



## Hoffman Stars Dance Company Parent Information

The Hoffman Estates Park District is excited that your dancer is interested in trying out for the Hoffman Stars Dance Company. Included in this handbook is important information regarding the 2021-2022 dance season. Please read all the information in its entirety to fully understand the commitment and requirements expected of company dancers and families.

The Hoffman Stars Dance Company is made up of three levels. The goal of the program is to offer a competitive dance program that places a strong focus on perfecting technique, increasing performance skills, advancing skills in multiple dance genres and sharing the love of dance with others. There is a strong focus on the following genres of dance: ballet, jazz and lyrical.

Stars Dance Company is for dancers 6-18 years old. Dancers must be 6 by September 1, 2021.

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

**Try-Outs will take place at Triphahn Center Dance Studio on Saturday, August 14, 2021 from 10:00am-12:30 pm.**

**Dancers:** Dancers should wear black leotards and pink tights, bring ballet & jazz shoes and have pulled up in a bun.

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

At tryouts, dancers will warm up with ballet barre exercises, perform ballet skills in the center and across the floor. Dancers will learn a short choreographed routine to perform for the judges. The instructors will observe the dancers.

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

Dancers will be notified via email if you have been invited to be a member of Dance Company.

## **2021-2022 Company Information:**

### **Classes:**

All dancers will be required to take a minimum of four classes.

- 1) Elite Ballet class: dancers will continue to learn the foundation of ballet technique.
- 2) Elite Specialty class: dancers will learn a variety of styles (modern, lyrical, jazz, contemporary).
- 3) Group 1 choreography class: 30 minute class following the dancers' ballet class. Dancers will learn choreography for one of their group dances for performance & competitions.
- 4) Group 2 choreography class: 30 minute class following the dancers' specialty class. Dancers will learn choreography for one of their group dances for performance & competitions.

### **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 the Company 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 her fellow dancers as well!
- If classes are missed, it is the responsibility of the dancer to learn any new choreography.
- Arriving more than 10 minutes late to class counts as 1 absence. 2 late arrivals (of 10 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.

### **Dress Code:**

- Ballet: black leotard (any style), pink tights, pink canvas ballet shoes, black sports bra (if applicable), hair in a tight bun
- Specialty: black leotard (any style), form-fitting black capris/pants (no shorts), clean ponytail, or bun. Bring tan jazz shoes, lyrical shoes and ballet shoes each week.

### **Accountability:**

- All company dancers are expected behave more professionally in all classes, rehearsals and performances.
- Company 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.

**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.

**Competitions:**

Hoffman Stars Dance Company 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. Each company level will compete in two group dances. The group dance competition fees are included in your Company tuition.

Solo / Duets / Trios: Dancers interested in attending competitions with a solo / duet / trio dance will be invoiced separately for each solo / duet / trio dance submitted in the competition. These competition average price is \$50-\$125 per dance for each competition for each dancer. Prior to enrolling your dancer into each solo or duet competition piece, you will be notified of the approximate competition fee at which time you can confirm if you would like your dancer to compete.

**Conventions / Workshops:**

One dance convention is included in the Company tuition. Each dancer will attend a one-day weekend convention

An internal dance workshop will be provided for dancers to learn from a guest dance coach.

**Parent Involvement:**

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

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

February	Dance Idol competition – Des Plaines
February 25 <sup>th</sup> -27th	Revolution competition
March	CRU - Rosemont
April 22-24th	Rainbow competition – Milwaukee
May	Dance Recital

### Company Tuition:

What's included?

Fall Session Ballet	14 weeks	\$168
Fall Session Specialty	14 weeks	\$168
Fall Session Choreography (2 times per week)	14 weeks	\$224
Winter/Spring Ballet	18 weeks	\$216
Winter/Spring Specialty	18 weeks	\$216
Winter/Spring Choreography (2 times per week)	18 weeks	\$288
2 Group Competition Pieces	4 Competitions **	\$280
Dance Convention		\$100
End of Year banquet		\$25
In house dance workshop		\$25
2 Group dance costumes		\$150
		<b>\$1860</b>

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

### **Additional fees will be charged for:**

If your dancer is asked to participate in a solo/duet/trio there will be extra fees. Please read below to see an approximate prices for any additional dances. Solos, duets, and trios will not start rehearsing until the week of September 27<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals for solos, duets and trios will take place on Wednesday evenings and/or Saturday afternoons.

Approximate price per dancer if offered a solo:

Costume	1 costume	\$50
Rehearsal/Choreography Time	8, 30 minute sessions	\$126
Approximate competition fees	4 Competitions	\$400
		<b>\$576</b>

Approximate price per dancer if offered a duet:

Costume	1 costume	\$60
Rehearsal/Choreography Time	18, 30 minute sessions	\$143
Approximate competition fees	4 Competitions	\$240
		<b>\$443</b>

Approximate price per dancer if offered a trio:

Costume	1 costume	\$60
Rehearsal/Choreography Time	18, 30 minute sessions	\$95
Approximate competition fees	4 Competitions	\$167
		<b>\$322</b>

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

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

**Payment options:**

1. Pay in Full
2. Payment Plan: \$100 deposit when officially registering for company, then 8 monthly payments of \$220 on 15<sup>th</sup> of month (Sept 2021 – April 2022).

**Refunds:**

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

# Company Handbook Acknowledgement

Dancer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Parent Acknowledgement**

I have read and understand the Hoffman STARS Dance Company Information. I am aware of the commitment, responsibilities and rules of the Dance Company.

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

## **Stars Dancer Acknowledgement**

I understand that as a member of the Hoffman STARS Dance Company:

- I will arrive to class on time and be prepared for 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.
- I will show good sportsmanship at all dance competitions and community events.
- I will respect my dance instructors and fellow STARS dancers.
- I will have fun and dance my heart out!

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