



Dance Company Commitment Criteria

Becoming involved in any sport requires a certain level of commitment, but becoming great at anything requires a higher level of commitment and at times sacrifice. As a Dance Company Member, your child will have access to additional instruction and support of the studio, the opportunities to perform and compete, and be an integral part of all MNDA Recitals. Dance Company membership is a high honor and great accomplishment in a dancer's life. There are financial and time commitments involved for this distinguished membership and the associated privileges.

Pre-Requisite for Membership:

This year, we will accept student transfers into Dance Company. Dance Company members will only be selected through an Audition process. This is not meant to be an intimidating process, rather a positive and encouraging experience to build confidence and provide the audition skills they will need in the future. While it is not guaranteed that all students auditioning (as it is an open audition) will be accepted into the Company, **it is guaranteed that all students auditioning will be awarded apprenticeship status at minimum.** Apprenticeship allows the opportunity to be involved in more dances in the recital and considered for additional performances and permitted to join us at dance conventions.

Time Commitments:

Classes: Dance Company Members will be required to be enrolled in the Dance Company Class and at least two technique dance classes at MNDA during the Fall/Spring season (i.e., ballet/pointe, tap, jazz, modern, contemporary, ballroom, or hip-hop). Attendance shall remain at 90% in order to obtain and retain skills and choreography. While making up absences in a different class is allowed per studio policy, it does not negate an absence for purposes of this commitment because the dancer is still missing information pertinent to their individual development/performance as a company member.

It is highly recommended that dancers continue classes during the summer to maintain their endurance and skill. We understand that this may conflict with summer vacation plans and we do offer make-up classes during the summer. We will also have events and rehearsals during summer. Please note that we review and may modify as needed the scheduled rehearsal dates during the initiation meeting.

Monthly Company-Only Rehearsals: Dance Company Members are privy to Company-Only Rehearsals that will occur at minimum one weekend a month. These rehearsals provide both "master class" style technique lessons and are the forum for learning Company-only dances that will be used in various performances/competitions/recital. The length of these classes will range from 1-3hours depending on the age group and also by style of dance. For example, if our age 5-6 year old company members are only in ballet and tap, they will likely only take ballet and tap for 1.5 hours; however, our teens who are involved in Jazz, Ballet, Contemporary, and Tap will likely have class for the full 3 hours. We will not necessarily teach all styles in the same weekend



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either. These classes are mandatory and only an excused absence due to contagious illness will be permitted.

Ad-Hoc Company-Only Practices: Additional time commitment may vary year to year depending on the amount of competitions, performances, and conventions the Company plans to attend. There will be additional practices required as we approach Competitions and Performance dates, ideally these will be weekend practices as well.

Parent Involvement Commitments:

The success of our dancers does depend upon the level of support our parents provide. Parents of Dance Company Members are obligated to ensure that their child is delivered to classes, practices, and events on time and in proper attire. MNDA Dance Company Moms/Dads will be required to provide at least two hours of volunteer service to the studio during Competition/Recital season. (A maximum of 2 hours can be rolled over to the following year, for example if you volunteered backstage 8 hours in 2023, then you can skip volunteer efforts in 2024, but would be required again in 2025 to fulfill the minimum requirement). Only one parent/guardian/grandparent is required per student to perform these volunteer duties. Volunteer duties vary in range from tasks at the studio, chaperones at performances, working fundraisers, Stage Mom at recital, and various other tasks related to supporting dance events. The Dance Company will largely be guided initially by the input of parents and students, so please do attend any and all meetings and read all emails. If you fail to satisfy your volunteer requirements for the year, your account will be charged a Volunteer Opt-out fee.

Financial Commitments:

In addition to normal class, annual registration fees, and recital fees, Dance Company Members will be required to pay the following fees:

Fee Detail	Amount	Due Date
Membership Dues (includes Monthly Rehearsals, T-Shirt, three Ad-Hoc practices)	\$325 per year	50% due by 7/15/2026 100% due by 9/15/2026
Dance Company Weekly Class (Aug-May)	\$15 per month	1st of every month
Additional Ad-Hoc Practice Fees	\$10 per hour	TBD
Costume Fees* (this is an estimate assuming 2 standard costumes)	~\$125 per year	TBD
Competition / Convention Fees* (This is an estimate assuming 2 convention/competitions for Petite and 3 convention/competitions for Juniors and Seniors. Competition Group dance is included, <i>Solos/Duets/Trios are additional fees.</i>)	~\$600 per year (Petite Co) ~\$1100 per year (Jr/Sr Co)	50% due by 10/15/2025 100% due by 1/15/2026
Team Building Events*	~\$20 per event	TBD
Volunteer Opt-Out Fee*	\$70	TBD



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Apprenticeship Financial Commitments are as follows:

Fee Detail	Amount	Due Date
Membership Dues (includes Occasional Rehearsals, T-Shirt)	\$100	50% due by 7/15/2026 100% due by 9/15/2026
Ad-Hoc Practice Fees	\$15 per hour	TBD
Convention Fees* (this is an estimate assuming 1 convention, Apprentice will not compete)	~\$400 per year	50% due by 10/15/2026 100% due by 1/15/2026
Team Building Events*	~\$20 per event	TBD
Volunteer Opt-Out Fee*	\$70	TBD

*Costume Fees: The Dance Company will be required to have additional costumes for the various venues that they will perform. Where possible, we will utilize Recital Costumes from past or current year. These fees can be kept low if Moms are willing to sew costumes 😊.

*Competition and Convention Fees: Each Dance Competition or Dance Convention sets their own fees. We will choose to attend the events that satisfy our overall goals for growth and experience. Competition fees begin with a base rate of \$80 for company participation and will increase if students desire to enter small group or solo pieces. Competitions and Conventions typically cost between \$290-\$500 per individual student and vary from 1-5 day events.

*Team Building Events: We want our Dance Company Members to have a team bond and enjoy being part of a special group of dancers. We plan to have a “lock-in” or “slumber party” at the studio and one additional TBD event in order to make these dancers feel at home at the studio and with each other. Fees associated with this event are mainly to cover any rental cost, food/beverage, staff support, and activities/favors.

*Volunteer Opt-Out Fee: This fee will only be charged to parents who decide that they cannot fulfill the minimum required volunteer hours.

Payment plans can be put into place for Membership Dues, but 50% is due upon Dance Company Contract Signature no later than 7/15/2026. All estimated costs will be confirmed prior to the required payment due dates.

Fiscal Responsibility

It is imperative that all fees and dues are paid by the deadline in order for our business to function properly. If you are late, we may not be able to meet the competition payment deadlines, may incur late fees for our bills, may affect our credit score for late payments of rent, etc. The better financial standing MNDA is in, the better we can provide for your students.

For this reason, the following criteria must be met before participation in events may occur:

- 1) The Parent Account of the Dance Company Student must be current. This means that there can be no outstanding balances due at the time of the event. (This does not mean that



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balances posted, not yet due have to be paid. That is not considered outstanding.) An event consists of anything that requires studio participation outside of rehearsals and class time. This applies to Company Teambuilding events or parties, Competitions, Conventions, external performances, Recital, Master Classes, and any other event that MNDA incurs a cost to provide.

- 2) Any modifications or exceptions to due dates must be requested no later than 3 weeks prior to the due date.
- 3) The current Interest Rate for Personal loans is ~30%. MNDA is not in the business of extending personal loans, however, by postponing payment, we are essentially covering your cost for a period of time (loaning the money) and will apply a late fee on the third day it is late beginning June 1st 2026. Our current late fee is \$15 per fee. As we are not offering loans for participation in events, we will be forced to eliminate participation of dancers if account balances forementioned are not within the 3 day grace period of the due date.
- 4) We recommend auto-pay be utilized for tuition at minimum. All Event fees will be posted to portal accounts and statements sent to parents who may elect to pay with another form of payment. If you prefer for us to run the card on file, please let us know. We can run all charges via auto-pay if we have a signed agreement.

Anticipated 2026/2027 Company Member Schedule:

- **Auditions May 3^{0th} 32-5pm**
- **Results Email May 31st**
- **Dance Company and Apprenticeship Induction Meeting – Jun 13th 12pm – Parents and Students Welcome, Celebration and What to Expect, Discuss Potential Conventions/Competitions/Performances**
- **Summer Company Classes/Practices:**
 - **May Change upon discussion to accommodate various family's vacation plans**
 - **June 28th 11:00-12:30pm Petite**
 - **June 28th 12:30pm-2:00pm - Junior**
 - **July 1st 5:30-8pm**
 - **July 4th Bunker Hill Parade ~8am-noon**
 - **July week of 13th evening tbd**
 - **July 18th - Back to School Performance at the Mabee WholeLife Services Center ~9am ("I wanna be like you", a compilation of Get Wild Opener and Finale)**
 - **July 25th Empower Jazz Project (convention only @City-Centre)**
 - **Aug 15th 10am-1:30pm**
 - **Fall Company Rehearsals:**
 - **Sun Aug 30th – 1-3:30pm**
 - **Apprentice 1-2pm**
 - **Petite Company -1-2:30pm**
 - **Junior Company -2-3:30pm**
 - **Sat Sep 12th – 5-8pm**



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- **Petite Company -5-6:30pm**
- **Junior Company –6:30-8pm**
- **Sat Oct 3rd – 2-5pm**
 - **Apprentice – 2-3pm**
 - **Petite – 2-4pm**
 - **Junior – 3-5pm**
- **Sat Oct 24th – 4:30-7pm -Fall Ball**
 - **Open to public, hosted by Company**
- **Sun Nov 8 – 3-6pm**
 - **Petite Company –3-4:30pm**
 - **Junior Company -4-6pm**
- **Sat Nov 14th and Sun Nov 15th Tremaine Dance Convention/Competition**
- **Sat Dec 5th – 1-4pm**
 - **Apprentice – 1-2:15pm**
 - **Petite Company -2:15-4pm**
 - **Junior Company –2:15-4pm**
- **Thu Dec 17th – 5:30pm Holiday Showcase**
- **Sat Jan 9th - 4:30-5:30pm (Ad-hoc Practice)**
 - **Petite Company –4:30-5:30pm**
 - **Junior Company –4:30-5:30pm**
- **Jan ___ *Revel Dance Convention***
 - **Sun Jan 31st – 1-3pm**
 - **Petite Company -1-2:15pm**
 - **Junior Company –1:30-3pm**
 - **Sat Feb 6th – 1-2:30pm**
 - **Petite Company -1-2pm**
 - **Junior Company -1-2:30pm**
 - **Sun Feb 21st – 2-5pm**
 - **Petite Company -3:30-5pm**
 - **Junior Company –2-3:30pm**
 - **Sat Mar 13th– 1-3:30pm**
 - **Petite Company -1-2:30pm**
 - **Junior Company -2-3:30pm**
 - **Sun Apr 18th – 12-4pm**
 - **Apprentice – 12-1:30pm**
 - **Petite – 12-2pm**
 - **Junior – 1:45-4pm**
 - **Sun May 2nd – 4-6pm**
 - **Apprentice – 4-5pm**



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- **Petite – 4-6pm**
- **Junior – 4-6pm**
- **Conventions and Competitions:**
 - **Sat Oct 25th and Sun Oct 26th Tremaine Dance Convention/Competition**
 - ***Revel Dance Convention (may only be petite)***
 - ***Empower Jazz Project***
 - **TATD (*Houston*) - ~June 20th 2027 TBD (Age 10+)**
- **Performances:**
 - **July 4th Hedwig Village Parade**
 - **July 18th Back to School @ Mabee Center**
 - **Tbd**
- **Recital – ~May 22, 2027 ~4pm**