtain the permission from the DC staff if performing DC choreography.

Any questions or concerns dancers/parents may have are best addressed through email (danceconxion@gmail.com) or by phone through the day (365-7300) - it's our goal to maximize our class time by using it to *dance*. However, please remember that instructors are approachable at all times and if something needs to be addressed immediately please do so. Also remember that classes have a "NO SPECTATOR" rule in effect. That means that no one - including parents/other dancers - are allowed to watch classes in progress unless invited. This also helps us to maximize our class time and cut out distractions. No food /outdoor footwear is allowed in the studios- the waiting area is the place for snacks and breaks.

During ALL competitions there is a NO PHOTOGRAPHY RULE - which is a rule set by competition organizers. Our studio will be immediately disqualified should this occur (pictures can be taken in the lobby /outside of the event). There is also a NO VIDEO RECORDING RULE (to protect choreographers) and this is strictly enforced. Videos are always available for sale if you want to take home the memories. Also, absolutely no parents are allowed in the backstage area unless given a pass by the Director. Competitions are very strict and their rules *must be followed* in order to keep all dancers safe and the competition running smoothly. It is very important for all dancers and parents to display a level of professionalism at all events. We want to keep our comments positive and encouraging and follow all rules at all times. **VERY IMPORTANT - If you have a concern while at an event you must approach DC staff NOT the organizers!**

All accounts must be kept up to date and in good standing - no exceptions. This season we are including our competition entry fees into our tuition. This will eliminate those extra bills going home. **Costume fees will be due throughout the fall and must be paid as notified. Tuition can be paid *in full, in half (September and January) OR in 5 or 7 payments - no other method.***

Each dancer is required to pass in a registration form (signed by a parent) by Sept 30. Dancers will not be permitted in class after this date without a registration form

Suggestions and comments are always welcome HOWEVER final decisions on all matters are decided by the DC staff (they have a lot of experience in the dance industry☺)

Dance ConXion is a supportive and encouraging studio. Disrespectful behavior, "back-stabbing", bullying and negative comments on the dancers or parent's behalf will not be tolerated. It is the job of the instructors to make corrections and give constructive criticism needed for growth. Our goal at Dance ConXion is to make dance a positive, fun experience for all, teaching dancers teamwork, discipline and dedication. This can only be achieved with a fair and consistent set of rules for EVERYONE to follow.

There will be **zero tolerance** for disrespect of the rules - any dancer or parent not following the above rules will be asked to withdraw from the competitive program. In order to maintain a strong integrity within the studio and to promote our mission statement of a positive encouraging atmosphere, these rules must be respected at all times.

So gear up for a great year - I am so proud of everyone for their interest and enthusiasm thus far. Songs have been chosen and choreography has begun so get stretching those legs, shine up those smiles and bring on the enthusiastic confidence HERE WE GO !!!!!