

A-List Elite Team Contract for 2022-2023 Season

Placement

Placement on the A-List Elite Team is based on the following criteria as performed during auditions: technique, potential, enthusiasm, and overall performance. We place students together that are of similar abilities in which they will perform the best together. Elite members are selected by judges at auditions and will be invited into the appropriate Elite class. If not invited to be in a specific class, feedback will be provided as to why and a recommendation to a class that would be a more appropriate fit.

Competition Season

Our season will start August 15th and will run through May. For Nationals, privates/classes will continue through June. Quitting mid-year puts your teammates and your teachers in a very bad situation, so please consider the time commitment carefully before agreeing upon being on the Elite Team. If dancer quits during the competition season, a fee of \$150 must be paid to offset the time it takes to redo choreography and lines.

Attendance & Time Commitment

A dance company is a team. Just as sports teams require all players to attend practices, dance companies require their dancers to attend all classes and rehearsals. Absences will not only affect the individual dancer, but the team as a whole.

Each dancer is allowed up to **three (3) unexcused absences** per semester (Semester 1 – August to December, Semester 2 – January to May) from Elite classes. **Excused absences receive prior approval from Brittany; advance notice of absence does not mean it is excused.* The following are considered “excused” absences:

- Death in the family
- Scheduled school programs or performances required for credit
- Wedding or religious dedication of you or a member of your family
- If you are seriously ill or infectious

Dancers will watch Elite Team class in the case of injury or mild illness. These same rules apply to all other classes. Also available, ALDA provides an online class version through Zoom. Dancers and parents are required to reach out to teacher for a link if they are able to attend class virtually.

Punctuality is just as important as attendance, **please be on time and prepared for class.** Two (2) occurrences of tardiness will count as an unexcused absence.

Students should not miss more than **five (5) of any one class** per dance season; after which, the dancer may be dismissed from the Elite Team. No refund of payment shall be given in the event of dismissal. Dance requires consistent ongoing training, and dancers who excessively miss classes will not be able to perform at the same level as those who have attended all classes regularly.

At any point in time, if teachers and owner see fit that a dancer needs extra work from missing classes, a private will be schedule at a rate of \$40/hr.

Elite Team members must be present in ALL their classes and rehearsals the week prior to every performance and competition.

Being a member of the A-List Elite Team is a privilege and comes with responsibility. Personal accountability is essential for a successful season, and commitment to your other team members is a vital component of this success. When a member of the team is not present, it negatively impacts your entire team.

Elite levels for the 2022-2023 dance season are as follows:

- Star (Beginner)
- All-Star (Beginner to Intermediate)
- Power (Intermediate to Advanced)

Elite styles for the 2022-2023 dance season are as follows:

- Jazz
- Tap
- Contemporary
- Hip Hop
- Clogging
- Musical Theater
- Irish Tap

Jazz and Contemporary members are required to take Ballet Technique from Mr. Will.

****Ballet is strongly encouraged for all competition/Elite members**

The A-List Elite **All-Star and Power Teams will attend 3 regional competitions** throughout the dance season, with 1 regional being out of town. The A-List Elite **Star Teams will attend 2 regional competitions** throughout the dance season. **A national competition will be lined up for summer 2023. All Elite dancers will need to plan to attend the national competition.** After regionals, groups attending will be decided by teachers based on scores and placement. There will be one dance convention offered to dancers that would like to attend. Please be aware that becoming an Elite Team member will obligate you to these competitions. All competitions are held on weekends and are a full day and possibly **full weekend commitment**. Competition management does not send the performance day and time to the studio until 5-7 days prior to the event. Dancers and parents will need to be available for the entire weekend until we know whether you are performing Saturday, Sunday or both. Dates and fees of all competitions will be provided by June 15, 2021.

There will be a dress rehearsal prior to our first competition to make sure all costumes are properly prepared and to make sure all dances are ready to be performed.

Courtesy & Respect

All Company members will be held to the highest standards of conduct. Communicating negatively about anyone in or outside our studio will not be tolerated. Company members are expected to show courtesy and respect to all instructors and other students. Any student who exhibits repeated negative or disrespectful behavior will be asked to leave the Elite Team. Elite dancers are always respectful, supportive, encouraging and are positive in spirit, attitude and behavior.

Financial Commitment

Failure to pay any items below on time will result in a meeting between Brittany Alexander and the parent to discuss solutions or possibly removal from the Elite Team.

Tuition: Your tuition is due by the 1st. If tuition isn't paid by the 7th of every month then an automatic late fee of \$15 will be attached to your account. Accounts will be monitored very carefully. All Tuition for Elite Team members varies depending on the number of classes they take and are as follows:

Classes per Dancer	Tuition per Month
1 Class / Week	\$50
2 Classes / Week	\$95
3 Classes / Week	\$135
4 Classes / Week	\$175
5 Or More Classes / Week	\$190
Family of 2 Max Charge of \$260	
Family of 3 Max Charge of \$300	

Props: If a dance needs props, there may be a fee split between the group(s).

Costumes: We will try our best to keep costume prices down as low as we can. Prices can range anywhere between \$45 and \$85 per dance. Prices will be provided as quick as possible. Costume payments will be due by **October 1st**.

Competition Fees: These fees range between \$35-\$55 per dancer for each group dance, \$40-\$70 per dancer for each duet/trio dance, and \$75-\$120 for each solo. Exact amounts will be given when competitions are decided before June 15, 2021.

Competition Attire: Every Elite Team dancer will need an ALDA jacket (\$40). Payment will be due on **September 1st**. Jackets are to be worn upon arrival, during awards, and when leaving all competitions.

Makeup: Everyone needs to purchase 3 makeup items for competition which can be found under the "Competition Team" tab on the A-List Dance Academy website. These items total \$76.73. Eyeliner, mascara, clear lip gloss, and skin-tone matching foundation are also required and can be any brand as desired.

Jewelry: Earrings and rhinestone ponytail holder are mandatory for competition students as specified by Brittany Alexander. These items will be available for purchase at the A-List Dance Academy studio. An item is not required to be purchased if the dancer already owns the exact specified item.

Pierced earrings - \$9 Clip on earrings - \$12 Ponytail holder - \$3



A-List Elite Team Agreement 2022-2023

Please sign and return this page by May 20th. Keep the A-List Elite Team contract for your reference.

Both dancer and parent have read the A-List Elite Team Contract and understood all that is expected as a member of ALDA Elite Team. We understand that these policies are created to ensure the absolute best training and most positive and rewarding experience for everyone. Both dancer and parent understand that failure to meet the conditions set forth in this contract could result in the dancer's dismissal from the ALDA Elite Team.

Dancer's Printed Name: _____

Dancer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Printed Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____