



## **STAGETEAM COMPETITION TEAM** **PROGRAM OFFICIAL HANDBOOK**

This program is for beginner to advanced dancers looking to participate in local competitions with their team/studio. This is a great program for dancers who want to try competition dance for the first time, or for experienced dancers who might not be ready for the full time and financial commitment of Stageteam Company. Stageteam Competition Team is flexible and accessible to dance families. With a small amount of required classes, you can choose the number of classes/competition routines to suit your dancer's needs and your family's lifestyle!

### **Time/Financial Commitment Level:**

Although time and financial commitments will be higher than just being a part of the regular dance classes.... you get to choose!

### **Minimum Hours/Week:**

Juniors - 1 hour

Inters - 2 hours

Seniors - 3 hours

### **Required Classes:**

*\*We highly encourage dancers to take more than what is listed here. Ballet Tech, PBT, and Conditioning are technique based, non-performance classes. All Competition Team dancers may choose to add additional classes to their schedule which opens up more opportunities for the year end show, competitions, and choreography.\**

**Juniors** - Ballet Tech (choice of Monday or Tuesday Ballet Tech)

**Inters** - Ballet Tech (choice of Monday or Tuesday Ballet Tech), choice of PBT, Conditioning OR Jazz

**Seniors** - Ballet Tech (choice of Monday or Tuesday Ballet Tech), choice of PBT OR Conditioning, Jazz

### **Optional Classes:**

**Juniors** - 2nd Ballet class, Jazz, Tap, Acro, Hip Hop, Modern, Modern Stage, PBT

**Inters** - 2nd or 3rd Ballet class, Tap, Acro, Hip Hop, Lyrical, Contemporary/Modern, Modern Stage, Pre-Pointe/Pointe

**Seniors** - 2nd or 3rd Ballet class, Pre-Pointe/Pointe, Tap, Acro, Hip Hop, Lyrical, Contemporary/Modern, Modern Stage

### **Tuition & Fee Schedule:**

- Registration Fee - \$42.00 before July 1, \$52.50 after July 1
- Tuition Fees - based on hours danced per week as per tuition chart below, with additional 5% Competition Team discount! Tuition can be paid in full year (due September 1, 2020), half year (due September 1, 2020 and February 1, 2021) and monthly (1st of each month September 2020 - June 2021) payments. Tuition payments are accepted via Pre-Authorized debit or Visa/Mastercard only. Visa/Mastercard payments are subject to a 3% processing fee.
- Choreography Fees - \$325.00 + GST per solo, \$150.00 + GST per duet or trio, and between \$50.00-\$100.00 per group (depending on how many dancers register for a group).  
Choreography fees are due September 15, 2020.
- Costume Fees - costumes range from \$75.00-\$120.00. Dancers will need a costume for each of their regular classes that performs in the year end show, and for each competitive routine. With additional routines comes additional costumes... and additional fees! Each fall our studio will hold a costume swap & rental day where dancers can bring in their old costumes for others to swap or rent. Although some routines will require new costumes, and we may not always be able to find enough/the correct sizes of old costumes, we highly encourage the use of old costumes (especially for solos, duets, and trios) to reduce costs for families. Competition costume fees are due October 1, 2020, and year end show costume fees are due March 1, 2020.
- Competition Fees - range from \$30.00-\$60.00 per group, \$50.00-\$75.00 per duet/trio, and \$75.00-\$100.00 per solo. Competition fees are due November 15, 2020.

### **Competition Choreography:**

- Competition choreography will incur a separate fee. This fee varies greatly based on the number of routines your dancer is registered for, how many dancers are in each group, and if your dancer is selected for a trio, duet, or solo. This fee is due by September 15, 2020.
- Competition Team dancers will learn their competition routines outside of the regular timetable. This may be on Friday evenings or Saturday mornings/afternoons. This does not mean that your dancer is committed to an “extra class” every Friday or Saturday - competition routines are set in a certain number of hours by the choreographer and once it is finished, competition routines are ran between classes.
- Competition Team dancers may be called into the studio on a Friday or Saturday for a rehearsal before an upcoming competition if extra time is needed for a particular routine. This rehearsal will be no extra cost to dance families and will likely be a one-off.
- The competition routine schedule and fees are set once each dancer has registered for their groups of choice and choreographers have been organized.
- Competition Team dancers must register for competition routines that they wish to participate in.
- Dancers may only register for groups that are in the same styles that they are taking in classes. For example, if Amanda age 9 is taking Ballet Tech, Jazz, and Lyrical, she may sign up for Ballet, Jazz, and Lyrical routines but not Hip Hop or Tap. Dancers do not have to sign up for all routines they are eligible for; i.e. Amanda may choose to compete Lyrical only.
- Dancers may sign up for group routines of their choice, and may be selected by VIREO staff for a trio, duet, or solo. If a dancer is keen on competing a trio, duet, or solo, we will do our best to provide them that opportunity!

### **Attending Competitions:**

- Competition Team dancers attend 1-3 Island competitions per year. This is TBD as of June 1, 2020 due to COVID-19. Competition dates will be released to parents by September 1, 2020 and fees will be released to parents as soon as all competition choreography is organized, COVID-19 depending. If for any reason due to COVID-19 this changes, we will let parents know immediately.

- Competition fees range from \$30.00-\$60.00 per group, \$50.00-\$75.00 per duet/trio, and \$75.00-\$100.00 per solo. Competition fees are due November 15, 2020.
- Competition fees are dependant upon how many routines your child is entering. For example, a dancer who is in 2 groups and 1 trio will have less expensive fees than a dancer who is in 8 groups and has 3 solos.
- Parents are responsible for getting their dancer to the competition and dancers are considered in parent care while attending competitions. Carpooling is a fantastic option! Teachers attend by choice out of pocket, and are not paid by dance families for this time.
- Most competitions will not require a hotel but hotels may be more cost effective instead of driving back and forth. It is up to parents to book hotels if necessary, although VIREO will provide an itinerary for each event including the suggested hotel.
- Team jackets or VIREO wear is mandatory to be worn at all times at competition venues except, of course, when dancers are on stage!

### **Behaviour Expectations:**

- Competition Team dancers and parents are expected to behave respectfully and appropriately. Competition Team families are asked to sign a contract that must be handed in before official enrolment into the Competition Team program. This contract outlines the behaviour expectations for dancers and parents, and outlines the fee schedule. We know that the majority of our dance families are fantastic, however this contract is in place for a reason and that is to protect the integrity and well-being of our studio, programs, staff, dancers, and dance families. Thank you for understanding!

Thank you for your interest in the Stageteam Competition Team program, and we look forward to dancing with you in 2020/21!