



## **DANCE COMPETITION TEAM INFO PACKET**

Our competitive program gives our dancers multiple opportunities to be on stage in a professional environment and opportunity to travel and learn from choreographers and fellow dancers around Florida! Through challenging, high-energy team rehearsals, our dancers learn how to work together, support their fellow dancers, focus under pressure, and thrive! By offering competition dance in the Lower Keys, we give every motivated dancer the opportunity to progress in our BIG world!

**Dancers**, as part of Island Groove Dance Competitive Team, you are expected to be committed to your classes, dancing full out and working hard for your teachers and choreographers. Those who listen to every correction and apply themselves in every class and rehearsals will have the most success. Remember to show respect to all teachers and staff, your parents, and all students at the studio & at convention/competitions. We are all in this together and want to create a successful team!

**Parents**, our competitive program requires a positive atmosphere from all involved. Cooperation between all parents is expected at all times. Please show respect for staff members, other parents, and all dancers. A positive and enthusiastic outlook on this program extends to your child. Negative comments and feedback can be harmful to your child's progress and education. We expect all parents to maintain an open line of communication so that we may work together to meet the goals of each dancer.

### **AUDITIONS ON AUGUST 30TH, 2024:**

Both new and returning members ages 4 and up will have to audition in order to be considered for the 2025-2026 IGD Competition Team. Final placement will be determined per team category according to skill level by IGD Director Mrs. Renee, Mrs. Krysti, & Mrs. Kara.

AGES 4-9 (MINIS) ***\*NOTE: Placement of dancers is based on their age as of January 1, 2025\****

AGES 10 & UP (JUNIORS)

5:30-6:30PM

ALL STUDENTS need to arrive in proper ALL BLACK attire with their hair pinned back in a ponytail or bun. Dancers will be adjudicated on their flexibility, technique, performance quality, and their ability to pick up on choreography quickly (memory). Dancers must obtain a specific score in order to be accepted onto the team. Audition results & Placement will be announced September 2nd via email.



### **COMPETITION TEAM INFO:**

#### **Recurring Team Dues:**

(Includes the weekly team rehearsal fees.)

The fees are \$90/month for Competition Dancers

**WEEKLY REHEARSALS:** Our competition team will be rehearsing weekly starting September 6th, 2024. They will rehearse for 1-2 Competitive dance routines depending on how well they focus and execute choreography.

MINI TEAM REHEARSAL: FRIDAYS 4:15-5:15PM

JUNIOR TEAM REHEARSAL: FRIDAYS 6:15-7:45PM

SOLOS/DUETS/TRIOS CAN BE BOOKED PRIVATELY.

- ***Mandatory Competition Dress Rehearsal*** before our 1st competition at a proper stage (KWHHS or Tennessee Williams). This will help get those jitters out and proper placement on stage/feeling comfortable.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

All Island Groove Dance Competition members are REQUIRED to take the following classes during the school year (Recommended min. of 3 hours of weekly dance training):

\*Dance Technique Class (Either Jazz/Dance Technique OR Advanced Dance Technique)

\*Acro Dance Class

\*Lyrical OR Jazz/Dance Technique

\*Weekly Competition rehearsals. (Dancers will perform Comp routines in annual recital.)

#### **Competition:**

**Entry Fees:** Cover the fees paid to each Competition on behalf of the dancer.

The fees vary by competition, with an estimated range of \$85 - \$100 per dancer entry.

**Convention Fees:** Cover the fees paid to each Convention classes (4-10 classes per event)

**Costume Fees:** Cover the costume and "team-look" requirements beyond the basic attire. (One Time Fee per season).



**Team Gear Fees: (For dancers without jackets only)**

Cover the studio-specific warm-up jacket/top that all teams are required to wear to competition (before and after their performance), as well as a Team T-Shirt which dancers wear to festivals or other events in which the teams are participating.

**Travel & Lodging Fees:**

Parents are responsible for Travel/lodging fees. It is preferred that parents book the same venue where the event is being held. (1) Teacher Room cost will be split evenly per dancer to cover cost. (Example: Hotel Rate- \$225, 10 dancers, \$22.50 per dancer)

**Attendance:**

Children who are invited to join competition dance need to make sure that it is a priority for them. They need to be at every rehearsal & class so they can continue to grow and improve with their team. Notify the studio director(Mrs. Renee) with any expected missed rehearsals. More than 3 absences may result in forfeiture to perform in the upcoming competition event.

**Competitions**

*We will be participating in 3 Novice competitions this year. Each competition charges a fee per dancer per routine. This includes admin & coach fees. We will use the Fundraiser funds to cover as much cost per dancer as possible. You will receive any remaining balance via email invoice.*

**Costume Fee**

Each Dancer is required to purchase one costume per routine. (\$100/Costume)

**Solo/Duo/Trio**

Dancers are allowed to sign up to perform solo's/duo's/trio's in competition. Teachers will be available to assist with choreography and rehearsal.(Fees Apply)

**Hair/Makeup**

Your child is to arrive at competitions with their make-up on and hair fixed properly. Teachers/coaches will be responsible for ensuring that each group is lined up properly, and is ready to perform. They will NOT be responsible for fixing hair, or for applying makeup and eyelashes at any point over Competition weekend. No parents backstage please! It simply gets too crowded.



### **3 COMPETITIONS/CONVENTIONS REQUIRED TO ATTEND:**

We will compete at 3 Competition/Convention events between January -April 2025. Comp fees include 2 routine entry fees & convention fees per dancer. **Convention & master classes are MANDATORY & a vital part of the experience. If you attend convention, your dancer MUST take classes that are scheduled.**

- 1.) **JANUARY 11-12TH** (MIRAMAR CULTURAL ARTS CENTER) **\$320**

STEP UP 2 DANCE CONVENTION (SAT. 1/13) & COMPETITION (SUN. 1/14)

<https://stepup2dance.com/>

- 2.) **FEBRUARY 21ST-23RD** (MIRAMAR CULTURAL ARTS CENTER) **\$195**

HEADLINERS DANCE COMPETITION (NO CONVENTION CLASSES)

<https://headlinersdance.com/>

- 3.) **APRIL 11-13TH** (DOUBLETREE MIAMI HOTEL)<(TAIL END OF SPRING BREAK) **\$575**

ADRENALINE DANCE CONVENTION (2 DAYS) & COMPETITION

<https://www.adrenalinedance.com>

There are also occasional community events we are asked to perform. These events are fun, educational, great team builders, and support our community.

### **FUNDRAISING**

**Fundraising is a huge part of a competition team. Each season you will have the opportunity to fundraise to HELP cover expenses. IF you choose to fundraise, the money raised will go towards competition, convention, costume fees. Parents and students may organize and conduct fundraisers upon IGD approval. Sponsorships are allowed as well. All funds raised may be applied to costume, competition, hotel, and convention fees only – not tuition. All fundraising is voluntary. Last year we raised over \$5000! Let's DOUBLE THAT THIS YEAR!**



## IGD Dance Team Audition Slip 2024-2025

Please fill out this slip and return to the studio before your audition.

Dancer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age and DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be considered for a solo/duet/& or trio?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email:

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Both dancer and parent have read and understood the commitments for the 2024-2025 dance teams. We understand that these policies are created to ensure the absolute best training and most positive and rewarding experience for everyone. By signing below, both dancer and parent fully understand the commitment and requirements of being on a competition team and accept the conditions set forth. You are also in agreement with all dance placements. Failure to comply could result in dismissal from the team(s).

Dancer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

