

Dance Collective Competition Policy 2026-2027

Introduction

This Competition Policy outlines the expectations, commitments, and standards for all students participating in competitions with Dance Collective. Our competition team reflects the values, training, and artistic vision of the school. By joining the competition program, you agree to abide by this policy to ensure a cohesive, committed, and professional team.

Exclusive Training & Conflict of Interest

All competition dancers who train with Dance Collective must not train or compete in the same genre at any other school or with any other team. This is to protect the integrity of our training, avoid conflicts of interest, and strengthen the unity of our team. Associate programs, intensives, and open workshops are permitted and encouraged, provided they do not conflict with our competition work. We ask families to respect that you are committed to our training, vision, and approach.

Commitment & Attendance

Competitive dancing is a commitment, and each dancer's presence impacts the success of their individual dances or a group. All rehearsals, classes, and scheduled practices must be attended unless prior notice and a valid reason are provided. Dancers are expected to rehearse outside of scheduled studio time to ensure they are performance-ready. Those participating in group routines are expected to commit to all outlined festivals and competitions for the season.

Artistic Direction

All choreography, music, and costume decisions are made at the discretion of the Dance Collective teachers. No changes or decisions regarding music, choreography, or costumes may be made without consulting the teacher first. We ask that all dancers and families respect the artistic vision and creative process of our faculty.

Behaviour & Conduct at Competitions

All students, parents, and guardians are expected to demonstrate professional, respectful, and supportive behaviour at all competitions and events. Negative behaviour, whether from children or adults, towards other teams, judges, organisers, or our own team will not be tolerated. We are ambassadors of Dance Collective and must reflect our values both on and off stage.

Financial Commitment & Payments

Competition involves financial commitments, including entry fees, costumes, travel expenses, and any associated costs. Prompt payment is required for all fees, and failure to pay on time may affect participation.

Team Spirit & Representation

Being part of the competition team means representing Dance Collective with pride, discipline, and sportsmanship. All team members are expected to support one another and celebrate the success of the group as a whole. When attending festivals and events, dancers should arrive and remain in full DC tracksuits or DC dancewear, presenting themselves in a professional and unified manner both on and off stage.

Acknowledgement

By joining the Dance Collective Competition Team, dancers and parents acknowledge that they agree to abide by this Competition Policy. They understand the artistic and commitment expectations, and they accept the rules on exclusive training, behaviour, attendance, and payments.