



Congratulations on becoming a member of our 2020-2021 Competition Team! Please read the following information and sign the student/parent agreement at the end of this guide.

The Competition Program is designed to provide young dancers a chance to train and perform at an advanced level. Developing a discipline and commitment to teamwork, confidence, personal and collective accomplishment.

Attendance

Consistent attendance in all classes (not only competition rehearsal classes) is **MANDATORY**. In the event of a late arrival for class or an absence, you must contact the office (not the director or the teacher) by phone before the time of the class. If emailing in the absence on the same day it may not make it to the teacher in time. In the event that your child is ill we ask that you refrain from sending them to dance. Dancers will not be penalized for being ill and will be required to stay home in accordance with our COVID-19 screening. Dancers are not permitted to go on vacation from after the winter break (January 4th) until mid May when competition season is complete. March Break is not included in these dates and vacation is permitted at that time.

Please note: There will be an exception made for new dancers to the competitive program who may have booked holidays prior to company acceptance. Please contact the studio to discuss.

Communication

We understand the importance of sending out and receiving information on a day to day basis. For this reason we will be providing each family with frequent emails that contain important information and updates at the studio. Please be sure that we have the most up to date contact information for your family. Ultimately it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to be sure that all information is received and understood.

Emailing the studio: please allow for 1-3 business days for a response. For urgent matters please call the studio directly (519)767-5361. Do not contact Michelle's cell phone or the teacher's cell phones. If you do have their numbers please use for emergencies only.

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The studio uses Facebook and Instagram as a tool for communication as regular updates are posted. Following us on our social media platforms will help to keep you up to date. 'LIKE US' on Facebook and 'FOLLOW US' on Instagram!

24 Hour Rule

We follow the '24 hour rule'. This is the mindful practice of waiting 24 hours before taking action on something that is important. If a concern or issue is to arise (whether dancer-dancer, teacher- dancer, parent- teacher or parent- parent) please allow yourself the time to reflect and wait 24 hours before bringing it to our attention. By this time you will have a better perspective and often you will find a more calm approach to your concern. The issue can now be resolved quickly, in a civilized manner and to everyone's satisfaction. This rule has many purposes:

1. Allows each party involved during an issue to step back and clear the initial emotional elements
2. Provides a clear understanding of what is expected from all parties involved
3. Provides a clear and concise process for problem resolution
4. Promotes direct communication
5. Provides an avenue of fairness and opportunity to every student, parent and teacher

Code of Conduct

Student Code of Conduct: The dancers in the competitive program are expected to be role models both within and outside the studio. Behaviour in all classes and any area of the studio must be professional at all times, i.e.: respecting your teachers, administrators, assistants and fellow students, adhering to dress code, using appropriate language, discussing appropriate content and behaving courteous and in a respectful manner at all workshops, competitions and performances.

- Respect for teachers, administrators, parents and peers will be expected at all times. Cliques or bullying will not be tolerated. Dancers behaving inappropriately will be asked to stop and possibly leave the class, parents will be contacted.
- Dancers may only attend Emotion Dance Company for all dance related classes. Any dance classes attended at another dance studio are a conflict of interest and will not be allowed.
- Dancers are expected to attend class and be punctual.
- Please arrive 5 minutes prior to your class and be prepared for class.
- Any student arriving late must check in at the front desk. Please enter the studio quickly and quietly so as not to disrupt the class.
- No running in the studios, touching mirrors or hanging off the barres. Parents are responsible for your child.
- Dancers must be dressed in proper attire for every class. Emotion Dance Company class uniform requirements must be met. There will be accommodations made while our

change rooms are closed. Dancers who are inappropriately dressed for class will not be allowed to participate.

- Hair must be in a bun for all ballet classes and pulled back off the face for all other classes except hip hop. Dancers who do not have a bun for ballet will not be allowed to participate.
- Dancers must treat the studio as if it was their home. Clean up all messes, compost, recycle and throw out any garbage in the many bins provided.
- Food will be allowed in the studio during breaks where dancers must stay put. Please remind your child to be as tidy as possible and clean up all of their mess. Water bottles are allowed and encouraged.
- Theft of any kind will not be tolerated. Do not go through other people's belongings.
- No swearing, foul language or inappropriate discussions will be tolerated.
- No gum is allowed in the studio at any time.
- Cell phones must be set to silent and must stay inside dance bags. Cell phones are not allowed in the studios unless for educational/recording purposes. .
- Dancers are advised to not leave the premises between classes without adult supervision. Students are encouraged to use our student lounge area/homework area at these times.
- Label all belongings and leave all valuables at home. Emotion Dance Company cannot be held responsible for any lost or missing belongings. Items that are left at the studio will be isolated for 3 days. After the 3 days please check the lost and found bin as all items will be donated after a certain length of time.
- We encourage all of our students to work and try hard, and achieve their goals

Parent Code of Conduct: The parents in the competitive program are also expected to act as models of good behaviour and conduct themselves in a positive, supportive and respectful manner when interacting with students, instructors, administrators and parents both within and outside the studio as well as workshop and competition organizers. Inappropriate behaviour of any kind towards a student, parent or teacher will result in immediate intervention. This type of behaviour includes but is not limited to intimidating, threatening or otherwise hostile actions by written note, email, words, gestures, comments on social media and/or body language. Public criticisms and gossip of another student, parent, teacher, administration and the studio are unacceptable. There will be no discussion of concerns in the studio hallways, lobby areas, parking lot or via electronic mediums such as Facebook, Messenger, Twitter, Instagram, personal blog sites or other forms of electronic information sharing. If a concern arises please direct it towards the director/instructors/staff at Emotion Dance Company and we will deal with it appropriately. Please bring the concern to our attention immediately instead of allowing it to progress. Additionally, if you have any concerns please request to speak in private rather than in public areas of the studio. Please keep in mind that each student and parent is a representation of the studio and your behaviour reflects upon not only yourself, but the studio, teachers and dancers.

I will:

- Encourage and help my child to follow the student code of conduct.
- Enjoy watching my child grow, learn and be challenged.
- Communicate regularly with the studio.
- Ensure that my child attends class regularly, in uniform and on time.
- Inform the school promptly about absences or late arrivals.
- Drop off and pick up my child on time. Ensure to pick up my child/students no more than 5 minutes after class ends.
- Conduct myself in a way that promotes respect and encourages others to always be their best self.
- Help instructors/administrators deal with disciplinary issues involving my child.
- Make an appointment if I wish to book a meeting with an instructor rather than interrupt the class or stop the instructor in the lobby.
- Follow the 24 hour rule.
- Trust the professional guidance the instructors at Emotion Dance Company gives my child.
- Only attend Emotion Dance Company for all dance related classes for my child from September 1st to June 26th, 2021. Any dance classes attended at another dance studio are a conflict of interest and will not be allowed.

I will not:

- Make disparaging remarks of any type with regard to the studio, instructors, choreographers, administration, costumes, other parents and dancers or publicly criticize them in the studio, on the studio premises, on social media, on electronic mediums or at any studio related event.
- Raise an issue with or question a teacher's judgment in public, instead will bring forth the issue or disagreement in writing to administration.

I understand:

- If myself or my child exhibits inappropriate behaviour my child may be removed from the competitive program. I agree to partner with instructors and administration to resolve behavioural issues immediately so my child may return to class promptly

Social Media

Behaviour from both parents and students must be appropriate, respectful and courteous while posting on social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Tik Tok. Any act of cyber bullying or inappropriate behaviour will result in immediate intervention from the director, instructors or staff at Emotion Dance Company.

We do encourage you to FOLLOW and LIKE our social media accounts as well as comment often with positivity and enthusiasm.

Mandatory Classes, Choreography and Workshops

In order to participate in the full competitive program, the following technique classes are mandatory. This does not apply to dancers who **ONLY** compete in hip hop, tap or ballet. Choreography classes are additional. Students offered a placement in the special training ballet syllabus program may be required to take additional ballet classes from the mandatory competitive classes listed below. The class amounts listed below are the minimum for full-time company classes and are not necessarily the same for syllabus classes. Ballet group choreography takes priority over all other choreography and must be accepted if offered. Jazz group choreography takes priority over contemporary and lyrical choreography. We will not be attending a fall workshop this season and will instead work to bring guest teachers in for classes.

Mandatory Technique Classes (Full-time company):

Mini - 1 ballet tech (min), 1 jazz tech, 1 tap tech, 1 conditioning

Junior - 2 ballet tech (min), 1 jazz tech, 1 tap tech, 1 acro tech*, 1 conditioning* and 1 stretch

Teen - 3 ballet tech (min), 1 jazz tech, 1 tap tech, 1 acro tech*, 1 conditioning* and 1 stretch

Senior - 3 ballet tech (min), 1 jazz tech, 1 tap tech, 1 acro tech*, 1 conditioning* and 1 stretch

*please see the note below

Please note:

-All new company dancers ages 12 years and over who have no previous acro or tap experience or who have not maintained their acro or tap training for the previous season are not required to take these technique classes.

-Acro tech may be substituted with an additional conditioning class. Additional conditioning classes will be added into the schedule at a later date and may be offered online only.

Studio Schedule

The classes offered to your child are sensitive as they must align with the studio schedule. The studio does its very best to avoid conflicts in the schedule however sometimes it cannot be avoided. In this case we will direct your child to the most suitable class that works in their schedule. Your child's class and the studio schedule is subject to change until **OCTOBER 31, 2020**

PLEASE SIGN THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT AND RETURN IT TO ADMINISTRATION WITH A COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE UPON COMPLETION OF YOUR CHILD'S REGISTRATION. YOUR REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNLESS ACCOMPANIED WITH THIS SIGNED AGREEMENT.

We have read and understand the COMPETITIVE AGREEMENT and agree to follow the guidelines as outlined for the 2020-2021 dance season.

Dancer's Name (please print)

Dancer's Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date