

Dance Etc. Competition Teams Attendance Policy 2021-2022

All Dance Etc. Competition Team members will attend weekly technique classes and rehearsals. If not possible to attend, student/parent is required to submit the absence via the Absence Submission Form on the Teams Webpage. Additionally, if reporting an absence within a couple hours of class, please call the Annex (513-248-1305) to report absence. If the class needs to be made up, a make-up class or private lesson must be scheduled promptly. Private lessons are not the same thing as a group rehearsal. They are the best substitute.

From August through December, a student who is on 1-3 teams may miss 3 of each tech class, and 2 of each team rehearsal before being required to make them up. A student who is on 4 or more teams may miss up to 4 of each tech class, and 3 of each team rehearsal before they are required to make them up. Fall convention (August-November) absences will be excused.

From January through the competition season -- This time of the year is very crucial as routines are being finished and competitions begin. During this time period, all dancers may miss one of each team rehearsal, once one has been missed, any subsequent misses will need to be made up at the teacher's discretion. For technique classes (ballet, leaps & turns, tumbling, etc.), students who are on 1 - 3 teams may miss 2 of each technique class before having to make them up and those on 4 or more teams can miss 3.

The two weeks prior to a competition are MANDATORY practice weeks. If a student does miss a team rehearsal during this time, the routine may be rechoreographed without that student. The instructors have the right to change any student's place in a routine at any time due to absences. The decision is based on how early we know about the absence, the ability and willingness to make up the class, what is fair and what would be BEST for the TEAM. Factors to be considered include:

- The overall attendance record of the student
- The number of changes being made to the routine
- Whether the student has mastered the routine
- The overall cooperation and attitude of the family throughout the year with studio policy, payment of fees and tuition, etc.
- Willingness to take private lessons or do whatever is necessary to get them "caught up"

Excessive absences may be grounds for dismissal and will be taken into account when auditioning for teams for the next season. Dancers with outstanding absences at the end of the season will not receive their audition results until a plan to make up these absences is in place.

If you are awaiting COVID test results and/or unable to attend class due to quarantine, virtual class options may be available. We urge you to take advantage of all virtual offerings. Please contact Julie Marks or Ellen Marks to discuss these options.