

INFINITY DANCE

HANDBOOK

PHILOSOPHY

The primary vision and purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for dancers to learn, improve, and perfect their dance technique through performances, workshops and competitions. Team unity and positive attitudes are *vital* components of our program. Special friendships are naturally formed each season. We want all experiences as a performer to be positive and rewarding.

This may be the first commitment that your child has made, and he/she should understand that it will come with some sacrifice. Though we never intend this activity to be all encompassing, we still need to make the time to make sure each family and child knows what is involved.

Performing to the best of our ability is not our only goal, nor is it the measure of a successful program. Win or lose, building character in each of our members is the goal of our program because character extends beyond the dance floor and into everyday life.

We believe that our program can provide your dancer the opportunity to gain confidence from continuing to improve and eventually mastering each skill for his/ her age level. Our team will learn how to encourage and work together, even if they are not friends away from school/dance. Our team members learn to be responsible by attending each practice, being on time, and doing their part.

Our team members must be accountable for their behavior at practice, competition events, and in the community. Performing skills incorrectly, not giving 110%, and violating team rules are detrimental, not only to the individual, but the *entire* team, and will not be tolerated.

We expect each member and their family to display a positive attitude and be supportive of the program. This includes practicing good sportsmanship. You represent not only Infinity Dance, but also Mukwonago and our neighboring communities, parents, coaches, and most importantly, yourself. Appropriate behavior is required at all times, and we expect our teams to be respectful to each other, other teams, coaches, and parent leaders.

AGE DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

Ages 7-9 years old on Aug 31st

Ages 10-12 years old on Aug 31st

Ages 13-15 years old on Aug 31st Ages 16-18 years old on Aug 31st

Infinity Dance follows the United States All Star Federation (USASF) guidelines regarding divisions. Age exceptions and crossovers may be made at the coach's discretion based on skill and ability.

Ideally, we want dancers around dancers of their own age, engaging in age appropriate socialization, participating in age appropriate choreography, and building lifelong friendships.

TEAM GUIDELINES

The following team guidelines have been established and practiced in fairness to, and for the well-being of, the entire team:

1. Each team member is expected to attend all scheduled practices and competitions. Members will only be excused for illness with doctor's note, school-related function required for grade with appropriate notice, or unavoidable emergency occurrences. Member's parents must notify the squad advisor via phone and/or leave a recorded message or e-mail. (Please note that captains and/or other members of the squad are NOT responsible for reporting these absences for you). Failure to report an absence from practice within 48 hours will be regarded as an "unexcused" absence. Each member will be allowed 3 unexcused absences (Free Pass) throughout the season. If a dancer has more than 3 unexcused absences, they will have \$25 deducted from their \$75 security deposit for each occurrence thereafter. Dancer may be required to schedule a private lesson (\$25 per 1/2 hour) and/or be subject to a performance suspension at the discretion of the directors.
2. If a member has an upcoming attendance conflict (i.e. family vacation, etc.) with Infinity practice schedule, she is expected to notify the directors well in advance to facilitate routine choreography and formations. Subject to \$25 security deposit deductions if applicable
3. One week before a performance or competition, ALL members must attend ALL scheduled practices. Failure to attend all scheduled practices one week before a competition (except for illness with doctor's note or unavoidable emergency) may result in a mandatory one-hour private lesson to be scheduled for dancer to be eligible to compete. If dancer does not have full grasp of material and competition readiness, the removal of that member from the performance and/or competition will be at the discretion of the directors.
4. Infinity Dance Team will conduct **spring audition placement**. All returning members and potential candidates will take part in these auditions. Judges will use a point system for audition performances. Audition participants will be level set into the correct skill category & age bracket. **Parent and dancer will consent to audition placement and complete the season in its entirety. All audition placements are final.**
5. Since the Infinity Dance Team is a sport that requires team uniformity in dress and appearance there will be additional costs for uniform accessories and apparel for the season. All uniform parts, equipment, and accessories are to be purchased by members of Infinity Dance. These items include but are not limited to: uniforms, poms, warm up, jazz shoes, dance tights, athletic shoes.
6. Infinity Dance Team parent-initiated committees will conduct periodic fundraisers for the purchase of team equipment and/or defray team activity expenses. Participation in fundraisers is mandatory as planned by director or parent initiated fundraising committees. Members who are unable to or elect not to participate in a fundraiser(s) are expected to pay designated fees "out-of-pocket" by the designated

due dates. Fundraising monies earned will be credited toward dancer tuition account. Funds are non-transferable or refundable for cash payout. Credits may not carry over to next year's season.

7. Tuition payments are due by the 1st of the month via auto-pay. A \$25 late fee may be assessed to members who fail to pay fees by the designated due dates. Infinity Dance accepts all major credit cards as form of payment.

8. Infinity Dance is a drug, tobacco, and alcohol-free program.

9. All members are expected to demonstrate proper conduct, respect, and good sportsmanship while at practice, while in uniform, and during all team functions and on social media. Inappropriate language, attire, or actions are strictly prohibited.

10. A member will be subject to performance suspension and/or removal from the team for failure to observe the guidelines set forth above. Extenuating circumstances to team guidelines are reviewed on a case by case basis at the coaches' discretion.

Infinity Dance is committed to developing a respected, proficient pom/dance team in the competitive arena and seeks individuals committed to that same goal. We understand that this undertaking requires an enormous amount of practice time. Consideration of the energy and dedication that goes into this endeavor must be made by all current and prospective members and their families to allow Infinity Dance to function in a successful manner.

POWER PRACTICE

Additional practices may be scheduled at the discretion of the coaches/directors. All dancers are required to participate. We will set up a power practice contingency time frame for each team to help with family planning but may have to be flexible as necessary. Power practices typically apply before major competitions, as a snow make up, or unforeseen event.

COMPETITIONS / PERFORMANCES

Our competition teams begin practicing and learning choreography beginning in June. During the months of October through March, we attend various competitions throughout the state (approximately 5 per season). Nationals competition opportunities are TBD. These events typically take place at an out of state venue in February or March.

It is our goal to have these dates and venues chosen and on the calendar by the start of the season. Teams may also be selected for local performance opportunities such as Braves Games, Fall Fest, Church Festivals, Parades etc.

NATIONALS

Teams may attend Nationals. All expenses related to Nationals are separate from regular tuition. Nationals expenses can range from \$500-\$750 depending on the room type and number of extra events

your dancer decides to participate in beyond team events (i.e. Solos, Duets, Small Group). A parent dancer meeting will be scheduled early fall to discuss all details regarding Nationals.

SOLOS, DUETS, SMALL GROUPS

A limited number of solos, duets, and small group choreography will be available with Infinity Staff. Solo, duets, and small groups are a first-come, first-serve basis.

Solo/Duet/Trio \$200/person
4-5 Person Small Group \$180/person

Includes choreography, music editing, and 4 hours of private instruction and cleaning. \$50/hour private lessons are available for extra critique cleaning.

SUMMER CHOREOGRAPHY CLINIC

The competition teams will attend summer choreography clinic in late June or July. Included in your tuition fees, summer choreography clinic dates and times are posted on the calendar.

FALL CHOREOGRAPHY CLINIC

The competition teams will attend fall choreography clinic. Included in your tuition fees, fall choreography clinic dates and times will be posted on the calendar. Dates currently TBD

STUDENT DRESS CODE

All-Star competition dancers should come to practice or technique wearing appropriate shoes, practice tank or tee, fitted solid black pants or shorts with dance tights, and with hair completely pulled back in a high, tight bun.

Ballet-Black leotard, white convertible tights, pink ballet shoes. Hair completely pulled back in a high tight bun.

TUITION / FEES

\$25 annual registration per dancer for all Infinity Teams/Classes (June 1st- May 31st)

\$75 Security Deposit is due upon registration prior to the first audition clinic for competition dancers. Security deposit is refunded if we cannot place your dancer on a team. However, security deposit is not refunded if you decline a spot on one of our teams. Security deposit balance will be taken off your last payment if you complete your full season commitment to the team.

If you choose to no longer decide to participate in a class or team mid-season, a cancellation fee of \$250 will be in effect.

SENIOR ALL-STARS

16-18 yrs (3 competitions + recital)

Senior All-Stars is open for competitive dancers who would like to compete a modern contemporary during the competition season. Senior All-Stars will compete in 3 competitions that we feel will suit our division best.

\$25 registration per dancer for all teams. Tuition payments begin the Monday following auditions in June.

Monthly Tuition is due on the first of each month June through March. \$125 monthly Tuition is due on the first of each month June through March.

Crossover competitive team members: \$50 tuition add on is due on the first of each month; June 1st to March 1st

Tuition is based on number of practice hours, technique training, as well as the number of competitions each team will attend. Tuition has been figured to reflect short months, holidays, weather cancellations, and minimal absences.

Monthly tuition includes:

- All team practices
- Competition choreography
- Competition fees-3 competitions*
- Dancer admission into all performance events -Recital finale choreography and practice

*At director's discretion, additional competition opportunities may become available for Seniors All-Star Team I.e: Nationals

(Additional competitions are not part of tuition and will require extra practice times and competition fees)

must have a minimum of 8 dancers to go forward.

JUNIOR ALL-STARS

13-15 yrs

\$25 registration per dancer for all teams. Tuition payments begin the Monday following auditions in June. \$195 monthly Tuition is due on the first of each month June through March.

Tuition is based on number of practice hours, technique training, as well as the number of competitions each team will attend. Tuition has been figured to reflect short months, holidays, weather cancellations, and minimal absences.

Monthly tuition includes:

- All team practices
- Competition choreography
- Music editing
- Summer choreography clinic
- Contemporary ballet class
- Contemporary ballet recital routine choreography and costume
- Technique
- Technique recital routine choreography and costume
- Power practices
- Fall choreography clinic
- Competition fees
- Dancer admission into all performance events (ie. Six Flags)
- Recital finale choreography and practice

*Nationals competitions and additional clinic/camp opportunities not included.

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YOUTH ALL-STARS

10-12 yrs

\$25 registration per dancer for all teams. Tuition payments begin the Monday following auditions in June. \$150 monthly Tuition is due on the first of each month June through March.

Tuition is based on number of practice hours, technique training, as well as the number of competitions each team will attend. Tuition has been figured to reflect short months, holidays, weather cancellations, and minimal absences.

Monthly tuition includes:

- All team practices
- Competition choreography
- Music editing
- Summer clinic
- Contemporary ballet
- Contemporary ballet recital routine choreography and costume
- Summer technique
- Power practices
- Fall clinic
- Competition fees
- Dancer admission into all performance events (ie. Six Flags)
- Recital finale choreography and practice

*Nationals competitions and additional clinic/camp opportunities not included. Technique class required for youth competition dancers. Monthly class add-on available.

KICK ALL-STARS

12+ yrs (3 competitions + recital)

Our Kick All-Stars Team is open for competitive dancers who would like to compete another genre during the all-star season. Additionally, dancers will work on skills needed to enhance kick technique, flexibility and improve strength and endurance. Kick practice times/expenses are in addition to the regular season expectations. Kick All-Stars will compete in three competitions that we feel will suit our division best.

\$25 registration per dancer for all teams. Tuition payments begin the Monday following auditions in June. Monthly tuition is due on the first of each month June through March.

Competition All-Star Team Members: \$50 Tuition add-on is due on the first of each month June 1st to March 1st

Non-Competition All-Star Team Members: \$125 due on the first of each month June 1st to March 1st

Tuition is based on number of practice hours, technique training, as well as the number of competitions each team will attend. Tuition has been figured to reflect short months, holidays, weather cancellations, and minimal absences.

Monthly tuition includes:

- All team practices
- Competition choreography
- Costume
- Summer choreography clinic
- Competition fees-3 competitions*
- Dancer admission into all performance events
- Recital finale choreography and practice

*At directors' discretion, additional competition opportunities may become available for All-Star Kick Team I.e: Nationals (Additional competitions are not part of tuition and will require extra practice times and competition fees)

must have a minimum of 8 dancers to go forward.

ACRO TUMBLING

Infinity Dance is very excited to be offering Acro Tumbling through a partnership with Elite Tumbling. Elite will be offering different levels of classes for dancers who wish to broaden their skills with tumbling tricks that have found their way into dance team choreography. Acro Tumbling is a coed class.

BALLET

Infinity Dance is very excited to be offering Contemporary Ballet. Contemporary Ballet is a modern fusion on a classic class. This class is geared for dancers who wish to develop their skills by learning through a combination of a disciplined and contemporary approach to the foundation of dance. Students will focus

on building the strength, flexibility and control needed to execute ballet movement as well as connect the dots of how ballet relates to other genres of dance. Each class will emphasize barre exercises and may also include a combination of center floor work and across-the-floor lyrical/contemporary combinations. Contemporary ballet instruction is from June-March and includes a year-end performance for the recital in spring.

Contemporary Ballet (ages 7-11 yrs) - This class will cover the fundamentals of ballet technique. It is a more modern twist on a classic dance setting that will give students the discipline to mature as dancers. The importance of strength, flexibility, rhythm, musicality, and memorization will be stressed. Basics of performing and connecting the dots to other genres will be introduced.

Contemporary Ballet (ages 12+ yrs) - In this class students will cover the fundamentals as well as gain a more complete understanding of ballet, lyrical, and modern technique. Emphasis will be placed on proper technique and alignment and increasing strength and flexibility. Students are expected to have prior experience in ballet and to be more self-disciplined.

Contemporary ballet placement follows the age guidelines of dancers age as of Aug 31st.

COSTUME FEES

Youth & Junior

\$250 costume deposit is due the Monday following your dancers' auditions. \$125 costume payment installment due August 15th and October 15th

Costume fees include:

- Practice wear
- Pom costume
- Jazz costume
- Competition poms

Senior

\$150 costume deposit is due the Monday following your dancers' auditions.

Team Costume Fees include:

- Practice wear
- Costume

Crossovers may have practice wear deducted from their costume fee balance

Team Apparel

\$150* warm up jacket & pants-required for youth and juniors

\$45* team bag-required for youth and juniors

Items that may need to be purchased on your own:

- Tan jazz shoes
- Black jazz shoes
- Black tights
- Pink ballet shoes
- Tan tights
- White convertible tights
- Solid black leotard
- Hair pieces
- Misc. costume items
- Make up
- Solid black dance pants

Emails will be sent out by instructors for specific item styles. Please refrain from making any competitive team item purchases before receipt of email.

PARENT INITIATED FUNDRAISING

In effort to reduce costs, we encourage parent-initiated fundraising committees to be formed. Fees may be fund raised through a variety of ways (i.e. car washes, product sales etc.). Any fees not earned through fund raising are then out of pocket.

Family Discount: A 20% tuition discount will be applied for second sibling member on Infinity Dance Competition Team Discount offered to Monthly Tuition Payments Plan Only.

ALL FEES MUST BE PAID BY SCHEDULED DUE DATE VIA AUTO PAY. A \$25 LATE FEE MAY APPLY, AND DANCER MAY SIT OUT IMPENDING PRACTICE, PERFORMANCE OR COMPETITION UNTIL FEES ARE UP TO DATE.

Please note we take each family's personal situation into consideration and are open to discussing an alternative payment schedule if necessary. Don't let finances impede your daughter from auditioning. No girl will be turned away due to financial constraints. 😊