



Differences between our Recreational Program, Performance Team & Competitive Team

2011 / 2012 Dance Season



	Recreational Program	Performance Team	Competitive Team
Brief description	Taking one or more classes during the week that just involve the daily class lessons, preparation for recital, and performing in the recital	Involves taking required classes and a choreography class, learning pieces to perform at events, fundraisers, festivals, etc. practicing and rehearsing routines and possibly travelling for various events. For our dancers wanting to expand their experiences and be more serious, without solely focusing on competing.	Involves taking required classes, extra private lessons on weekends, learning competition routines, practicing and rehearsing, competing at various competitions and festivals. For our most serious dancer.
Who can be involved	Anyone age 3+	Performance 1 – age 8 to 10 Performance 2 – age 11 to 13 Performance 3 – age 14+ *and taking the required classes	Anyone age 7+ *and taking the required classes
Extra costs involved	Yes – recital costume	Yes – costumes for each event; possible entry fees; rehearsal fees, travel expenses	Yes - private lessons, required open studio time, costumes, competitors' jacket, and entry fees
Fundraising	No	Yes – individual and team fundraisers to help cover above costs (see “Performance Team” Hand Out)	No
Extra time involved outside of class	No	No – all choreography is learned in your choreography class Yes – rehearsal before each performance and for each performance (will include weekends)	Yes – private lessons outside of class time, open studio time, rehearsal, each competition



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Attendance Requirements	Can not miss more than 3 classes from the time recital routines are being taught to the actual date of recital...if you do, you may not be permitted to perform in recital or you may be required to pay for extra lessons	Cannot miss required rehearsals or performances (dates will be set out at the beginning of the season)	Cannot miss any private lessons or competition dates or your dancer will no longer be permitted to perform/compete with their group/routine.
Involved in a year end show/recital	Yes	Yes	Yes – only groups
Withdrawal Policy	One month's written notice...if you do withdraw during recital prep and costumes have already been ordered, you will be responsible for costume fees (and recital tickets are non-refundable)	One month's written notice however you will be responsible for upcoming fees that were already confirmed and split equally between the group.	Once you have signed your Commitment Form at the start of the competition season, you will be responsible for all private lesson fees, entry fees, and costume fees, regardless of withdrawal.