



## Hoffman Elite Tap Parent Information

The Hoffman Estates Park District is excited that your dancer is interested in trying out for the Hoffman Elite Tap Class. Included in this handbook is important information regarding the 2023-2024 dance season for Elite Tap. Please read all the information in its entirety to fully understand the commitment and requirements expected of an Elite Tap dancer.

Elite Tap is for dancers 7-18 years old. Dancers must be 7 by September 1, 2023.

### **Try-out information:**

**Try-Outs will take place at Triphahn Center Dance Studio on Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-7:30.**

**Dancers:** Dancers should wear black leotards or plain black form fitted shirt, with black leggings/jazz pants, and black tap shoes. Hair should be pulled back out of the face (preferably in a bun).

**Parents:** Parents are not allowed to watch try-outs.

**Try-out assessments:** Dancers are evaluated on and placed by skills, performance quality and attitude.

Dancers will be notified via their parent's email the week of July 17<sup>th</sup> if they have been invited to be a member of Elite Tap for the 2023-2024 season.

### **2023-2024 Elite Tap Information:**

Our Elite Tap schedule is as follows:

Day of the Week	Time	Class
Tuesday	5:30-6:00pm	Elite Tap

## **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 weeks prior unless for illness. If multiple classes are missed, it may affect participation in dance performances/competitions.
- We understand 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 their fellow dancers as well!
- Dancers should be arriving at least 5 minutes before class time to get dressed and stretched before class time.
- Arriving more than 15 minutes late to class or leaving 15 minutes early from class counts as 1 absence. 2 late arrivals/leaving early (of 15 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.
- Dancers are expected to be in Elite Tap class the week of a competition. Failure to attend class the week of a competition could result in not dancing at that weekend's competition.

## **Dress Code:**

- Black leotard or black form fitted shirt, black leggings or jazz pants and black tap shoes. Hair should be pulled back out of the face.

## **Accountability:**

- All Elite Tap dancers are expected to behave in a more professional manner in all classes, rehearsals and performances. Dancers are expected to keep talking to a minimum and stay focused on what is being taught in class.
- Elite Tap 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. Dancers should keep negativity out of the classroom and be encouraged by teammates.
- Dancers are expected to learn choreography quickly. If a class is missed it is the responsibility of the dancer to learn the new choreography before the next class.

## **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.

**Disclaimer:**

- Dancers can be asked at any time by teachers to resign their spot on the team if rules are not being followed.

**Competitions:**

Elite Tap will compete in four competitions throughout the season. Most competitions take place on weekends. Until we get the official dates for each competition, we ask that families keep their weekends available until dates are announced.

**STARS Days:**

We will be having 4, 2 hour sessions throughout the season for the dancers to interact with the company dancers.

Friday, November 17th	Friendsgiving
In December 2023	Holiday Party
April or May	Large Group Rehearsal for Opening/Closing Dances
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**Parent Involvement:**

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

We will have a parent/dancer meeting on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> to go over everything for the 2023-2024 season.

**Tentative Schedule:** *(Please note, this is a tentative schedule as competition dates have not all been announced yet)*

October	Haunted Hoffman – Volunteering
February (usually first weekend)	Dance Idol competition – Des Plaines
February or March	Competition 2
March or April	Competition 3
May 3-5 <sup>th</sup> (Tentatively)	Rainbow competition – Milwaukee
Mid/End of May	Dance Recital

## **Elite Tap Tuition:**

What's included?

All Elite Tap dancers will need to pay the following:

Fall Session Elite Tap (30 minute class)	13 weeks	\$121
Winter/Spring Elite Tap (30 minute class)	18 weeks	\$121
1 Group dance costumes	1 costumes	\$76
1 Group competition fees	4 competitions	\$223
		<b>\$540</b>

*\*\* In the event we do not attend 4 competitions we will issue a refund for the 4<sup>th</sup> competition.*

Dancers who are NOT part of company, but are part of Elite Tap will need to pay for the following (a separate registration fee):

STARS Days (4 – 2 hour sessions)		\$25
Opening/closing recital costumes	2 costumes	\$110
4 Competition media fees	4 competitions & Recital video	\$125
End of year banquet for dancer		\$28
		<b>\$288</b>

## **Payment options:**

1. Pay in Full
2. Company Dancer's Payment Plan: 9 monthly payments of \$60 on 15<sup>th</sup> of month (August 2023 – April 2024)
3. Tap Apprentice Payment Plan: 9 monthly payments of \$92 on the 15<sup>th</sup> of month (August 2023 – April 2024). This includes both itemized payments from above.

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

- Make-up for competition (specific list of requirements will be provided)
- Stars T-shirt
- Travel/lodging for any competitions
- Dance bag
- Shoes, tights, leotards

## **Possible extra performances not included in company tuition:**

- Possible National/Championship invites
- Current 2023 dancers that were invited to NY to attend in summer of 2024
- Any other performances we are invited to participate in

## **Refunds:**

Competitions, conventions, workshops, costumes are non-refundable. If a dancer decides they do not want to continue with Elite Tap, 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.

# Elite Tap Handbook Acknowledgement

Dancer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Parent Acknowledgement**

I have read and understand the Elite Tap Information. I am aware of the commitment, responsibilities and rules of the participating in Elite Tap.

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

## **Stars Dancer Acknowledgement**

I understand that as a member of Elite Tap:

- I will arrive early and be ready to dance and stretched at the start of 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 at least once a week.
- I will show good sportsmanship at all dance competitions and community events.
- I will respect my dance instructors and fellow dancers.
- I will have fun and dance my heart out!

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