

The 716 Dance Lab Competitive Team

Contract & Commitments

Season: 2025–2026

Being a member of The 716 Dance Lab Competitive Team is a privilege and requires dedication, accountability, and teamwork. This agreement outlines the expectations, financial commitments, and code of conduct for all competitive dancers and their families.

Financial Responsibilities

1. All accounts must remain in good standing for participation in rehearsals & competitions
 2. Families must enroll in Auto-Pay in the Dance Studio Portal. Auto-Pay will process 7 days after the due date. Cash or check payments may be made before this date to avoid card processing fees. NSF checks or failed Auto-Pay will incur a \$20 fee, plus the original amount owed. After two failed payments, future payments must be made in cash.
 3. Competitive membership is a full-season commitment. If a dancer quits or is removed, the family remains responsible for all fees for the entire term (including tuition, costumes, entry fees, convention fees, etc.).
 4. Fundraising: We will offer more fundraisers for competitive only students in addition to the Studio Wide fundraisers. These are optional but we highly recommend involvement to assist in offsetting fees. Fundraising can only be used for Tuition, Costumes, Competition Fees.
 5. Families are responsible for all travel, lodging, and competition-related expenses and fundraising cannot be used for those.
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Attendance & Commitment

1. Competitive dance is a team activity—attendance is mandatory at all scheduled classes, rehearsals, and competitions.
 - a. Max 3 absences per genre. Any more than that the teacher has the right to have the dancer out of a section or removed from the dance if excessive.
 - b. When dancers miss class, they are expected to learn what they missed during their absence so the teachers can move on in the next class.

2. Absences must be communicated in advance via the Portal.. Excessive absences may result in removal from routines or events.
 3. Dancers must arrive on time, prepared with correct attire, shoes, and water.
 4. Vacations or outside commitments must not interfere with required conventions, or competitions.
 5. Dancers are expected to participate in one Summer Session to continue their training in the 3 months off.
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Dress Code & Preparedness

- All dancers must follow the required dress code for each style (including hair pulled back neatly).
 - NO STANLEYS
 - We have had an excessive amount of spills and these hold a lot of water. It has caused damage to equipment.
 - No sweatshirts or loose fitting clothing is permitted to be worn in ballet, Jazz, technique or acro.
 - Dancers must be in leotard & tights for ballet. Shorts/ skirts are optional.(Boys- fitted pants/tights)
 - Shoes must be replaced when they are worn down so dancers can perform to the best of their ability.
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Code of Conduct – Dancers

1. Dancers will represent The 716 Dance Lab with integrity, sportsmanship, and respect at all times.
2. Social media must reflect positively on the dancer, team, and studio. No inappropriate content, negative remarks, or disrespectful posts will be tolerated.
3. No training at or choreography taken from other studios/programs without prior approval from the directors.
4. All choreography, routines, and material learned at The 716 Dance Lab remain the property of the studio and may not be used elsewhere without permission.
5. Threatening to quit or displaying negative/disruptive behavior may result in immediate removal from the program, with full financial responsibility remaining.
6. Gossip, negative talk, or disrespect toward dancers, parents, staff, or other studios will not be tolerated.
7. Students must conduct themselves in a respectful, supportive, and sportsmanlike manner at all times, including competition.

Code of Conduct – Parents

1. Parents must conduct themselves in a respectful, supportive, and sportsmanlike manner at all times—both at the studio and at competitions.
 - a. There are many ears around at competition and we do not want any gossip of any routines or dancers as this can cause toxicity in the dance world, studio & can reflect on dancers scoring
 2. Gossip, negative talk, or disrespect toward dancers, parents, staff, or other studios will not be tolerated.
 3. Parents are responsible for siblings and guests while at the studio or events.
 4. Any parent who threatens to withdraw their dancer may be subject to immediate removal from the program, with financial responsibility for the full season remaining.
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Competitions & Performances

- Dancers must attend all competitions, conventions, and scheduled performances.
 - Dancers are required to stay through awards unless excused. Awards are mandatory at every competition.
 - Proper etiquette is expected on and off stage.(including awards)
 - Dancers must wear Dance lab apparel or costume on the awards stage.
 - Dancer must arrive 100% ready to go on the stage 1.5 hours before performance time.
 - If dancers are late, we reserve the right to pull them from the number
 - Dancers must be in full performance makeup and lashes for all competitions (Lashes optional for 7& under)
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Agreement

By signing below, dancer and parent/guardian agree to uphold the expectations of The 716 Dance Lab Competitive Team. Failure to meet these commitments may result in probation, removal from routines, or dismissal from the team.

Dancer Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature_____

Date: _____