

Platinum Dance Studio Dancer Responsibility Contract

Being a competitive dance team member for Platinum Dance Studio is a commitment and comes with certain responsibilities for every dancer. These commitments and obligations are listed below and are expected to be followed when you accept the offer to join one of our teams.

Platinum Competitive Dancers:

- Are asked to understand that placement is based on age, height, ability, skill level, attitude, ability to handle constructive criticism, attendance, and personal motivation to be a better dancer. Dancers are placed on the team and in the routines in which the staff/coaches feel they will work best with in practice and on the competition floor.
- Are expected to understand that being chosen as a PDS competition team dancer requires constant effort, discipline, and is a yearlong commitment.
- Are expected to be on time and prepared for all practices. Tardiness consequences will vary by teacher, but will be enforced.
- Are expected to bring appropriate dress code and shoes to all classes. Dress code consequences will vary by teacher, but will be enforced.
- Attend all practices scheduled for the team.
If you are not there, the **whole** team suffers. If you miss class, you are not improving your skills, and you will fall behind the other dancers on the team. If you miss a choreography class, you are not learning the routine which would require re-teaching parts of the routine because you weren't there when your teammates learned it. You let your teammates down when you are not there. It affects everyone's ability to give their best performance when someone is out of sync. **A team is only as strong as its weakest link.** If a dancer misses a core class (Ballet, Lyrical, Technique) he/she must arrange a "make-up" class in the same style of dance within 2 weeks of the missed class. Please get approval from the specific coach/teacher beforehand. Choreography classes can't be made up. **A dancer that has 5 or more absences from choreography or core classes that are not made up, may be removed from the team.** Extenuating circumstances such as injury, illness, hospitalizations, etc. will be handled on a case by case situation.
- Are expected to clean up the dressing areas and studios at any point in time trash is visible. Only water or sports drinks will be allowed in the dance studio rooms. All other food and drinks must stay in the dressing room. **NO SODAS ALLOWED!**
- Are expected **NOT** to have cell phones during class time, they should be left in the dressing room. Messages can be check between classes. If a parent needs to get in touch with a dancer during class time they should call the studio.
- Students are not allowed to leave the studio between classes to buy food or for any other reason unless the permission slip at the bottom of this contract is filled out and signed by a parent. **In addition, the student will have to ask permission each time he/she goes and must always go with a friend.**
- Are expected to maintain the highest standard of conduct and sportsmanship during practice and competitions.
- Are expected to respect all staff/coaches and follow all instructions during practice and competitions.
- Are expected to respect all dance team members; dancers will not belittle, harass or abuse any fellow team members at practice, outside activities or competitions.
- Are expected to respect the judges, competition rules, competition staff and their decisions.
- Are expected to strive constantly for high academic achievement. Staff/coaches may periodically ask dancers for a copy of their progress reports or report cards.
- Are expected to communicate important issues that are threatening the team, individuals or Platinum as a whole.
- Are expected to follow basic competition rules...
 - Dancers must wear team warm up jacket or sponsor t-shirt on stage for awards.
 - Hair and make up must remain stage ready during award ceremonies.
 - Use good manners at competitions. Always encourage and be friendly with other dancers and parents at competitions. Always practice good sportsmanship. Win or lose!! Good sportsmanship is as important as a great performance. Rude behavior of any kind will not be tolerated at PDS by any dancer. And be especially kind and helpful to your team mates. They are the only people you have to depend on once you hit that stage.

Platinum Dance Studio Parent Responsibility Contract

Being a competitive dance team member for Platinum Dance Studio is a commitment and comes with certain responsibilities for every dancer and parent. These commitments and obligations are listed below and are expected to be followed when you accept the offer to join one of our teams.

Parents:

- Are expected to talk about this contract with their child and help them to follow the rules and procedures throughout the year.
- Are expected to participate in competitions by watching, cheering and supporting the efforts of all team members. Also expected to encourage good sportsmanship. Remember a different day, a different set of judges and the results could have been entirely different, but no matter what, don't stop trying.
- Are expected to maintain a professional relationship with the staff/coaches.
- Are expected to communicate important concerns - When, not "if", we do something that upsets you, please know that we are only human and will make mistakes. Please come and talk to us about it first. Discussing studio issues or concerns spirals into cliques of parents which spiral into dancer cliques, which ultimately will kill a great team. So please remember: Not "if", but "when" we upset you, please come tell us about it - or let it go forever.
- Are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and refrain from foul and verbal abuse of dancers, coaches, judges, opponents or spectators.
- Are expected NOT to coach or otherwise instruct dancers during practice or competitions.
- Are expected to AVOID 'Reply All' email chains with concerns regarding the team and shall interact directly with the staff/coaches to address any concerns.
- Are expected to have your dancer on time at all practices scheduled for the team. And are expected to notify the staff when a dancer is unable to attend a scheduled team activity. If a student misses a core class (Ballet, Lyrical, Technique) he/she must arrange a "make-up" class in the same style of dance within 2 weeks of the missed class. Please get approval from the specific coach/teacher beforehand. Choreography classes can't be made up. A dancer that has 5 or more absences may be removed from the team. No refunds will be given if a dancer is removed from the team because of absences. Extenuating circumstances such as injury, illness, hospitalizations, etc. will be handled on a case by case situation.
- Parents are expected to purchase the appropriate dance attire needed for class including the proper shoes.
- Are expected to be honest with your kids about their abilities. Don't ever compare them to other team mates. Everyone has their strengths and weaknesses, but discovering how to work together is one of the most important things you want your child to learn from being on a team.
- Are expected to stay current on all financial obligations. These expenses include but are not limited to costumes, conventions, competitions, tuition, music, travel and recital fees. If your dancers account is in default 30 days before competition registration is due, the dancer will NOT be registered and will be pulled from the routine.
- Are expected to drop off/pick up dancers in a timely manner. Dancers should be dropped off no more than 30 minutes before class. If you have an emergency that arises and you need to drop them off more than 30 minutes, please call ahead.

This contract must be signed by at least one parent AND by the student (if able) and submitted by the end of August.

We have read the above contract and agree to follow the rules, procedures and expectations as stated in this contract.

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

_____ **YES**, My child has permission to leave the studio between classes to pick up food.

_____ **NO**, My child **DOES NOT** have permission to leave the studio between classes to pick up food.