

MDSA Performance Company Rules, Guidelines and Costs

The MDSA Performance Company is made up of dedicated students ranging in age from four to sixteen years old. Performing is the emphasis of this company.

We take training very seriously and believe teamwork and camaraderie are skills needed not only in dance class, but also school, future careers, and family life. Preparing for a performance also is a way for dancers to work on retention/ memorization skills, rhythm, technique, and much more.

Athletes have tournaments and games, and dancers have performances! The months spent preparing for a performance teaches students how to work towards a goal!

Our performers are committed to being a part of the team. This includes coming to class on time, ready for hard work. Dancers build trust and communicate with each other. They have an unspoken agreement to learn and perfect their choreography, and put in 100% effort into every class and performance.

Most of all, being on MDSA Performance Company provides lifelong memories!

MDSA Performance Team at a Glance

About:

MDSA Performance Team believes dance is a performing art and is meant to be shared with other people. The Performance Team is an ensemble traveling throughout the community to share their talent and hard work in places such as retirement centers, festivals, and other community events. We also do an annual summer tour where our students can experience the culture and history of different parts of America and perform for new audiences.

Requirements: All Age Groups (5 and up)

3 Classes (minimum)

- 1hr ballet
- 1hr optional technique
- 1hr performance company class

Mandatory Choreography camp

Camp will be held during the morning on three Saturdays in August 9am - noon.

August 13th

August 20th

August 27th

Camp is for learning this season's choreography and preparing for the year.

Community Performances

- A Service oriented performance in the community
- A few performances within the community that are still TBD
- Summer Tour

Additional Obligations

- A fundraiser to benefit the studio
- To be at every performance
- To be at all practices unless you are sick (please read paragraph on attendance)
- To pay dues on time
- To pay tour fees on time.

Additional Opportunities

- Fundraisers with earnings to be put towards 2023 MDSA Summer Tour for your own student.
- The opportunity to obtain sponsorships (50% going to the studio / 50% going towards Summer Tour).
- Team building activities (students are highly encouraged to attend).
- Bring a birthday treat for the end of class during their birthday month.
(A list with details and dates will be passed out at a later time)

If you have questions about anything or need additional information, email at perform.at.mdsa@gmail.com .

Performance Company Dues

Dues can be paid in full by July 15th or you can pay half on July 15th and half on August 1st.

A late fee of \$25 will be posted to accounts that have not been paid in full on August 2nd. We need time to order uniform pieces.

Performance \$300

- Jacket
- Pants
- Shirt (3) - Company tee, Team tee, Long sleeve tee
- Leotard
- Choreography camp fee
- Company bag
- Sweatshirt

Student and Parent Expectations

Rules:

Respect: All dancers must show respect to all coaches, team members, administration, faculty, and other teams. Always respect the school facilities and property. A dancer not displaying all levels of respect will be asked to leave practice and the absence will count as unexcused.

Dedication:

It is expected that when a dancer is in practice that he/she is giving 100% of their effort at all times. Furthermore he/she must be at all practices and events fully prepared, and ready to go on time.

Attendance:

Attendance is crucial to the team's success.

You are allowed two unexcused absences a semester.

Please stay home from all classes if you feel under the weather. With that being said, please make every effort to be in classes in every other instance. Communication is key. Send an email with why your child will not be in attendance to mdsaoffice@gmail.com.

Excused Absences:

1. Personal illness or accident
2. Funeral or death in the family.
3. Religious holidays.
4. Special school activity with permission of the directors at least one week in advance.

If your dancer makes the decision to quit mid season, therefore no longer being a part of the team, he/she will not be allowed to try out for the team the following year **and** will be assessed the non-participation fee per routine that needs to be re-choreographed and taught.

Parent Duties:

Support and encourage your child's involvement with MDSA Performance Company.

Respect authority and decisions made by directors.

Serve as role models for positive attitude, dedication and great sportsmanship.

Social Media:

The MDSA Performance Company has a zero tolerance policy for any negative comments, actions, imagery, etc. posted to ANY social media site in regard to any dancer, directors, teachers, facility, or parent of MDSA.

This policy applies to dancers and parents. Consequences may include being removed from the dance, event, or team. All consequences are at the directors discretion. The goal is to promote a positive program.

Fundraisers:

Each dancer is encouraged to take an active role in fundraisers. Potential fundraisers we may take part part in:

- Corporate Sponsorship
- car wash & bake sale
- Concessions at Cynthia Woods or another stadium (parents only)
- selling water at car shows, MDSA's Annual garage sale.
- Restaurant Spirit Nights

By signing this form I understand that I am committed the MDSA Team for the entire dance year. I have read, understand, and agree to pages 1 and 2 of the MDSA Performance Company Expectations. If I quit, or am asked to leave due to excessive absences or continuous poor behavior, I am obligated to pay the \$50 non-participation fee PER ROUTINE.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

We look forward to a terrific season!