

# JUNIOR SYNERGY DANCE CLUB REQUIREMENTS

## GOALS

To give the dancer additional performance experience as well as learning dedication, discipline and teamwork.

## REQUIREMENTS

While participation is voluntary and placement is not based on auditions, commitment to the club is essential so that the dancer may get the most out of the experience.

1. **JUNIOR CLUB MEMBERS** need a MINIMUM of 1 year of BALLET TRAINING prior to joining and 1 year of training in whatever style dance they are competing in.
2. **ALL JUNIOR CLUB TEAM MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO BE ENROLLED IN A BALLET AND JAZZ CLASS AT SYNERGY DANCE ACADEMY.**
3. Dancers are required to take a corresponding technique class in addition to competition team rehearsal. Regular attendance at technique class is required. If one does not attend technique class on a regular basis, he/she will be removed from competition routines or from the team entirely. Please see ATTENDANCE POLICY.
4. The JUNIOR SYNERGY DANCE CLUB will compete with their team at two local competitions.
5. **EMAIL, FACEBOOK and TEAM APP:** Regardless of the dancer's age, whoever is financially responsible for the student is *required* to have an email address on file AND belong to our **PRIVATE SYNERGY DANCE CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE**. The vast majority of our CLUB information (particularly last minute information!) is disseminated via our TEAM APP and Facebook. Including competition and other associated fees; therefore a financially responsible adult *must* be included in the email list and on our Facebook page.

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

The **JUNIOR SYNERGY CLUB TEAM** is a ONE YEAR commitment. If a dancer chooses to leave the team at any point during the 2017-2018 year for reasons other than those listed under #7, there will be a penalty of \$300 to cover the cost of instructor salary to restage performance pieces.

1. **JUNIOR SYNERGY CLUB TEAM** members are required to attend all team class times as well as their corresponding technique class. They are expected to come dressed and on time.
2. Dancers will be allowed to make up technique classes during another similar class (please see Kari or website for class times and for approval); however, all classes must be made up within that same month. Competition rehearsals WILL NOT be made up and dancers must learn the material from another dancer in that class to allow for maximum use of time with the entire team present.
3. CLUB members will be allowed to miss **four (4) pre-approved rehearsals**. Exceptions to this would be student/family illness, family death and pre-approved school function. If a dancer misses more than three rehearsals, **without prior approval**, he/she will be removed from the class with no refund of fees. A penalty fee of \$300 will be incurred to cover the cost of instructor salary to restage performance pieces. **DANCERS ARE EXPECTED TO WATCH VIDEO FROM MISSED CLASS(ES) PRIOR TO THE NEXT REHEARSAL.**

### **4. REHEARSAL POLICY:**

Dancers must record **upcoming absences due to vacations, school functions etc. at least 2 weeks prior to any rehearsal (when available) in our TEAM APP and email Kari at [kari@synergydancemadison.com](mailto:kari@synergydancemadison.com) and Ashley at [ashleydcdance1@gmail.com](mailto:ashleydcdance1@gmail.com)** Failure to do so will be considered an 'unapproved' absence.

### **THE FOLLOWING ARE MANDATORY REHEARSALS FOR ALL TEAM DANCERS:**

1. The **SUNDAY** (or another day of the week) prior to every competition. The exception for this will be if the team or instructors are out of town for another competition.
2. **EVERY** Team rehearsal during the week prior to any competition.
3. Restaging rehearsals when needed. These occur when a dancer is ill, has a family obligation or leaves the dance team and is unable to participate in an upcoming competition. We will do our best to keep the restaging to a minimum.

### **DANCERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO MISS TEAM REHEARSALS FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:**

1. Attending another Class/Competition not sponsored by Synergy Dance Academy
2. Attending a NON-GRADED school function (Poms, sports, clubs, etc.)

### **CONSEQUENCES FOR EXCESSIVE UNAPPROVED ABSENCES:**

Will be decided upon by the studio owner, teachers, and choreographers on a case-by-case basis. Consequences may include removal from a section of a piece(s), removal from a piece(s) entirely, etc. All class and rehearsal absences are reviewed periodically and play a large factor when deciding a dancer's inclusion/exclusion for a piece(s) in the current and/or following team year.

5. **JUNIOR SYNERGY CLUB TEAM** members and their families agree to maintain a positive attitude and set a good example for other students by being respectful in class, arriving on time, and being prepared and open-minded. Appropriate body language/demeanor and discussions, verbally or posted online, will be appropriate, positive and becoming of a dancer in this studio. Inappropriate conduct will NOT be tolerated and will result in removal from the class with **NO REFUND**. Any dancer failing to comply with these rules will receive one warning from the instructor and a conference with said dancer's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) before being dismissed from the group. **A \$300, per dance, fee will be applied to cover the cost of restaging.**
6. If a dancer becomes ill, is unable to attend a competition, or decides not to continue with the competition class, he/she is required to pay for the costume. If another dancer decides to take his/her place, they may sell their costume to them for no more than 75% of the original cost. Please keep in mind that these dancers work together as a unit and if one dancer is missing, it affects not only the staging of the routine, but group morale as well. It takes a great deal of time and effort to restage a routine, so please be respectful of the time and effort of the dancers and instructors in order to make up for absences.
7. If a dancer is injured and no longer able to participate with the **JUNIOR SYNERGY CLUB TEAM** the remainder of the team balance for the year will be voided. However, any competition fees and costume fees already paid for and prior class fees will **NOT** be refunded.
8. Recital is mandatory for competition team participants. Dancers are expected to perform in recital with their technique class and their competition team. This is done so that we may maintain the same number of students in the technique class and showcase the accomplishments made during the year. **Due to timing of costume changes and length of show, not all competition pieces may appear in the Summer Showcase.**
9. We can only help your dancer grow if he/she is attending classes. A dancer's development depends on his/her commitment. We are committed to helping dancers meet their goals.

### **FEES**

*The cost to participate on the **JUNIOR SYNERGY CLUB TEAM** is **\$550** for the year. **ALL DANCERS, REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY STYLES OF DANCE THEY PARTICIPATE IN, WILL PAY THE SAME FEE.***

1. **WARM UPS:** Each dancer is required to have a SYNERGY warm-up jacket, which costs approximately \$100-130 depending on the style jacket.
2. **COSTUME FEES:** Members must pay fee(s) by deadline. If costume fees are not paid by the deadline SYNERGY DANCE ACADEMY will automatically charge the costume fees to the credit card on file.
3. **COMPETITION FEES:**
  1. Members will pay entry fees for all competitions entered by the deadline date published by SYNERGY. **All SYNERGY DANCE CLUB MEMBERS MUST have a credit card on file. If competition fee is not paid by the deadline, SYNERGY DANCE ACADEMY will automatically charge the entry fee to your account.** Competition fees are payable to SYNERGY DANCE ACADEMY by check or in cash.
  2. **IF PAYMENT IS NOT MADE BY THE DEADLINE DATE THE STUDENT WILL \*\*\*NOT\*\*\* PARTICIPATE IN THAT COMPETITION/CONVENTION.**
  3. Competition dates and entry fees will be posted in the studio as soon as the information becomes available.
  4. All entered routines will incur a **\$5 per entry** fee to cover administrative costs.
4. **DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS:** Accounts must be in good standing in order to compete. Competitions may NOT be entered if there is an outstanding balance on your account. If there is a balance on your account, any payments made will be applied to reduce that balance *first*. Payments for competition will be used for competition entry ONLY if your account balance is up to date. Otherwise, payment will be applied to reduce your balance. Accounts must be up to date, and competition fees paid, by or before a competition's payment deadline date.

**There will be a \$5.00 PER DAY charge for all LATE team fees and late costume fees.**

**CONDUCT**

*As a member of the **JUNIOR SYNERGY DANCE CLUB TEAM** you represent yourself, your family, and the entire Synergy Dance Academy dance community. We applaud you for conducting yourself in a mature and responsible manner!*

1. The dancer agrees to maintain academic grades that are acceptable to their parent's standards. As per parental discretion, a dancer will be granted a one-month leave of absence, if necessary, with no penalty to put scholastic obligations in order. The dancer will be fully responsible to make-up any work/choreography when continuing with the program.
2. The dancer agrees to have proper hygiene and cleanliness at all times, and to abide by the dress code when required.
3. The dancer agrees to refrain from illegal and non-prescription drugs, steroids, or any other substance used to increase physical development, as well as consumption of alcohol, and use of tobacco.
4. The dancer agrees to keep their belongings organized and clean and to leave all areas in the same condition or better than they found it at classes, rehearsals, and performances.
5. Any student or parent posting any comments on social media or demonstrating any behaviors that SYNERGY DANCE ACADEMY deems hurtful or negative will be asked to have a conference with the student and parent to address any and all issues that may arise.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Every Team Family will have a folder behind the desk. Please check it on a regular basis for information regarding Team.
2. Club Members are **required** to wear team warm ups/sweats on stage for awards and recognitions at conventions and are **encouraged** to wear them at competitions and events. **Team members who do not have their jackets are not allowed be on stage for awards.** Only Synergy Dance Team Members who have competed are allowed on stage for awards.

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**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS PORTION TO THE OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**

These are the conditions under which the **JUNIOR SYNERGY DANCE CLUB** will be conducted. Read them carefully with your child(ren) so you both have a complete understanding of what is expected. If you have any questions, please contact the studio. Your signatures below constitute an agreement with **SYNERGY DANCE ACADEMY** and demonstrate that you have read and understand our **DANCE CLUB** policies. If you have any questions, please ask them *before* signing this agreement.

**Student Name** (*please print*): \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name** (*please print*): \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name** (*please print*): \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_