



## Performance Team Dance Program Policy Contract 2017-2018

Mellado Dance Elite's Competitive Performance Team dance programs provide an excellent base for our more serious dance students. Students prepare for competitions in choreography classes and develop their skills in technique classes.

By signing this contract, you (dancer and parent) are choosing to agree to meet and adhere to all of the above expectations for members of Mellado Dance Elite's Competitive Performance Team Dance Program. The result of not meeting the above expectations is being asked to leave the Competitive Performance Team Programs. (No refunds will be given to members who have been asked to leave.)

Mellado Dance Elite takes its Competitive Performance Team Dance Programs very seriously. These programs are for dancers who have a passion to learn to dance well and to work hard. The purpose of this contract is to clearly express what is demanded of all Competitive Performance Team dancers, and to ensure that all parties involved are getting what they want and expect out of the Mellado Dance Elite's programs.

Performance Team dancers are required to make a serious commitment to their instructors and fellow classmates. The following expectations are asked of ALL Performance Team dancers:

### **CLASS ATTENDANCE**

**Any student who misses 3 or more classes per term for non-medical reasons will be put on a probation period. Dancers who are going to be absent for any reason are required to notify the office ahead of time by email or phone.**

- 1st Term – September-December 2017
- 2nd Term – January-March 2018
- 3rd Term – April-June 2018

After 2 classes have been missed for non-medical reasons, a warning will be sent out to dancers and their family. If the student is absent for more than 3 classes per term, the dancer will be put on an one month probation period. During this probation period, the dancer must attend all classes and schedule a time with their instructor to discuss an action plan for the remainder of the year. Failure to meet the requirements of this probation period may result in private lessons at an added cost, or the student's competition privileges being revoked.

This rule will be strictly enforced as dancers have chosen to work at a higher level of commitment, instead of at a recreational level. Students must attend all classes together to create a team spirit, which is integral to their ability to perform and excel as dancers. Dancers who are sick or injured are still strongly encouraged to come watch their class.

Students who miss class put the entire group at a disadvantage, due to the fact that absent students must be taught the missed material while the rest of the class repeats what they covered the week before. This allows restlessness and boredom to replace interest and activity. Regular class attendance will ensure the dancers are learning, and not repeating. If a dancer is absent, it is expected that they take the initiative to go over any new material or corrections, so that they are not negatively affecting the rest of the group.

### **COMPETITIONS & PERFORMANCES**

Competitive routines will be competed at 2 or more local dance festivals. These festivals are competitive, and in order for the group to compete the best that they can, all dancers need to be present. It is also mandatory that students attend the last class prior to each competition. Dances will not be re-spaced for missing students; the dance will be permanently re-choreographed without the missing student.

It is the responsibility of every dancer and their parent to ensure that they attend every performance and competition that they are involved with, without exception, including competitions where travel is involved. All dancers must arrive one hour before the competition, in costume and full hair and makeup.

## **SOLOS & DUOS**

All competitive students are strongly encouraged, to request a solo, duo or trio routine. Students may request the type of dance discipline of the solo/duo/trio, but ultimately the decision will rest with the Director.

Students may request a specific instructor, but a final decision will be assigned at the discretion of the Director. Practice time for the solo/duo/trio will be dependent on availability.

Students who choose to dance a solo, duo or trio are also agreeing to take responsibility for the following:

- attending all scheduled practice sessions
- bringing copies of music to all festivals/competitions
- remembering all choreography
- practicing on their own time
- attending all competitions on their own (instructor may or may not be present)
- all Competition Entry Fees
- all Choreography and Studio Rental Fees

The instructor has the final decision as to whether or not a student is ready to perform the solo/duo/trio routine in competition.

## **EFFORT & CLASS CONDUCT**

All dancers must be willing to push themselves to be the best dancer they can be.

At all times dancers must show respect to their instructors and classmates. Performance Team dancers have a responsibility to their fellow students, to instructors, and to themselves to dance always at a 100% effort level. It is a privilege and an honor to be a member of our Performance Team dance program; not a right. Dancers falling behind and not working hard enough risk being asked to leave the Performance Team programs.

Performance Team dancers are required to wear the prescribed Mellado Dance Elite dress code and arrive on time to class with their hair up and with all necessary equipment. Dancers need to understand that they are setting an example for the rest of Mellado Dance Elite's recreational/competitive dancers. Members also need to realize that they are representing Mellado Dance Elite's top student population at all outside events. Poor examples and inappropriate behaviour of any kind is not acceptable!

**After reviewing the contract, please sign below:**

**"I agree to follow and adhere to the expectations of the Mellado Dance Elite's Competitive Performance Team Dance Programs for the 2017-2018 dance year"**

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Dancer Name

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Dancer's Signature

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Date

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Parent's Name

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Parent's Signature

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Date