



## 2018-2019 FULL SEASON COMPETITION DANCE INFORMATION PACKET

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Thank you for choosing United All Stars! We are excited that you will be joining us for the 2018-2019 Dance Season. If you were with United last year - thanks for returning and if you are brand-new to the United Dance Family - welcome!!! It's going to be a great year!

United All Stars is the home to over 200 competitive cheer, All Star Prep Cheer, Cheer FUNdamentals, tumbling and dance athletes. The program is owned and operated by Mindy DeBaun and staffed by her husband Chuck, daughters Amanda and Jacey and some of the best coaches in Iowa.

At United All Stars, we pride ourselves on obtaining the highest level of training and certifications. All of our coaches are educated and credentialed by the United States All Star Federation. Competitive Dance is for the serious student who is committed to being the best.

We at United Promise to work hard giving your child every available opportunity in the cheer industry to be the best athlete they can be!

Welcome to United!!!

Mindy



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### ***MONTHLY TUITION FEES:***

At United all tuition fees will be automatically deducted monthly on the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. Tuition for competitive dance is from September through May. The fee for all competitive dance ranges from \$60.99 to \$64.20 per month depending on what competitive dance team they are on.

### ***TUITION INCLUDES:***

One class (1.5 hours) per week per team that they are on.

### ***Additional Fees for Competitive Dance:***

- Annual Gym Membership per family \$50.
- Annual Insurance/Registration fee per athlete of \$52.
- Mandatory Costume ranging from \$50 to \$70 per costume.
- Mandatory Practice wear (one outfit) ranging from \$50 - \$65.
- Warm-up Jacket – If already purchased – does not need again.
- Backpack – If already purchased – does not need again.
- Choreography Fees per Team –
  - \$75 per routine – Most competitive teams have two choreography fees totally \$150 for both routines.
- Competition Fees/Coaches Fees – These will be listed on the Competition Schedule once it is determined. These fees are not included in the monthly tuition. They are however added together and divided into three payments for the parents.
- \*\*As per every year – should you wish to have a payment plan with United for all fees – this can be arranged through the office. Just ask for this information.

All Questions will be directed to United's office. Our coaches are not to discuss financial situations with students or parents.

**\*\*NEW THIS YEAR – Should an account be delinquent in any way – your child will be asked to sit out of practice until the account is caught up-to-date.**



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### ***COMMUNICATION:***

At United we use many ways to communicate with our parents and athletes.

- Email (Please check your email at least every other day – as many notifications are sent out from the office).
- Text Message – Make sure that in your account you have checked the box to receive text messages from United.
- Cheer Team Facebook Pages – This is a vital part of communicating with parents and athletes as well as posting pictures and videos. A team mom/office staff member or coach will set up this Facebook page and it will be a private page. Mindy will be included on all these pages.

### ***ATTENDANCE POLICY:***

At United we do try to work with schedules and to the best of our ability work around things: However, we ask that parents and athletes understand that they are committing to a TEAM! It takes everyone on the TEAM to have a successful practice. So, this needs to be a commitment. It is extremely hard when we are working around multiple volleyball, basketball, track and other sports as we never have a full practice and the continuity of the team starts to breakdown with people missing from practices.

We ALL enjoy having family time and vacations and we want to ensure that these can happen. All scheduled time away should be addressed **AHEAD OF TIME** with the Team Coach and Mindy. Please try to plan your vacations around competitions and choreography.

Missing a scheduled practice for a birthday or other events is **NOT AN EXCUSED ABSENCE!**



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### *UNITED'S COMPETITION POLICIES:*

**COMPETITIVE SEASON:** The competitive dance season is from September through May.

- All competitive dancers will have choreography during the summer, usually towards the end of July or sometime in August. This is **MANDATORY** for the dance to be at their choreography dates. Dates will be announced at registration.

Competitive dance is a team sport requiring regular attendance by all team members. Every dancer is expected to attend all practices, functions, performances and competitions.

**COMPETITION FEES:** All competition fees are totaled together for the year and divided into three payments. These fees are listed on the competition table for the year. **ALL** fees are non-refundable! Should an athlete choose to leave the gym – fees will not be refunded.

- Competitive Dancers will attend approximately 6-7 dance competitions per season – this varies depending on location and dates. Dancers will sometimes take only one routine to a competition – but there are times they will take two routines if they are ready. A competition schedule will be sent via email to all competitive parents with competition fees listed.

Registration for the 2018-2019 Dance Season is on Monday 6/18/18 or Tuesday 6/19/18 from 4-8 p.m. **\*\*For the Competitive Dance Teams – Coach Emily will assess the child to see which team best fits the child and their skill level. Every child makes a team – it is just deciding what team best fits the child and where they might be needed with their skills.**

Parents will be contacted with the competitive dance team that their child will be placed on via email. They will also be given choreography dates at that time. Should a child not be able to attend choreography camp – they are still responsible for the fee as someone else will have to attend for the child and then teach them the routine.



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***COMPETITION POLICIES CONTINUED:***

**COMPETITIONS:** For new parents – competitions are scheduled with the companies and they are usually NEVER CANCELLED. We usually do not get the performance order for a competition until the Monday before. All competitions are listed on the competition sheet with hotels that the teams stay in. All parents are required to book their own rooms and figure out travel to and from competitions. When at all possible – athletes are asked to stay in the team hotels! All athletes are required to be at all competitions and support all the United teams. Do not make plans with family/friends until you know what the schedule looks like – AS ALWAYS our first priority is to compete.

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**JEWELRY:** Jewelry is NOT ALLOWED when the athletes are practicing or performing. NO JEWELRY MEANS NO JEWELRY!!! Do not get your child new piercings during the season – as they will HAVE to take it out for practices and performances. No exceptions! Our insurance is null and void if they are wearing jewelry.



Welcome To United All Stars

We look forward to another amazing year of Competitive Dance!

Cheer and Dance is our Passion and we cannot wait to share it with our athletes!!!

Mindy DeBaun – Owner/Coach