

Flatirons Dance Competition Team 2024-2025

Contract of events, Billing, and Standards

1. Competition season:

- Competition Team runs August 1 to May 1
- Flatirons will compete in 3 mandatory competitions (February, March & April)
- We attend Denver-based competitions, but you may choose to stay at a local hotel depending on arrival times
- Schedules for the competitions are not available until a few days before the event. Please do not ask for schedules ahead of time. They will be sent out as soon as we receive them.
- Typically, competition weekends/days are long, and dancers should be prepared to stay for the entire event to cheer on the rest of the studio.
- No parents and no phones allowed in dressing rooms at Competitions

2. Requirements:

- Dancers must be between ages 4-18
- Dancers must take team Competition class, technique class, and class of their choice. **Classes are billed monthly to your Class Bug account and are not part of the Competition fees.**
- Attendance at Competition class and technique is mandatory. No more than 3 absences are allowed for the entire Competition season. Each competition team practice missed \$50 will be charged to your account.
- Dancers must take one summer class or camp to be on the competition team.

3. Group Dances:

- Each team learns and performs two group dances for Competition
- Costume Fee of \$85 will be charged per group costume (this is a one-time fee per costume, not per competition, so 2 group dances = \$170 costume fee; this does not include specialty costumes). **Costumes will be handed out in December**
- Each group dance is to pay a competition entry fee. These are \$85 per dance per competition (3 competitions). Example: If your dancer competes in 2 group dances, you will pay **\$510** in total entry fees. (All three competitions are required).

****This price is subject to change if the Competitions raise the price on us**

4. Apparel:

- All team members will get a personalized team jacket (\$150) and a goody bag. These will be worn during competitions to help us identify Flatiron's team members. This fee is not due for existing members who already have their team jackets. If your dancer has a lost team jacket or needs a bigger size, \$150 is the replacement fee.
- Any other Spirit wear is optional

- Dancers must attend class in fitted dance clothes, hair back, and proper dance shoes.

5. Specialty Dances:

- These are solos, duets, trios, and small groups that are separate from the Team dances
 - It is highly suggested they have a year on the competition team before competing in this area.
 - Summer opportunity only. The deadline to finish choreography for specialty dances is September 1.
 - Dancers must be registered for the weekly class according to the genre in which their specialty is.
 - Specialty dance is a commitment. The minimum hours suggested are as follows:
 - 5 sessions of choreography (45 minutes each)
 - Specialty dances must enroll in a specialty class and attend the same class every week.
 - It is a dancer's responsibility to obtain their dance. They must practice at home and take responsibility for their choreography and instructor notes. Dancers are welcome to come to the studio independently and practice but must schedule with Jessica.
 - Specialty fees:
 - \$300 choreography fee (charged and split amongst the number of dancers due upon first choreography meeting)
 - There will be a penalty fee for missed choreography appointments of \$30 per occurrence. Our teachers' time is precious, and we want to ensure everyone is respectful of that.
 - Competition Entry fees per competition
 - Solo - \$250
 - Duet - \$125 each per dancer
 - Trio or Small Group - \$100 each per dancer
- **This price is subject to change if the Competitions raise the price on us
- Costumes are \$85 per dance per dancer for specialty dances. Jessica orders them, and they must be chosen and ordered by October 1. Please send three options of costumes.

- We have a costume closet of donated costumes gently worn. These can be purchased for \$40; if you find a costume here, you will not pay the \$85 costume fee. For Specialty costumes only.
- The final costume option is purchasing a specialty costume alone. This must be communicated to Jessica by October 1st

6. Other Team Fees

- Team signup fee of \$225 (all team members)
- \$250 convention fee (Mandatory only if we attend a competition with a convention, includes dance instruction classes)
- Optional conventions are \$395
- If an injury occurs, there are no refunds after December 1. If your dancer is unable to compete, the competition will apply a credit to their program for the next competition year.
- Competition entry fees, team, and costume fees will be charged in three increments, and the balance must be paid by the first competition.

September 15, November 15, and February 15

- Competition team fees are kept separate from the studio. Lauren, our team accountant, keeps track of each team fee. She will tally up all of your competition fees and apply any fundraising for your account and any changes. She will notify the studio how much to charge your account for the competition payments on the 15th. You should reach out to her to get a competition breakdown and ensure your account is correct. If you purchase a costume outside the studio, you must notify her so she can take it off your account.

7. Fundraising:

- Fundraising can be available to assist in paying for competition entry fees
- Fundraising is to be coordinated by the individuals of the team
- Fundraising does not go through Jessica. Please do not call Jessica about fundraising
- All fundraising requests should EMAIL Lauren (LaurenMgraves@gmail.com). She will decide if it will benefit our team to do the fundraiser and give instructions of how to turn in funds.
- Fundraising does not benefit the studio and can be cut if problems occur. Negative interactions due to fundraising will result in the elimination of the program

8. Goody Bags:

- Each team member will receive a personalized bag with fun items that are useful at a competition or fit the dance theme.
- Each team will create their bags with donations from all its team members. You only buy things for your team members, not all the competition teams.

9. Optional Extra Expenses

- Optional hotel stay (some families find it easier to stay in a hotel near competition)

- Optional Competition Merchandise

10. Standards of Kids:

- Be a team player
- Do not miss competition class
- Support their team
- Support other teams
- Know they are a studio dancer before they are a competitive dancer, and we do not tolerate bragging about competition
- Gossip and un-sportsmanlike conduct prohibited

11. Standards of Parents:

• Please be mindful of the fees. A credit card must be kept on file. If you sign up for private lessons, they get billed out when the teacher turns in their time card. Usually, the 25th of the month. A \$30 fee will be added to your team account for any late payments.

- Wait 24 hours to call or email.
- No phone calls past 8 pm
- Be a Team Player
- Support their team and other teams
- Mentorship - helping all parents, answering questions and being positive
- Be positive
- If your dancer is struggling with a dance or problem, please call Jessica or email so we can help them navigate.
- We are happy to work with your dancer. If your dancer needs extra help with their specialty, please let us know so we can assist.

Note from Jessica:

This is a family. Not a team. This experience is unlike any other. You will find support, love, and, most importantly, an environment for your dancer to blossom. When you decide to commit to the team, you are under the knowledge that this is not a required stress. Your dancer will not be singled out, and we take every necessary step to help them see their importance on their team. We are not “dance moms,” as in the TV show. We are dance moms like the ones you would hope to be. I have no tolerance for gossip, attitude, or the assumption that anyone is better or more experienced than anyone else. If you are a veteran, be the one people want to come to for questions, not the one who is noted at every repetitive question. At one time, that was you. We are an equal opportunity team and take pride in giving our dancers each an exciting opportunity. Notice that this paragraph is noted to parents and not dancers. This is because children imitate the environment they are in. If we are positive and helpful, they are the same. I promise to love your child, push them, and help them succeed in all areas. Lastly, please note all rehearsals and practices are closed. Parents are not permitted in the studio (with love). This includes specialty, except for the last 5 minutes to record. I hope that with this letter, I am being open and transparent about expectations. Please get in touch with me with any questions you might have. I am excited about the next dance season with your dancer. Love to you all.

Summary of fees due:

Paid by occurrence:

Specialty Choreography: \$300 at the first practice

\$30 for any missed choreography appointments

Paid in increments: September 15, November 15, and February 15

\$225 Team Signup Fee

\$150 Team Jacket (only new orders)

Costume fees: \$170 for 2 group dances

\$85 for each specialty dance costume

All Competition Entrance Fees

\$510 in group dances (2 group dances at three competitions, \$85x6)

\$250 for each solo, each competition (3 competitions = \$750)

\$125 for each duet (3 competitions = \$375)

\$100 each for a trio or small group, for each competition (3 competitions = \$300)

Convention fee if applicable

Funds raised and tracked by the team accountant can be used towards quarterly fees due **September 15, November 15, and February 15. If you would like your fundraising individual balance applied to the quarterly fee listed above, you must email Jessica and Lauren before the due date for those fees.

Dancer Name(s) Dancer DOB

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Parent Email (s)

I agree to pay the fees listed above, by the due dates. I understand any fees not paid, can result in my dancer not performing or leaving the Team.

Parent Name Printed _____

Parent Name Signed _____ Date

I understand that fundraising is optional and I will only receive funds if I participate.

Parent Name Signed _____ Date