



# Hoffman Stars Dance Company Parent Handbook

The Hoffman Estates Park District Stars Dance Academy wants to congratulate your dancer for their placement in the 2021-2022 Stars Dance Company season! Included in this handbook is important information regarding the 2021-2022 dance season. Please read all the information in its entirety to fully understand the commitment and requirements expected of company dancers and families. Please sign and return the last sheet of this document and return to an instructor at the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of class.

## **2021-2022 Company Information:**

### **Class Schedule:**

- Fall classes are September 13<sup>th</sup> through December 14<sup>th</sup>. Classes will resume after winter break on January 10<sup>th</sup> and run through our recital in May.
- Please bring a water bottle, notebook and pen/pencil to class each week. Dancers should use their notebook to write down any corrections given in class, as well as choreography they need to remember

#### **Company 1:**

Mondays 4:30-5:15pm – Elite Ballet 1  
Mondays 5:15-5:45pm – Choreography  
Tuesdays 4:30-5:15pm – Elite Specialty 1  
Tuesdays 5:15-5:45pm – Choreography

#### **Company 2:**

Mondays 5:45-6:30pm – Elite Ballet 2  
Mondays 6:30-7:00pm – Choreography  
Tuesdays 5:45-6:30pm – Elite Specialty 2  
Tuesdays 6:30-7:00pm – Choreography

#### **Company 3:**

Mondays 7:00-7:45pm – Elite Ballet 3  
Mondays 7:45- 8:15pm – Choreography  
Tuesdays 7:00-7:45pm – Elite Specialty 3  
Tuesdays 7:45-8:15pm – Choreography

## **Expectations:**

**Attendance:** All dancers are expected to attend each weekly class. Stars Dance Company relies on the strength of the entire team.

- If you are going to be absent, the instructors must be notified at least 1 week prior unless for illness. If multiple classes are missed, it may affect participation in dance performances/competitions.
- We understand the Company dancers are involved in other activities but please keep in mind that missing a dance class impacts not only the dancer that is absent but her fellow dancers as well!
- If classes are missed, it is the responsibility of the dancer to learn any new choreography.
- Arriving more than 10 minutes late to class counts as 1 absence. 2 late arrivals (of 10 minutes or more) counts as 1 absence. If you acquire 3 or more absences (in any mix of classes) leading up to a competition you may lose participation in that performance.

## **Dress Code:**

- Ballet classes: black leotard (any style), pink tights, pink canvas ballet shoes, black sports bra (if applicable), hair in a tight bun
- Specialty classes: black leotard (any style), form-fitting black capris/pants (no shorts), clean ponytail, or bun. Bring tan jazz shoes, lyrical shoes and ballet shoes each week.
- Choreography classes: same attire that was worn in the ballet/specialty class prior. Teachers will inform the dancers at the first choreography rehearsal as to what shoes should be worn each week.

## **Accountability:**

- All company dancers are expected to act in a more professional manner in all classes, rehearsals and performances.
- Company dancers should act as role models for younger dancers.
- All dancers are expected to have respect for peers and teachers during classes, rehearsals and performances.
- Dancers are expected to show good sportsmanship in all classes, rehearsal and performances.

## **Injuries / Illness:**

- If a dancer is injured, a doctor's note must be submitted prior to resuming participation. Dancers are asked to still attend class and observe to remain part of the team.

## **Technology:**

- Cell phones are not permitted during class. They should be off or on silent and placed aside in bag during class.

## **Competitions:**

Hoffman Stars Dance Company will compete in four competitions throughout the season. Most competitions take place on weekends. Each company level will compete in two group dances at each competition.

## **Competition Schedule:**

February 4-6th	Dance Idol – Des Plaines
February 25-27th	Revolution – Oswego, IL
April 1-3rd	Hall of Fame – Schaumburg, IL
April 22-24th	Rainbow – Milwaukee, WI
May	Dance Recital

## **Conventions / Workshops:**

- One dance convention is included in the Company tuition. Each dancer will attend a one-day weekend convention
- An internal dance workshop will be provided for dancers to learn from a guest dance coach.

## **Parent Involvement:**

- Throughout the year, we will be looking for our Company parents to support the dancers with additional duties at competitions, performances and recital.

## **Company Tuition:**

Below is what is included in the company tuition.

- Fall session ballet class (14 classes)
- Fall session specialty class (14 classes)
- Fall session choreography classes (28 classes -2 per week)
- Winter/Spring session ballet class (18 classes)
- Winter/Spring session specialty class (18 classes)
- Winter/Spring session choreography classes (28 classes-2 per week)
- 2 group dances at 4 competitions
- Dance convention
- End of year banquet
- In house dance workshop
- 2 costumes

## **What is not included in tuition? What are parents responsible for?**

- Make-up for competition (specific list of requirements will be provided)
- Company jacket – more information on ordering soon
- Travel/lodging for any competitions
  - We plan to stay overnight for the rainbow competition in April.
- Dance bag
- Shoes, tights, leotards

**Refunds:**

Competitions, conventions, workshops, costumes are non-refundable. If a dancer decides they do not want to continue with company, you can submit a refund request. Refunds will only be issues for all classes that were not attended from the time the refund request is submitted.

# Company Handbook Acknowledgement

Dancer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Parent Acknowledgement**

I have read and understand the Hoffman Stars Dance Company Information. I am aware of the commitment, responsibilities and rules of the Dance Company.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Stars Dancer Acknowledgement**

I understand that as a member of the Hoffman Stars Dance Company:

- I will arrive to class on time and be prepared for class.
- I will put forth my best effort by paying attention in class and being open to and applying corrections to my dancing.
- I will work on my dancing at home by stretching and practicing dances.
- I will show good sportsmanship at all dance competitions and community events.
- I will respect my dance instructors and fellow STARS dancers.
- I will have fun and dance my heart out!

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_