

## **2017-18 Tumble 'N Dance Competition Tracks**

**Elite Team** is designed for serious dancers ages 13+ who have outstanding technique, performance quality, style and the desire to train and compete at a higher level. Elites will represent TND at regional and national talent competitions, conventions, and performances. These dancers have a focus and desire to **fully commit** themselves to the demands of being a member of the Elite Team. Elite Team will train multiple days per week with TND Staff and guest master teacher/choreographers. We feel the relationships developed with faculty and peers through dance are unmatched by most sports and disciplines. Dancers interested in the Elite Team must attend one of the introductory meetings with their parent on Thurs., May 4 at 6:00 p.m. or Sat., May 20 at 12 noon. In addition, participants must complete an audition application and remit the \$20 audition fee by June 8 to receive an audition number. Lastly, dancers must attend the workshop on Mon., June 12 to learn the two audition combinations and return on Tues., June 13 to formally audition for our two outside judges. Selections for the Elite Team will be based on workshop & audition performance, attendance and punctuality record from previous season, attitude, and work ethic. Dancers who are not selected for the Elite Team may be invited to be on the Pre-Teen, Teen, or Senior Competition Team for the upcoming season. There is a \$20 monthly Elite Team fee assessed and is included in the quote below.

\*Aprx. monthly tuition cost of required Elite Team (no optionals) = \$150-\$160

### **Requirements:**

- choosing dance as their primary extra-curricular activity
- required to attend technique and rehearsal classes at least 3 days per week, including some Fridays and/or Saturdays. Required classes include two ballet classes, jazz/technique, tap, and lyrical/contemporary classes each week. Hip Hop, Pointe, and Acro-Gymnastics are optional classes and may require an additional day of attendance and are not included in the aprx. monthly cost quoted above. Optional classes are \$10.00 extra per month/per class.
- Elite Team may perform multiple solos, duet/trios, small groups, large groups and lines including the Production and Tap Line, in addition to other specialty entries.
- required to participate in 2-3 "in-house" master class workshops (aprx. \$25 per class),
- required to attend one competition/convention, 4 regional competitions, and 1 national competition, possibly annually or every-other-year - (*travel may be required*)
- required to attend 2 out of the 3 summer trainings in June, July, and August
- required to attend summer dance camp intensive in July

**Competition Teams** are a select group of talented dancers hand-picked by TND staff to train and showcase their skills on the competition stage. Competition Teams must make dance their extra-curricular priority and willing to train multiple days per week. Just as with our Elite Teams, we feel the relationships developed with faculty and peers through dance are unmatched by most sports and disciplines. A dancer's Team placement is based on age, experience/skill level, stage performance, attendance and punctuality record from previous season, attitude, and work ethic. There is a \$15 monthly Competition Team fee assessed and is included in the quotes below.

### **Requirements:**

- Teen & Senior Teams are required to attend technique and rehearsal classes at least 2 days per week, including some Saturdays. Required technique classes include ballet, jazz/technique, and tap each week. Lyrical/Contemporary, Hip Hop, Pointe and Acro-Gymnastics are optional classes for Teen & Senior Teams and may require an additional day of attendance. Optional classes are \$10.00 extra per month/per class.
- PeeWee and Petite Teams are required to attend technique classes and rehearsals at least one day per week. Junior and Pre-Teen Teams are required to attend classes and rehearsals 1-2 days per week, including some Saturdays. Required classes include ballet, jazz/technique, tap, and gymnastics each week. Optional classes include Lyrical for ages 8-10, Lyrical/Contemporary for ages 10+, Hip Hop, Pointe for ages 13+, and Acro-Contortion and may require an additional day of attendance. Optional classes are \$10.00 extra per month/per class.
- Aprx. monthly tuition cost of required Teen & Senior Team (no optionals) = \$130
- Aprx. monthly tuition cost of required Junior & Pre-Teen Team (no optionals) = \$125
- Aprx. monthly tuition cost of required PeeWee & Petite Team (no optionals) = \$100-\$110

- Team dancers may perform a solo and/or duet/trio at competition
- Team dancers may participate in small groups, large groups, and lines including the Production and Tap Line entries.
- required to participate in 4 regional and 1 national competition-every other year (*travel may be required*)
- required to attend 2 out of the 3 summer trainings in June, July, and August
- required to attend summer dance camp intensive in July

**Challenge/Apprentice** is designed for serious students who wish to train at a higher level and participate in competition dance; but may be involved in other activities as well. Dancers for the Challenge/Apprentice track must be recommended by a TND teacher and participate in the *Challenge Experience Workshop/Audition* to be selected. Based on the number of qualified dancers, we'll divide the students into teams based on age and experience level; Petite Challenge/Apprentice (ages ~ 5-8), Junior Challenge/Apprentice (ages ~9-12), and Teen Challenge/Apprentice (ages ~12+). There is a \$10 monthly Challenge/Apprentice fee assessed and is included in the quote below.

\**Apprx. monthly cost for required Challenge/Apprentice classes (no optionals) = \$95.00*

- required to attend technique classes once a week in ballet, tap, jazz/technique, and gymnastics
  - optional classes for Challenge/Apprentice may include Hip Hop, Acro-Contortion, and Lyrical
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- rehearsals or participation in optional classes may require an additional day of attendance. Optional classes are \$10.00 extra per month/per class
  - participate in at least one small/large group entry at competition
  - required to attend 3 regional competitions (*limited travel may be required*)
  - required to attend 2 out of the 3 summer trainings in June, July, and August
  - required to attend summer dance camp intensive in July
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Competition dance is a time and financial **commitment** for dancers and their families. In order to help off-set the costs, we highly recommend families seeking out individual sponsorships and participating in various fundraising efforts. To obtain more information, please see Ms. April to obtain a sample sponsorship letter or volunteer to be on our Fundraising Committee for the upcoming season!