



TORRANCE DANCE & DRILL TEAM

COMPETITION TEAM CONTRACT

2015/2016 Season

Thank you for your interest in the Torrance Dance and Drill Competition Teams. This area of “Torrance Dance and Drill Team” is competitive and NOT your traditional dance team. You must tryout to secure a place on the competition team and not everyone makes it. Those who do make the competition teams are held to a higher expectation. Please read carefully the following contract before signing, as your signature represents your acknowledgement and acceptance of these expectations. Additionally, registration fees for each competition team will apply and all fees must be paid prior to the start of the fall session.

Attendance

Regular and prompt attendance is required to all practices, performances, and competitions. Excessive absences and tardiness will not be tolerated. When a tardy or absence cannot be avoided, the director must be notified; in addition, please email the program Supervisor, Janene Ferguson at (JFerguson@TorranceCA.Gov). Three (3) absences within each three (3) month trimester (January 1 – March 31, April 1 – June 30, October 1 – December 1) will equal being benched from performing/competing (you will only be benched from the routine of the class where the absences occurred.) To be benched means you will sit out of that particular routine. A participant who is benched from a performance **MUST** still attend that performance/competition, but will not perform in that routine. **If the absence falls the week prior to a competition/performance or competition and the directors have made changes to the routine to accommodate your absence, you will not be allowed to perform in that routine at that competition unless prior arrangements have been made. An excused absence requires a doctor's note. The doctor's note must be turned in to the directors upon return to class.** Participants may appeal all decisions to the Community Services Department. Appeals must be in writing and may be emailed to Janene Ferguson at JFerguson@TorranceCA.Gov. We will make the best effort to respond to appeals within 24 hours.

Members more than 7 minutes late will not be allowed to practice (unless prior arrangements are made.) They will be expected to sit and observe and will be responsible for learning that day's class material/choreography on their own. **Those who fall behind and/or fail to meet the needs of the choreography will not be allowed to compete/perform.**

If a member of the team is injured they will not be allowed to participate in practice until they are well. This is to prevent them from making the injury worse and prolonging their recovery. If they attend practice, they will not be considered absent. However, if they miss more than one practice due to injury, they must have a doctor's note excusing them from participating. All dancers sitting out practice (due to injury or illness) must sit for the entire practice (they may not get up and join class.) They should follow along during practice. They should not bring games, play on phone or do homework during this time. They need to continue to learn the routine. Team members must make best effort to attend and participate in all extra rehearsals as set by the Director. Every effort will be made to provide families as much notice as possible for extra rehearsals. Initial Competition Team practices must be attended by all Comp team members to remain on the team.

Competitions are held January through June. Competitions are generally held on Saturdays, but can involve more days. At competitions all competition team members are required to stay through the awards as points are awarded to teams with high attendance.

While on a Torrance Dance and Drill competition team, you **may not** join another dance, drill and/or cheerleading team. You have made a commitment to your Torrance competition team and you need to be able to fulfill that commitment.

Competition team members are also **required** to attend the summer session (15 classes/2 full sessions total) as choreography/technique will be taught. **If summer sessions are not completed (15 classes/2 full sessions total), members will be benched for the first performance of competition teams (but may perform in the full team numbers.)** Summer is an excellent time to take outside dance classes, please check the Torrance Seasons Guide for information on other dance classes.

Initial Parent & Dancer Date

Dress Code

All team members must follow the dress code for practice. The dress code is black dance bottoms and a black tank/form fitting shirt. Jeans, big t-shirts and pajama pants will not be allowed. Proper dance shoes are required to be worn. Hair must be pulled back into a bun on the Monday – Friday practices, but on the Wednesday practice, hair should be pulled back into a ponytail. Those who do not follow the dress code will not be allowed to practice.

All competition teams will have additional costume fees. Costumes are not determined until the choreography has been completed. The costume fees will cap at \$100 (except for the Pom costumes which are vendor made and cost approximately \$205.) Costumes may require a specific color of jazz shoes and/or accessories such as special style of tights. In addition, all competition team members are required to purchase a new team jacket and shirt, but may purchase any of the following items: pants, shorts or tank top.

Initial Parent & Dancer Date

Participant Responsibilities

All team members are **required** to participate in fund raising for the team. Those who do not complete their fundraising obligations may not tryout for any comp teams the following year. There will be many fundraisers available for members to participate in and we will continue to do them until our budget is met. If a member is not contributing enough effort to fundraising, a meeting will be scheduled with a parent and a member of the Booster Board. Depending on the team’s budget, members may be asked to pay the team member’s cost for competition fees. All soloists, Duets and Trios are responsible for their own entry fees.

Gossip, bullying, foul language, gum chewing, jewelry, toys and cell phones will not be permitted at any Torrance Dance and Drill practice/performance. Respect towards other members, directors, visitors, parents, volunteers and officers is required. Those who don’t comply will be removed from practice/event and/or sent home. Cell phones must be on silent during class time.

Initial Parent & Dancer Date

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I _____ have read and understand the guidelines for being a competition team member in the Torrance Dance and Drill Team. I will make a commitment to our team and its directors. I understand that the rules will be strictly enforced and if I do not follow the rules, I run the risk of being benched or having my competition privileges revoked. If I made the competition team, I will commit my best effort and dedication to the program.

Participant Signature

Parent Signature

Date