



ALL-STARS DANCE CENTER COMPANY CONTRACT 2009/2010

To: *Parents and Students*

Your child has been selected to join the COMPANY DANCE PROGRAM. It is a great honor to be chosen. **Placement of dancers is at the sole discretion of the teaching staff.**

There are several requirements. These requirements pertain to all groups, solos, duos and trios.

ALL BILLS MUST BE UP-TO-DATE, AT BOTH ROOTS GYMNASTICS AND ALL-STARS DANCE CENTER OR YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN TO EITHER FACILITY UNTIL YOUR BILLS ARE UP-TO-DATE.

The WALL across from the restrooms will be the Company Dancer and Parent Information Center. Please be sure to keep up to date with all information posted by checking the wall each time you have class. Kim can't possibly contact every person with every piece of information.

Competition Dates:

There are three (3) mandatory competitions in 2010:

- Starbound – Springfield, MA, February 5,6 & 7, 2010
- Sophisticated Productions – Springfield, MA, April 10 & 11, 2010
- Showstoppers – Hartford, CT, April 30th, May 1 & 2, 2010

Optional competitions will be posted on the back wall by the restrooms.

There is no required National competition this year.

Anyone wishing to do any other Competitions or Pageants may do so on their own. Extra practice for these will be charged a private lesson rate (\$20.00 per ½ hour).

Competition Fees:

Please be prepared to pay your entry fees as soon as you receive your invoice. We try to hand them out one month before they are due (typically two months before the competition as they need to be mailed to the competition 5 weeks before.) Sometimes we are delayed in printing all of the invoices, but please be ready to pay when you receive it. We need time to deposit all checks and have them clear before we can write out the check to the competition.

To estimate what your average invoice might be, typical fees are as follows (amounts are Per Dancer):

- Average Group Charge - \$28
- Average Solo Charge - \$75
- Average Duo/Trio Charge - \$32

These are just averages, some could be more and some could be less. **Please be prepared.**

Costume Fees:

Costume DEPOSITS for Company dancers are \$40.00 per dance, due the week of October 15th.

Company costumes prices range from \$60.00 to \$120.00. Some Company costumes are hand-made so this is why the price range may differ from a non-company dance class. You also receive your costume months ahead of non-company dance classes.

Mandatory Parent Meeting:

There will be a MANDATORY MEETING FOR PARENTS OF ALL NEW COMPANY DANCERS On **Saturday, January 9th, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.** All Company parents are encouraged to attend. At this meeting, all of your questions will be answered. I will explain everything from hair to Competitions. Adults only please.

Preparation Before and at Competitions:

- All costumes, accessories, hair, make-up and transportation will be your responsibility. If you do not have all of the parts of your costume, you will not compete. Points are deducted for this and it is not fair to the other students. PLEASE complete and refer to the COMPETITION COSTUME PARTS TRACKING form, in your folder, when you prepare for each competition.
- You are to be at the competition location, dressed and ready to go, TWO hours before the scheduled on-stage time. The reason for being at the Competitions two hours early is because a lot of Competitions run early, dancers need to practice and make sure their costumes are secured, etc.
- The front desk will have directions and times of the Competition approximately one week before the Competition.
- All-Stars personnel WILL NOT ask to change the Competition schedule for any reason other than a severe emergency. In the past, this has put Kim in a very difficult situation and we all need to make sacrifices for the commitment we have made.

Dance Conventions:

All students who are in two or more company classes must attend one Dance Masters of America Dance Convention or NADDA. This year only, we also offered an afternoon ballet class with Wendy Holmes, which qualified as a convention. DMA and NADDA conventions are held from October to March. The average cost of these conventions is \$35. Available dates will be posted on the Company bulletin board. The office will have times and directions. Please have hair in a bun, dress in a black leotard (preferably an All-Stars leotard) with neat tights and have proper footwear for each class. If you do not have these items, please ask. If you were not able to take your required summer program, you will be asked to take 2 conventions throughout the year. If these requirements are not met, you will not dance in the recital.

Weekly Classes and Extra Practices:

Due to the importance of participation for choreography and the level of instruction required for the success of a competitive class, **you will be allowed 2 missed classes. Any absences beyond 2 may be cause for dismissal, at the discretion of the teacher.** This rule pertains to ALL Company classes and competitive lessons including solos/duos/trios. It is unfair to the teachers and rest of the students in class when a student is constantly absent. Students are required to give advanced notification of their inability to attend any class, with the exception of a true emergency. No refund of payment shall be given in the event of dismissal.

We will be having several practices during Westfield school vacation weeks. You will receive notice in plenty of time to plan for these practices. If you do not give us prior notice that you will not be able to attend a practice, a \$25.00 fee will be charged. These extra practices are free of charge and on your teachers' own time. So please make sure you give them the respect they deserve by attending the practice.

Required All-Stars Apparel:

Every Company dancer is required to purchase an All-Stars leotard (approx. \$35.00) and an All-Stars wind suit (approx. \$125.00). If the dancer has a wind suit, but has grown out of one piece, we can order that piece separately. It is **MANDATORY** that the wind suit be worn during all Competition Award Ceremonies and to be used as a cover up at Competitions. Leotards and wind suits are to be worn at all Conventions as well. This will show other studios our **TEAM SPIRIT**. We also take a picture in the leotard and wind suit in the spring. We will be sizing and ordering these in November. Wind suits are to be paid for before they are ordered.

Many dances require rhinestone barrettes, necklaces and earrings as well as hairpieces for buns. Please check with the teacher on what is required. Order forms and hair color samples will be available at the front desk in early December. They should be available by Christmas if you want to give any of these as a gift.

Competition Etiquette and Courtesies:

We consider All-Stars a family. We need to support our family by watching our performances and supporting the dancers on stage whenever we are not preparing for our own performance. When participating in a group dance, all dancers need to stay for awards. We understand that sometimes other things come up when there are Competitions. Everyone needs to understand that these dancers have put their heart and soul into their dance and they need our cheers. PLEASE STAY TO SUPPORT YOUR FAMILY.

General courtesy at all competitions includes:

- Ensuring your dancer is completely ready to go on before handing them over to their teacher
- Cleaning up after yourselves (including taking care of your trash)
- Being responsible for the behavior of your dancer and their siblings
- Refrain from drinking alcohol during competitions. This could result in disqualification for the entire studio and/or your family being asked to leave All-Stars. It is unfortunate that we have to mention this, but the reputation of the studio is at risk.
- Show respect for **all** dancers on stage and other audience members by holding conversations outside of the auditorium.

UNIFORMITY IS IMPORTANT!

*Please communicate with teacher and other parents in your class **PRIOR** to the competitions to discuss shades of lipstick, eye shadow, earrings, placement of rhinestones, body glitter, etc.*

*Please **complete** and **refer** to your “Competition Costume Parts Tracking” form prior to each competition.*

No colored nail polish on fingers or toes. Please be sure to have nail polish remover in your caboodle.

And finally.....

Enjoy your competition experience with your All-Stars Dance Center family!





2009/2009 Company Contract Review

I have reviewed the All-Stars Dance Center 2009/2010 Contract and understand my responsibilities as a Parent/Company Dancer.

Signed:

Parent of Company Dancer

Date

Company Dancer

Date

Additional Company Dancers in the family:

Company Dancer

Date

Company Dancer

Date

Company Dancer

Date