



Dancers Edge Competition Team Information Package

This handout contains the information you need to know regarding competition and festival for the upcoming season. All dancers in our COMPETITIVE classes receive this handout.

NEW: As mentioned in our Season 9 Handbooks, we have split classes up into recreational and competitive streams. By doing this, we are able to better accommodate all our dancers and work more to their strengths.

COMPETITIONS ARE NOT OPTIONAL TO OUR COMPETITIVE GROUPS.

Which competitions/festivals will Dancers Edge be attending this season?

- Meet YXE Festival March 25th-28th 2021 (Saskatoon)
- Spring Stars Festival April 13th- April 17th 2021 (Saskatoon)

Do I have to attend both competitions as part of the competition group ?

Yes, as a competitive dancer, you must attend **both** Saskatoon competitions.

What is a festival and how is it different from a competition?

A dance festival is a competition in which everyone receives a medal. Instead of dancers in a category competing against each other for a first, second and third placement- groups are competing against themselves. Medal standings are based on marks. For example:

79% and under receive a bronze medal, 80%-85% receive silver, 85%-90% receive gold and above 90% is platinum.

Do I need to be present during the entire competition?

Good Question!! You absolutely do not have to be at the competition the entire event. If your dancer is only in one dance you may only need to be there for a couple hours. The specific schedule of when your child will dance is unknown until 4-6 weeks prior to the competition.

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At this point, competitions are planning on running studios one at a time within Cohorts. This way there is no intermingling between studios. This may change prior to the start of the competition, however this is the current plan. They also plan on providing video feed of competitions instead of allowing the auditorium to be open.

Masks: Competitions are not requiring masks on stage at this time. However, they are recommending that dancers wear masks if they are going to be within 2m of each other or making contact with each other. For this reason, our current plan is that dancers will wear masks during choreography classes where dancers may be getting close to each other. Our plan is to try our best to keep apart, but we want to warn parents that dancers may be asked to wear masks for parts of classes.

Competitions have said that they would credit accounts if we were to have to close again due to government regulations. This is the same way that they handled accounts last season. We have decided to try and push invoice dates back as much as possible in hopes that we will have a better idea of what our world will look like come March.

What are the requirements to go to competitions?

Competitive dancers must fulfill a few requirements in order to compete:

1. Pay Competition Fees (see section on fees).
2. Attend the weekend Spring Competition Practice on FEBRUARY 28TH 2021.
This is a MANDATORY event. However, if a dancer has a viable excuse (must be approved by the Studio Owner) for not being present, we may make exceptions.
3. Maintain good attendance. After Christmas we hold competition families to an attendance policy (highlighted in the competition agreement signed at time of registration. Dancers are permitted 3 UNEXCUSED absences per class after Christmas. If a dancer is not able to attend a practice because they have been

told to isolate from public health, or for personal reasons- dancers are able to join classes virtually and will NOT be counted as absent.

- Examples of an EXCUSED absence: dancer is sick, religious obligations, dancer is stranded and unable to get to dance because of bad weather, family death or serious illness.
- Examples of an UNEXCUSED absence: sporting events or games, concerts, or school dances. An unexcused absence boils down to skipping dance for another activity. If you need further clarification regarding this please speak with our office.

****Please note- because we have removed recreational dancers from the competitive classes, we will not be doing intensive classes as part of the competition program.**

Competition Fees: Competition Fees cover entry fees into the competition and costs associated with the studio sending staff to the competitions (hotel rooms, gas, wages ect). We have attempted to keep costs as low as possible, but we do understand that competitions do come at a price. This is where your fundraising can impact the amount owing for competitions.

****Please note you will be contacted regarding the amount of fees that are credited to your account from Season 8****

Routine	Saskatoon Competition Fees (BOTH Spring Stars and Meet YXE)
SOLOS	\$127/dancer INCLUDES GST
DUETS	\$95/dancer INCLUDES GST
TRIOS	\$95/dancer INCLUDES GST
GROUPS	\$90/dancer INCLUDES GST

NOTE: We understand these fees have gone up slightly since season 8. We had to follow suit with what competition fees have done.

Competition Payment Options:

1. **Paid in Full:** Pay in full with credit card, Etransfer, or exact cash. 5% discount will be applied to the invoice if paid in full (December 15th).
2. **Pay in 2 instalments:** December 15th & February 15th 2020 with Credit Card or Pre-Authorized Debit.
3. **Paid in 6 Instalments:** December 15th, January 15th, February 15th, March 15th, April 15th, with Credit Card or Pre-Authorized Debit.
4. Wait to see what the total is following your Season 8 Competition credits.

Due to the events of the last couple of months, we are going to be taking lots of time to review credits from Season 8 to confirm that credits are correct. Please be patient with us as we sift through over \$15,000 worth of credits between multiple competitions from Season 8.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED FORM AND EMAIL IT TO THE OFFICE
PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 15th 2020.**

Season 9 Competition Fees Payment Form

Dancers First & Last Name

Parent or Guardian Signature (if dancer is under 18 years of age)

My dancer has **Years of experience (including this season) in all styles of dance.**

Competition Payment Schedule:

_Paid in full: 5% Discount

_2 Instalments: December 15th 2020 and February 15th 2021

_6 Instalments: December 15th 2020, January 15th 2021, February 15th 2021, March 15th 2021, April 15th 2021

_Would like to wait and see TOTAL following Season 8 competition credits.

Payment Type:

- _ Etransfer (PAID IN FULL ONLY)**
- _ Exact Cash (PAID IN FULL ONLY)**
- _ Credit Card**
- _ Pre-Authorized Debit (INSTALMENTS ONLY).**