

## COMPETITION TEAM

Competition teams can be joined once a student has reached the Intermediate I level. Competition team members may not have more than 8 unexcused absences. Should more than 8 absences be exceeded, they will not be permitted to compete. Company team members are not permitted more than 6 unexcused absences. Habitual lateness and early dismissals will not be tolerated. If you cannot commit to the team, you will be dismissed without a refund. All competition fees must be paid through your Studio Director account.

Proper competition etiquette includes:

- Parents are not permitted backstage during a competition. **Teachers only!**
- Parents are not permitted to direct students in any way dance-related during a competition other than aiding in costume changes. If you have any questions during a competition, please see Miss Angie.
- Parents may not stand with the teacher while they are reviewing a dance prior to going on stage. Nor are they to give any critiques, advice or pointers.
- No video or photography if posted. If you are caught, we could be disqualified.
- Students must report to the designated area upon arrival.
- Students must remain in the dressing room during the competition unless the teacher states otherwise.
- Students need to report on time with hair and makeup already complete. Costumes must be put on upon arrival, followed by stretching. If you are late you must contact someone to let the teacher know. If you report late and we have already run the number prior to going on stage, you will be blocked out of the number. No call/ no show is grounds for dismissal without a refund.
- All dances will be reviewed before taking the stage.
- After performing, all students must report back to the dressing room to put on competition logo wear. If you do not have your competition logo wear, you may not go onstage for awards. Do not leave the dressing room area until your teacher has spoken to you.
- Please remain for awards. It is mandatory. Please come to the front of stage for awards and participate in any dances beforehand. Show your school spirit!
- Teachers will appoint someone to receive awards. Please stand in 5<sup>th</sup> position and speak loud and proud. Please state your teachers full name and your studio.
- Following awards, all students must stay on stage for pictures with your winning trophies to be posted on our Facebook page.
- Both competitions are mandatory. If you are not able to compete in both you will be dismissed from the class without a refund. If you have a conflict, please bring it to Miss Angie's attention immediately after the schedule is posted. She may be able to work around your conflict.
- This year's competitions are as follows:
  - Encore DCS – **April 5-7, 2019** in Lancaster, PA
  - Beyond the Stars – **April 12-14, 2019** in Trenton, NJ
  - Nationals: Beyond the Stars – **July 7-13, 2019** in Poconos, PA
    - We are doing Nationals again this year and will be registering earlier this year to guarantee a spot.

- We must have 100% participation in any given number to compete. It was proven difficult to re-block dances with multiple team members missing. Also, all practices are mandatory in order to participate in Nationals.
- The following dates will be set aside for Nationals rehearsals:

**Friday, June 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2019**

Proper Convention/ Workshop Etiquette:

- Please arrive on time.
- Please wear a colorful leotard and tan convertible tights for all styles with the exception of Hip Hop. Please wear a tank top of your choice and any style or color leggings over your leotard. No writing or pictures on tank tops unless dance-related. Leggings can be worn for contemporary. Hair in a slicked back, high bun. No jewelry is permitted with the exception of sparkly post earrings.
- Please bring all dance shoes.
- Anyone not in proper dress will be asked to sit and view.
- No sitting, eating or cell phones permitted during convention classes. If you are broken up into groups to perform, you should be reviewing on the side. Please cheer on your classmates and those from other studios.
- This year's convention will be held on **Sunday, November 18, 2018** by Beyond the Stars. This replaces Fall Frolic and Capitol Kickline. You do not need to stay over. The convention will be held at:

Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel  
202 East Pratt Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

- This year's convention is **mandatory**. Any student who does not attend will be dismissed from the competition class without a refund.