

# Mini Team

HANDBOOK



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MADISON DANCE ACADEMY

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We are excited your dancer is interested in the 2024-25 MINI Dance Team. Our team dancers are dancing year-round and fully committing to their art and continual growth. All of our mini team dancers are required to take a minimum of three classes per week (ballet, jazz & one additional class). We strongly encourage dancers to take other styles to become a well rounded dancer.

Costs to participate in mini team is broken out further in the handbook, but it includes (4) competition fees, (1) mini team t-shirt, stage rehearsal, regular Sunday rehearsals, etc.

As a team, we have received a lot of awards including high scores and top placements, creative choreography, entertainment as well as special judges' awards. We are incredibly proud that we have brought home many spirit awards also.

We cannot wait for a fun year with our MINI TEAM DANCERS!





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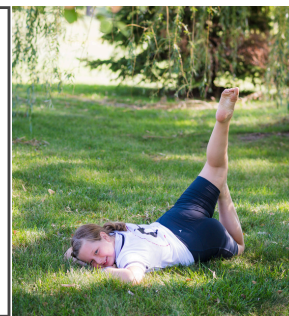
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# EXPECTATIONS

## ATTENDANCE

Dancers cannot miss more than 3 weekdays per session and 2 team practices TOTAL. Ideally, we do not want dancers missing classes for any reason, but we understand that things can come up or dancers get sick. Please plan vacations and trips for weekends that we do not have mini team.



## CLASS REQUIREMENTS

FALL / SPRING: Ballet, Jazz, and one additional class (minimum). We encourage dancers to take all styles to become a well rounded dancer.



## ATTITUDE AND RESPECT

We expect all dancers to respect their teachers, parents and peers. We will not tolerate poor attitude anywhere at the studio. Many dancers at the studio look up to the team dancers, therefore they should all be good role models. Dancers who cannot abide by this will be dismissed from team.



## STUDIO & CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE

STUDIO: Respect the space, including throwing away garbage and picking up after yourself. There is NO jumping/climbing on furniture, or practicing skills that are unsafe without a teacher present.

CLASSROOM: Arrive to all classes on time, dressed in proper attire, and hair up (off face). They must be ready to listen in a classroom and pay attention to the teacher.



## HAVE FUN!!

This is our #1 goal!! We want all dancers to have fun in class, and at team. This team becomes a family every year, and we want to enjoy our time together. Encourage your teammates and lift each other up.





# TENTATIVE CALENDAR



Madison Dance Academy

DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION	TIMES
August 14	Wednesday	Cornfest Parade	TBD
September 9	Monday	Session 1 Begins!!	TBD
September 14	Saturday	Mini Team Bonding	TBD
September 22	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
September 29	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
October 6	Sunday	NO MINI TEAM	---
October 13	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
October 20	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
October 27	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
October 31	Thursday	HALLOWEEN: Studio Closed	---
November 3	Sunday	NO MINI TEAM	---
November 10	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
November 17	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
November 24	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
November 25-December 1	Monday-Sunday	FALL BREAK - no classes	---
December 8	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
December 15	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
December 20-January 11		WINTER BREAK: Studio Closed	---

Dates are subject to change as competition dates are finalized, team bonding is added, etc. We will hold additional rehearsals as needed.

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# TENTATIVE CALENDAR

DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION	TIMES
January 12	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
January 19	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
January 26	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
February 2	Sunday	NO DANCE TEAM	---
February 8	Saturday	Stage Rehearsal Sun Prairie East High School PAC	TBD
February 9	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
February 16	Sunday	NO MINI TEAM	---
February 23	Sunday	NO MINI TEAM	---
March 2	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
March 7-9	Friday-Sunday	COMPETITION: Dancers, Inc DeForst High School (WI)	TBD
March 16	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
March 23	Sunday	NO MINI TEAM	---
March 23-April 5	Sunday-Saturday	SPRING BREAK: Studio Closed	---
March 30	Sunday	NO MINI TEAM	---
April 6	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
April 11-13	Friday-Sunday	COMPETITION: Precision Arts Challenge Oregon High School (WI)	TBD
April 30	Sunday	NO MINI TEAM	---
April 27	Sunday	Regular Practice	12:00-1:00pm
May - dates TBD	Wednesday	Dress Rehearsal - Show 1	TBD
May - dates TBD	Thursday	Dress Rehearsal - Show 2	TBD
May - dates TBD	Friday	Competition & Solo, Duet, Trio Showcase	TBD
May - dates TBD	Saturday	Recital Day!! Show 1 - 10:00am // Show 2 - 1:00pm	10:00am // 1:00pm
May 17	Saturday	DT Year End Banquet	TBD
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# MINI TEAM FEES

DUE DATE		ITEM	COST
REQUIRED	split into 4 payments due the 15th of the month	SESSION 1 - Unlimited Tuition (\$355 per month)	\$1,420
		SESSION 2 - Unlimited Tuition (\$355 per month)	\$1,420
	upon registration of fall classes	Studio Registration Fee (single \$40 / family \$60)	\$40
	upon registration	Mini Team Commitment Fee	\$100
	October 15, 2024	Mini Team Costumes (2 at \$90/each)	\$180
	December 15, 2024	Mini Team Competition (\$95/per dance - 2 dances @ 2 competitions	\$380
	January 15, 2025	Mini Team Tights (2 pair)	\$25
	January 15, 2025	Mini Team Lipstick	\$15
	February 15, 2025	Mini Team Stage Rehearsal Fee	\$50
These fees DO NOT INCLUDE dance shoes (jazz, tap, ballet, lyrical, etc), additional tights, recital orders (photos, shirts, video, etc), studio clothing orders, spirit squad fees (if applicable), and any other additional costs that may pop up. These JUST include what is listed under items.			

## ADDITIONAL FEES MAY BE APPLIED

*These fees DO NOT include:*

- Solo, Duet, Trios Fees
- Spirit Squad / Team Bonding Fees
- Recital Costumes

*The fees listed are for the MINIMUM requirements to be on mini team.*

- (3) weekly classes + (2) team dances
- (2) Mini Team costumes
- (4) Mini Team competition fees



# TEAM BONDING



## TEAM PHOTOSHOOT

Dancers will get the chance to take to take individual pictures, big/little pictures, and entire team pictures. This is a fun time for dancers to be able to express themselves.



## BIG / LITTLES

Our big and littles are like siblings to each other throughout the entire season. "Bigs" job is to take their "little" under their wing, and support them unconditionally.



## ADDITIONAL EVENTS

We strive to add additional team bonding events throughout the season. These might include team dinner, going on an outing, or just additional time together.



# MISCELLANEOUS



## CONCESSIONS

We work with St. Dennis Church of Madison to fill concession stands at various events. These events can include Taste of Madison, Bratfest, UW Football games and more! Any money earned during an event will be applied directly to your parent portal.



## SPIRIT SQUAD

Spirit Squad is a parent volunteer organization that is directly beneficial for all. It is run by parents, for the benefit of dancers to enhance their team experience and the MDA community as a whole. There will be fundraising opportunities to offset the costs of team bonding events.



## BAND APP

We utilize the app called BAND. Parents and dancers are able to have access and we post ALL THINGS TEAM here. We will upload videos of the routines to practice, competition schedules, pictures throughout the year and more!

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# MINI TEAM

REGISTER AUGUST 1-15, 2024



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