

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.

Please read through the following rules as they will be enforced:

- **NEW THIS YEAR** – Please no hair colors other than your natural color are permitted for Competition.
- Parents are not permitted backstage or in any holding areas during a Competition or performance. **Teachers and Directors only!** If you need to, you may only watch from a distance. We will always make sure there are plenty of Teachers and/or Directors to supervise all dancers at all times.
- Parents are not permitted to direct students in any way dance-related during a Competition other than aiding in costume changes. While help is appreciated, please refrain from giving any direction unless asked by the Directors. If you have any questions during a Competition, please see Miss Angie.
- Students are only permitted to ask Teachers or Directors if they are in need of help during a Competition. Do not ask other parents.
- 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.
- **Reminder to families and friends of RSD, picture taking and recording of dances is strictly prohibited at these events. If you are caught, we could get DISQUALIFIED.** Just because you see others disregarding the rules does not make it right. Please set the example for our Studio and your children.
- Students must report to the designated area upon arrival for roll call and will check-in with their teacher.
- Students must remain in the dressing room during the Competition unless the teacher states otherwise.
- Please arrive in your **LOGOWEAR**. Costumes must be put on upon arrival, followed by stretching.
- **Students need to report on time with hair and makeup already complete. DO NOT** plan to do it when you get there. If you are not ready by the time the dance is being blocked, you will be blocked out of the routine.
- If you are late, sick or stuck in traffic, you must contact Miss Jacqueline personally as soon as possible (717-991-0483). If need be, we can request to hold the routine to accommodate your arrival – **within a reasonable amount of time**. Do not contact anyone else or you will be blocked out while at Competition. If you report late and have not informed us of your late arrival, you will be blocked out of the number. No call/ no show is grounds for dismissal without a refund.

- Team members **MUST** remain together; there is **ABSOLUTELY** no wandering off on your own. If you must use the bathroom, you must **TELL YOUR TEACHER** and use a buddy system so that you are not going alone.
- All dances will be reviewed before taking the stage.
- After performing, all students must report back to the dressing room to put their logowear back on. If you do not have your Competition logowear, you may not go onstage for awards. Do not leave the dressing room area until your teacher has spoken to you.
- After you are dismissed from the dressing room, please proceed to the audience to watch the rest of the performances and cheer on the other RSD teams. Level 1, Level 2 and Junior Company must be picked up at the dressing room by a parent.
- 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!
- There is to be **NO GUM CHEWING** on stage during awards.
- **NO CELL PHONE USE** is permitted on stage during awards. The only exception is taking pictures or videos of your teammates receiving awards. Otherwise cell phones must be put away in pockets.
- Teachers will appoint someone to receive awards. Please stand in 5th position and speak loud and proud. Please state your name and the name of 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 on the waiver that must be completed by September 21, 2019. She may be able to work around your conflict.
- This year's competitions are as follows:
 - Believe Talent – **April 17-19, 2020** in Towson, MD
 - Groove – **May 1-3, 2020** in King of Prussia, PA
 - Nationals: Believe Talent – **July 6-10, 2020** in Ocean City, MD
 - We are doing Nationals again this year and will be registering early 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:

Thursday, June 25 & July 2, 2020:
Hip Hop Crew – 6:00-7:00PM
Solos/ Duos/ Small Groups – Time TBD

Friday, June 26 & July 3, 2020:
Level 1 – 4:50-5:50PM
Junior Company – 5:00-6:00PM
Level 2 – 6:00-7:00PM
Teen Company – 6:10-7:10PM
Level 3 – 7:10-8:10PM

Elite Company – 7:20-8:20PM
Advanced – 8:25-9:25PM

Proper Convention/ Workshop Etiquette:

- Please arrive on time.
- Please wear a colorful leotard and tan convertible tights for all styles of dance, 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.
- There should be **no tumbling** when split into groups and waiting on the sides. Tumbling is only permitted if the teacher asks you to or if there is adequate space when asked to improvise. Stretching, watching and reviewing are only permitted on the sides for safety.
- Grab a quick drink during workshops if you need one, but there is to be **absolutely no loitering** around the water tables or hiding under them.
- No one should be outside of the ballroom unless they are using the buddy system to go to the restroom. **Please NO excessive restroom use.**
- **No horseplay. You are representing our Studio; therefore, you should be on your best behavior!**
- This year's Convention will be held on **Sunday, November 17, 2019** by Groove. This replaces Fall Frolic and Capitol Kickline. You do not need to stay over. The Convention will be held at:

Sheraton Valley Forge Hotel
480 North Gulph Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406

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

Please remember that all rules apply to all students and there will be consequences if they are not followed. If you have any questions at all, please contact us at richieschoolofdance@gmail.com. We are always willing to help those who come to us. If you have any trouble getting to a Competition or to Convention, are late or lost, please call Miss Jacqueline - 717-991-0483.