



GENERAL COMPETITION TEAM GUIDELINES

This information pertains to Junior, Teen/Senior, and Demi Competition Teams. The information below may vary year to year and CDBN reserves the right to make changes at Nona's solo discretion at any time.

Competition teams are divided by age group, ability, and style of dance.

Students are accepted to become a Captivating Dance Competition Team member based audition scores and by Nona Ybarra - at her sole discretion.

Teachers reserve the right to move a team member from one team to another based on technical ability and/or dedication.

Teachers reserve the right to determine if a team member will be allowed to participate in a team event and/or remain on their team(s) based on commitment to teachers, and/or fellow dancers, and/or themselves, and/or parent(s) commitment to their child's team.

*Any student may apply for a scholarship or partial scholarship. These applications need to be COMPLETED and turned in with student's competition team audition form on **May 5th, 2017**. Not all students who apply will be given a scholarship or partial scholarship. Scholarships are given to low income and at-risk students. Funds are limited. A scholarship awarded in prior years does not guarantee a scholarship for every year. An application must be submitted yearly for consideration. Apprenticeship applications (Sophomores-Seniors) are also due on **May 5, 2017**. (for scholarship & apprenticeship applications, please email: admin@captivatingdancebynona.com)*

General Competition Team Member Responsibilities & Expectations:

- 1. To re-audition EVERY year.*
- 2. To be dedicated to their team and team members.*
- 3. To be responsible for their schedules, costumes, and behavior.*
- 4. To show respect and a positive attitude at all times.*
- 5. To maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better in school.*
- 6. To attend all required classes, workshops, competitions, conventions, and performances per the team requirements.*
- 7. To make dance team their #1 extra-curricular activity.*
- 8. To attend mandatory rehearsals prior to each competition event.*
- 9. To wear team warm-ups to all competitions and performances.*
- 10. Follow all studio rules, regulations, and policies.*

General Team Parent Responsibilities & Expectations:

ALL competition team parents are expected to commit to the following:

1. Pay all team fees and tuition by deadlines due.
2. Volunteer throughout the dance year - participation required for 1 fundraisers.
3. Make sure team members are registered for and attend all classes-
4. Make sure team member arrives to all practices and events on time.
5. Other than for illness, Informs Captivating Dance by Nona well in advance (at least 90 days) if team member is unable to attend a mandatory practice or competition (regionals or nationals). This notification must be submitted in writing. An email to admin@captivatingdancebynona.com is acceptable.

Audition Results and Team Invitations

Results of competition team auditions will be emailed on or before May 27, 2017.

If you receive an invitation to be part of a dance/team, you will be receiving a team agreement with more specific requirements for the specific team.

Most likely, you will NOT make all of the dances you audition for. We have limited spots per dance.

If you did not make a particular dance for which you auditioned, you will be put on a waitlist in order of best to lowest tryout score for that particular dance. If someone that received an invitation for that dance does not commit to that dance by **June 1, 2017** we will be sending out invitations to those on the waitlist in order of highest score to lowest score.

There will be a \$500 non-refundable deposit due with the "Competition Team Member Confirmation & Agreement" form by June 1, 2017. This deposit confirms your commitment, secures your spot for specific dances, and will be applied to your competition fees for the 2017-2018 dance year.

Please understand that we must receive your commitment and deposit by June 1, 2017. If you do not commit by that time, you will be removed from the team roster and your spot will be given to another dancer.

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Hip Hop/Tap ONLY TEAM (ages 6-20 years):

One-year dance experience is helpful. These students will attend auditions. The auditions will be for the experience as well as the chance for teachers to determine if the student demonstrates advanced abilities. This team has been created to give younger students the ability to learn teamwork and commitment learn to be disciplined with their dance responsibilities, and a chance to compete against other studios. The Junior Hip Hop/Tap Team team will compete ~4 times. **The monthly tuition for the Junior boys company team, Teen HIP HOP ONLY and TAP ONLY dancers is \$252 (September 2017 – May 2018).** The monthly tuition covers the following: All weekly team practices, beginning or advanced hip hop technique class, or tap technique class (if tap only)–depending on skill level, extra team practices deemed necessary by teacher, mandatory rehearsals before events, choreography for competitive dance, and staff at competitions. Tuition does not cover additional team expenses including, but not limited to: competition fees and costumes, all other classes not listed above.

JUNIOR (girls) “COMPANY” TEAM (ages 8-12 years):

A minimum of 2 years of dance experience is required to audition for this team. The experience does not need to be at the CDBN studio. The Junior Team gives intermediate to advanced dancers in this age group the ability to study dance at an accelerated rate with focus on technical ability. **The monthly tuition Teen/Senior Team is \$472 per month (September 2017-May 2018).**

TEEN/SENIOR “COMPANY” TEAM (ages 13-20 years):

A minimum of 3 years dance experience is required to audition for this team. The dance experience does not need to be at the CDBN studio. The Teen/Senior Team gives more advanced dancers in this age group the ability to study dance at an accelerated rate with focus on technical ability.

Auditions are mandatory and dancers will be judged on their ability to focus, attitude, overall impression, projection, and execution of style(s), technical skills, synchronization, and control. Dancers will be accepted on the Teen/Senior Company and placed in specific dances based on their audition. Depending on a student’s dance ability and/or dedication, a teacher may offer the student a chance to learn and perform a solo, duet, or trio. This is an honor and by invitation only by the teacher. Students do not have to accept this offer. It will involve more time and financial commitment if invitation is accepted. The Teen/Senior Teams perform multiple styles of dance routines. **Not all performers will perform the same dances. Some students may excel in one style of dance over another and, therefore, will be placed in dances that the student excels in. Students may be placed in one or multiple dances depending on ability, availability, and commitment.** These teams of dancers will compete in ~ 4 competitions during the season. **The monthly tuition Teen/Senior Team is \$472 per month (September 2017-May 2018).** Team members are encouraged to take as many regular (OPEN) classes with Captivating Dance by Nona as possible. Monthly tuition covers all weekly team practices, regular classes, extra team practices deemed necessary by teacher, mandatory rehearsals before events, choreography of regular dance team routines, and staff for competitions. Tuition does not cover additional team expenses including, but not limited to: competition fees, costumes, choreography for solos, duos, trios, etc.

DEMI COMPETITION TEAM:

Teens/Senior: Ages 13-18 years old

No more than 15 dancers for each level and no fewer than 7

Demi Teens compete in 2 competitions with 2-3 dances.

All must take required open classes.

- *One Ballet classes (select any two from ballet technique classes offered)*
- *One Stretch and Flex*
- *One Lyrical and One Jazz technique class*

If a demi dancer accepts a Hip Hop or Tap dance, she must also enroll in a matching technique class.

The monthly tuition for the Demi Competition Team is \$472 per month

SOLOS, DUETS, TRIOS: *Only returning CDBN demi or company dancers will be considered for solos, duets or trios. Dancers that are invited to join a higher team will not be offered a solo.*

CONVENTIONS: *Any CDBN competition team dancer (12 years old and over) may attend conventions. For the 2017-2018 season, conventions are optional.*

NATIONALS: *For the 2017-2018 competition year, we do not foresee attending nationals. We plan to skip this year and attend nationals in the 2018-2019 season (summer of 2019).*

PLEASE KEEP THIS DOCUMENT FOR YOUR RECORDS.

You must SIGN and submit THE “2017–2018 SIGNATURE PAGE”, to Captivating Dance by Nona, to document that you have read, understand and will abide by the guidelines above.