



Competition Newsletter

Dear parents and Students,

It is time for teachers and students to start planning for this year's competition season. The following will provide you information regarding competitions.

Competition Compulsory Placement Class

All students must participate in a competition placement class on:

Saturday October 1st 1:30-3:00 pm

This class will allow us to view all of our dancers at the same time and place them into groups according to their ability and technical level. **All dancers MUST attend this very important class!**

Competition Parent Meeting

Wednesday September 21– 7:00pm

All parents are advised to attend this important information meeting.

New dancers to Competition or Dance Explosions are **STRONGLY** advised to attend!

Students participating in competitions are given rehearsal times outside of their regular class in order to learn a dance. They and their teachers will decide together if they will work on a solo, duet, trio or group number. They are then given the opportunity to perform the dance at competitions within the city and surrounding areas.

Rules and Guidelines for Participated in Competition

- The student must have at least two years of training before entering into a competition
- **NEW!** Soloists will only be considered if they compete in a group number.
- Rehearsals will start October-March. They will be in 30-60 minute blocks and will be scheduled according to the teacher.
- Students will attend three competitions total, two in the city and one may be out of town.
Competitions will be listed ASAP. We cannot tell you EXACTLY what day or time your child will be dancing until up to 2 weeks before the competition. Dance Explosions has NO CONTROL over competition scheduling!

Students must be enrolled in a ballet class and be taking the dance discipline they choose to do the routine in.

Fees for Competition Choreography

Solo- \$265.00 + GST

Duet/Trio- \$135.00 + GST

Group- \$125.00 + GST

Competition choreography will be invoiced by Dance Explosions and is due before the first rehearsal.

All cheques are to be made out to Dance Explosions.

All solo and duet fees are for 3 hours of choreography and at least 2 hours rehearsal time (with an instructor but not necessarily your choreographer). This rehearsal time may be shared with up to four other dancers. All group fees include up to 6 hours of instruction. **Any extra rehearsals will be at an extra cost of \$30.00 per person. NEW! If you feel you need extra time with your choreographer please fill out an *Extra Rehearsal Form* at the front office with payment enclosed.** A teacher may choose to teach a group number during class time, in this case the basic fee will be included in the price of the lesson.

Competition Entrance Fee

There is a separate fee to enter the competition, these range from \$20.00 - \$60.00 plus GST, and are separate from instruction cost.

Competition Entrance Fees DEPOSIT

All competitive dancers are expected to put down a deposit for competition entrance fees.

Entrance Fees Deposits are as follows (GST is included)

Solo: \$100.00 (for each solo performing)

Duet: \$75.00 (for each duet / trio performing)

Groups: \$60.00 (for each group performing)

All deposits will be invoiced by Dance Explosions along with choreography fees and are due before the first rehearsal. A balance on competition entrance fees will be invoiced in January and are due January 31, 2011.

Costumes

A costume is needed for each competitive number performed. Dance Explosions will order costumes or hire seamstress to make all group costumes. Competition costumes may be more elaborate and expensive than Showcase costumes. Dance Explosions can *recommend* a seamstress for all solo and duet costumes. All solo and duet costume designs must be discussed with the choreographer.

Competition Costume Fee Deposit

Since many competition costumes are ordered, competitive dancers are now expected to put down a deposit for competition group costumes. Please note this applies to group costumes only.

Costume deposits are: \$80.00 per group number

All costume deposits will be invoiced by Dance Explosions along with choreography fees and competition entrance fee deposits and are due before the first rehearsal. A balance on competition costume fee is due upon pickup of the costume.

Dress Rehearsal

A dress rehearsal will be held on **Wednesday March 14 at the Bert Church Theatre in Airdrie** for all competitive students.

Competition Rehearsal Fee

Due to the increasing costs of renting the theatre for the competition dress rehearsal, Dance Explosions will now be collecting a fee for the rehearsal.

Dress Rehearsal Fee: \$20.00 + GST for each dancer.

We will continue to accept donations to the Food Bank at the rehearsal and hope you will continue to donate to this worthy cause. *All rehearsal fees will be invoiced by Dance Explosions along with choreography fees, costume deposits and competition entrance fee deposits and are due before the first rehearsal.*

How Can Parents Help

Parents can support their competitive dancer by making a commitment to the rehearsal schedule. Absences from rehearsals greatly impede the confidence of our dancers and the quality of our work. It is not only the child who is missing that suffers; absent dancers make it extremely difficult for the choreographers and other dancers to move ahead with rehearsals. You can also encourage your child to practice their dances at home as well as book studio space when available. Most importantly, please stay up to date on all Competition news and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

While we encourage your dancer to participate, competition is an ENORMOUS commitment and 100% attendance for all rehearsals and performances is expected. We do however feel that competitions foster self-esteem, personal growth and skill development.

If you are interested in participating in competition, please fill out the last sheet on this form and return it to your teacher. The deadline for forms is **Monday September 26**. Once the schedule is decided, rehearsal times will be posted on the competition board. Please cross off your name if you do not want to participate, and initial your acceptance if you agree to participate in the number.

Dance Disciplines and Teachers

Miss Cinzia: Ballet, Modern
Miss Lori- Tap, Jazz
Miss Christine: Jazz, Lyrical, Ballet, Modern
Miss Jess: Hip Hop
Miss Brettainy: Ballet, Modern, Lyrical
Miss Valentia- Ballet, Jazz
Miss Megan- Jazz, Tap, Ballet

Your Preference

Please note: This is your WISH LIST. Other participants may not be available for duet, trio or group numbers. **Dancers may not be ready to perform a solo.** Teachers are not guaranteed and based on availability. We will try our best to accommodate you! *If you have someone you would like to do a duet/ trio with please list them on the form.*

If you WISH to do a solo make sure to fill out the SOLO questionnaire enclosed!

Dance Discipline	Teacher	Solo/Duet/Trio/Group

If the student is under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian signature is required below.

I _____ have read the above information, and I understand the time and financial commitment involved. I agree to pay all fees by the first rehearsal. I hereby allow _____ to participate in the 2011/2012 competition season at Dance Explosions.

Signed _____

Date _____.

Please return all forms by **Monday SEPTEMBER 26, 2011** to the Dance Explosions office.

