



Dance Centre of the Hamptons

2026–2027 Competition Team Policies

The Dance Centre of the Hamptons Competition Team is designed for dancers who demonstrate dedication, teamwork, discipline, and a passion for dance. Team membership is a year-long commitment that provides opportunities for advanced training, performance, personal growth, and competitive excellence.

Commitment

Competition Team members commit to the full dance season (September 2026 through July 2027). Placement on the team is based on instructor recommendation and acceptance of all competition team policies.

Attendance

Consistent attendance is essential to the success of every team member.

- Attendance at all scheduled classes, rehearsals, competitions, conventions, performances, and special events is expected.
- Excessive absences or repeated tardiness may affect choreography, casting, competition eligibility, or team placement.
- Families should notify the studio as soon as possible if an absence is unavoidable.
- Mandatory rehearsals may not be missed except in cases of illness or family emergency.

Required Classes

Competition dancers must remain enrolled in all required technique and choreography classes throughout the season. Failure to maintain required training may result in removal from routines or the competition team.

Conduct

Competition Team members are expected to represent Dance Centre of the Hamptons with professionalism, respect, and integrity.

All dancers and families are expected to:

- Demonstrate kindness and respect toward teammates, instructors, judges, studio staff, and other studios.
- Exhibit good sportsmanship at all events.
- Support fellow dancers and contribute to a positive team environment.
- Follow all studio rules and competition guidelines.

Bullying, inappropriate behavior, disrespectful communication, or unsportsmanlike conduct may result in disciplinary action, including removal from the Competition Team.

Dress Code

Competition dancers are expected to arrive prepared for every class and rehearsal wearing the required dance attire with hair secured according to instructor expectations. Proper shoes and accessories must be worn for each class.

Competitions & Conventions

Competition schedules are established by the studio and are considered mandatory for all team members participating in each routine.

Families are responsible for:

- Arriving on time
- Following all competition schedules
- Maintaining costumes and accessories
- Demonstrating professionalism throughout the event

Financial Policies

Competition Team participation represents a significant commitment for both dancers and families. To help make participation accessible, Dance Centre of the Hamptons offers flexible monthly payment plans.

Families may:

- Pay tuition and competition fees in full, or
- Enroll in an approved monthly payment plan.

Payment plans are provided as a convenience and must remain current throughout the season.

Withdrawal Policy

Competition Team membership is a season-long commitment. Withdrawal from the team after choreography has begun may result in continued financial responsibility for tuition, costumes, choreography, and competition fees that have already been committed on the dancer's behalf.

Photography & Media

Dance Centre of the Hamptons may photograph or record classes, rehearsals, performances, and competitions for promotional and educational purposes unless a written request is submitted to the Studio Director.

Injury & Illness

If a dancer becomes injured, families should notify the studio immediately. Every effort will be made to accommodate recovery while maintaining team responsibilities whenever appropriate.

Competition Eligibility

Participation on the Dance Centre of the Hamptons Competition Team is a privilege that requires each dancer and family to remain in good standing throughout the season.

To be eligible to participate in competitions, conventions, performances, rehearsals, and other Competition Team events, dancers must:

- Maintain consistent attendance and actively participate in all required classes and rehearsals.
- Demonstrate respectful behavior, positive sportsmanship, and adherence to the Competition Team Code of Conduct.
- Comply with all studio policies, including dress code, rehearsal expectations, and communication guidelines.
- Maintain a current account with the studio, including tuition, competition fees, costume fees, choreography fees, convention fees, and any other required charges.
- Fulfill the Competition Team fundraising expectation by participating in a minimum of two (2) studio-sponsored fundraising events during the season or completing an alternative contribution requirement approved by the Studio Director.

Students with outstanding financial balances will not be permitted to participate in competitions, conventions, performances, rehearsals, or special events until their account has been brought current. All competition-related fees must be paid in full prior to each scheduled competition.

Families experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to contact the Studio Director before payment due dates. Approved payment plans are available, and we are committed to working with families who communicate proactively.

Failure to meet these eligibility requirements may result in temporary suspension from Competition Team activities or, when necessary, removal from the Competition Team at the discretion of the Studio Director.

Parent Partnership

Our Competition Team is successful because of the partnership between dancers, instructors, and families. We ask parents to support studio policies, encourage positive sportsmanship, communicate respectfully, and help foster a welcoming environment for every dancer.

Studio Director's Discretion

Dance Centre of the Hamptons is committed to fostering a positive, respectful, and supportive environment for every dancer and family. While these policies provide clear expectations, circumstances may arise that require individual consideration.

The Studio Director reserves the right to interpret, amend, or make exceptions to these policies when deemed appropriate and in the best interest of the dancer, the Competition Team, and the studio community. Decisions regarding team placement, choreography, participation, eligibility, disciplinary action, and policy enforcement are made at the sole discretion of the Studio Director and are considered final.

Thank you for being part of the Dance Centre of the Hamptons family. We look forward to another exciting season of growth, teamwork, and unforgettable experiences!