

# Diamond Dance Registration 2024-2025

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**Dancer's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City/Town:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Emergency Contact Information:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Diamond Dance LLC Liability/Photo Release Waiver** I/we (parent/guardian of the dancer) realize that participation in dance classes and related activities could involve possible personal injury, despite training and safety measures taken. By signing this release form, I/we assume all risks involved in this activity at Diamond Dance, LLC. I/We agree to ACH automatic payments drafted monthly via "PaySimple" from now until June 10, 2024. I understand that Diamond Dance has a **no refund policy** for any and all monies paid. I/we agree to release and hold harmless Diamond Dance, LLC including its teachers, dancers, staff members, and facilities used by both entities from any cause of action, claims, or demands now and in the future. I/we will not hold Diamond Dance, LLC accountable for any personal injury or any personal property damage, which may occur on the premises before, during, or after classes. Furthermore, I/we agree to obey the class and facility rules and take full responsibility for my/my child's behavior in addition to any damage I/we may cause to the facilities utilized by Diamond Dance, LLC. I/we understand that in the event that I/we should observe any unsafe conduct or conditions before, during, or after my/their classes, I/we agree to report the unsafe conduct or conditions to the Diamond Dance director in writing within 3 days of the incident. I/we agree that all photos/videos taken of me or my child, in or outside the studio may be used for advertising purposes via internet, newspaper, fliers; including all social media outlets, and that such posts are the property of Diamond Dance, LLC. **I/we have read and agreed to the 2024/2025 troupe guidelines.**

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



***Below: Office Only***

Dancers Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tuition: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Costume Balance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ #of Costumes \_\_\_\_\_

Checking Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Routing # \_\_\_\_\_

Bank name: \_\_\_\_\_ *First Payment to be drafted Sept 10<sup>th</sup>*

***Notes: Office Only***

## Diamond Dance LLC Competition Team 2024-2025 Season Guidelines

**Please make sure to read the following guidelines thoroughly with your family and child so everyone is aware of the studio's expectations.**

**DIAMOND DANCE IS KNOWN FOR HAVING HIGHLY REGARDED DANCERS, TEACHERS, TECHNIQUE AND CHOREOGRAPHY AND MUST BE REPRESENTED AS SUCH AT ALL TIMES. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL OF OUR COMPETITION TROUPE STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND STAFF REFLECT OUR PROFESSIONALISM AND PRESTIGIOUS DEMEANOR.**

### Competition Team Membership

You must audition to join the Diamond Dance LLC Competition Team. Team group classes are required in order to participate in any additional individual routines. The assignment of solos, duos, and trios is based on many different factors, including style, technique, attendance, chemistry, readiness, behavior, and the audition itself. Assignment of such routines is ultimately determined by the Diamond Dance teachers and director (based on these factors) and is subject to change at any time.

**Solo/Duo/Trio Requirements:** Students must take ballet and one competitive group class (if available).

**Two Solo Requirements:** Students must take ballet and a minimum of two competitive group classes (if available).

**Three Solo Requirements:** Students must take ballet and a minimum of three competitive group classes (if available) and must compete their solos at the highest level.

### Tuition Policy

Diamond Dance utilizes the free auto-pay service "Pay Simple" for tuition payments. Payments will be automatically charged from the checking/bank account of your choosing on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month.

Checking account information will be taken on the day of registration. Tuition will stop being drafted on June 10, 2025, and will only resume upon a new registration for the 2024-2025 season. **No Venmo payments allowed.**

Being a member of our competition team is a large commitment that involves other student, parent and teacher's schedules, pay, studio funds, choreography, and costuming. In the event of resignation by any student will affect each of these factors and individuals. For this, competition students are contracted with our team for the full dance season, September through the end of July of each year.

### Auto-Payments Policy

Diamond Dance LLC will be auto drafting all payments including tuition, costumes, recital tickets, and competition fees. Diamond Dance does not require email confirmations for any fees drafted. We will, however, send out invoices along with the exact draft dates a month prior to any draft. No draft will be extracted without 30 days' notice. If a parent would like to pay in cash, they must pay all competition fees by Jan 1, 2025. If a payment has been drafted, but a student cannot compete, their fee will be credited towards another event. In any other event including a student team departure, Diamond Dance LLC has a no refund policy. If a charge is returned, Diamond Dance will re-draft the fee the following week.

### Refund Policy

**Diamond Dance will not issue refunds or credits to any monies paid.** This includes, but is not limited to competition fees, recital tickets, costumes, tuition, fundraisers, summer classes, performances, and off-premise activities.

### Costumes

All costume choices are made by the Diamond Dance director and staff. Students and parents cannot choose their costumes unless advised by the director. **ANY AND ALL COSTUME CHANGES/ALTERATIONS MUST GO THROUGH THE DIAMOND DANCE DIRECTOR.** Such changes/alterations may include, but are not limited to changing of costume, size alterations, rhinestones, make-up, hair styles, additions, changing of shoes, style of tights, etc.

### Dress Code

**Our team dress code is all black athletic clothing. See below for further details.** If a student does not come to class with the appropriate hair, shoes, or attire, they will be asked to sit out. **Students should have hair products, appropriate dance attire, tights, and all of their dance shoes at ALL TIMES in their dance bag!**

## Diamond Dance Class Attire

**Ballet and Tap 3-5yrs:** Any color leotard, pink tights, pink ballet slippers, and black tap shoes. Hair should be pulled back. Skirts or shorts are welcome.

**Ballet I,II,III:** Black leotard, black shorts (optional), pink tights, and Capezio or Bloch leather split sole pink ballet shoes. ***Hair must be worn in a bun.***

**Competition Classes:** Must wear all black, form-fitting dance attire (tank tops, leggings, shorts, leotards, etc.). Hair must be pulled back and secured in either french braids, a bun, or a neat ponytail.

**Tap Shoes 6-17yrs:** Competition members must have black Bloch leather lace-up tap shoes.

**Competition Jazz and Lyrical Shoe:** All competition classes (Mini-Senior) will need tan Capezio turning shoes. Teens and Seniors may want to get more than one pair as they will use these for all classes (including solos). ***Mini & Junior Jazz*** need both tan capezio jazz shoes as well as turning shoes for lyrical.

**\*\*Attire & Shoes can be purchased at Capezio in Wayne NJ, the Dance Warehouse in Budd Lake NJ, or at Discount Dance Supplies Online (<https://www.discountdance.com/>)\*\***

**OUR TEAM JACKETS MUST BE WORN AT ALL COMPETITIONS AND DURING AWARD CERMONIES.**

Jackets may be customized on the upper left chest in clear rhinestones, **ONLY WITH YOUR FIRST NAME.** Pins and/or ribbons are allowed on jackets, but please be mindful that they can damage the jacket. Warm-up outfits are available for purchase/customization on the Diamond Dance website under the "Studio Shop" tab. We take a team order every fall.

## Ballet/Technique Classes: Requirements and Expectations

Ballet is one of the most important classes in a dancer's life. It is very important that all team members attend their ballet/technique classes and that they are dressed appropriately for all classes.

## Ballet Attendance Policy

Once a student has missed 4 ballet classes they will have to complete a private make-up class during their scheduled solo timeslot and attend an additional ballet class the following week.

### Private Lesson Attendance Policy

If you cannot make your private lesson due to illness, school event, or personal reasons, **please let the teacher on staff for the day know at least an hour before your lesson time.** Please do this as a courtesy to our director, the teacher of the lesson, and other students whose lessons could be bumped up or down that day. There are no make-ups for private lessons, unless the director or teacher advises one.

If a student will not be attending nationals, **you MUST notify your director IN WRITING at least four months prior to the event.** Students that are in a duo, trio, and/or more than one group are all expected to attend nationals. In the event that a competition student resigns during our dance season, they will be responsible for paying a cancellation fee in the form of a two-month continuation of tuition fees. In this event, automatic tuition payments will stop two months following the date of the dancer's resignation from the team.

### Studio Etiquette

**ALL STUDENTS SHOULD REMOVE STREET SHOES WHEN ENTERING THE STUDIO.** Upon arrival, we ask that students please wait for any dancers to finish their routine/combination/ exercise before entering the studio or to kindly walk behind them. Please enter the studio quietly, so as not to interrupt the class that is currently being held. If students arrive early to their class, they should remain in the waiting room (located in the back of the studio) and stretch until the teacher instructs them to enter the main studio.

### Parents Waiting Room Policy

**DUE TO COVID19 AND LIMITED SPACE OUR POLICY IS A DROP OFF AND PICK UP ONLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.** Parents are asked to drop off their children at the beginning of class and return to the studio at the end of class to pick them up, or kindly wait in their car. Although we appreciate you, it is a distraction to our staff as well as to your children to have extra guests at any time. Parents, if you would like to see your child's routine just shoot us an email and we will gladly set up a day for you to pop in!

### Studio Questions

We kindly ask that all studio or competition questions are conveyed via email or after the last class of the evening, as we do not want to take away any lesson time from the dancers. Text messaging to our teachers should only be used for last minute scheduling or absentee notice. Please do not text any competition or class questions to any staff members. **All inquiries should occur via email to [dancediamonddance@aol.com](mailto:dancediamonddance@aol.com) or by phone: (908)-659-8079.**

**We are most reachable Mondays and Wednesdays 9AM-12PM**

## Competitions

Costumes per routine are \$120. We visit 3-4 regional locations about 30-40min away per season, February-June. Nationals are in July and are about 3-4hrs away. Competition fees range per competition. Solos range from \$120-\$160, Duo/Trio \$60-\$80 and Groups are \$55-\$70 PER COMPETITION. Being part of our team is a large commitment consisting of monthly tuition, costume fees, and competition fees. Please be aware of all fees prior to committing and when selecting classes for the year.

## Regional Competitions

The full competition schedule for the 2024-2025 season will be emailed to all parents and posted on the Diamond Dance website. We typically attend 3-4 regional competitions each season, with some competitions being designated for solos, duos, and trios only. **ALL CLASSES ARE MANDATORY THE WEEK BEFORE ALL COMPETITIONS!** The schedule for each competition with details of exact times of each individual routine will be emailed at least two weeks prior to the specific competition. Parents are expected to keep these weekends/week open as we cannot accommodate personal schedules.

## Nationals

Our annual week-long National Competition usually occurs in July and is typically 2-4 hours away. If you are in more than one routine, you are expected to stay for the entire week as we have no control over the schedule or when your child will perform. In addition to competing our routines, there are often special events, dance-offs, team performances, and overall award ceremonies planned by the competition. Your involvement in these events may dictate additional days in which you will need to attend the competition. **Again, we advise that you stay the entirety of the week to ensure your availability to compete at any time and can attend any of the extra events of your choosing.** There will always be a hotel block for our team, which will be posted on our website along with more information. If you realize that your child is only performing in the beginning of the week/on a certain day once the schedule is released, you may discuss leaving early or coming for a shorter amount of time with your director.

## Competition Attendance

**If you need to miss a competition for a school event, family function, or for personal reasons, we ask that you let the studio director and the teachers of ALL your child's routines know at least two months in advance.** Missing a competition with or without notice may result in not being allowed to compete in future competitions based on re-blocking and staging. This will depend on the difficulty of spacing/re-blocking and will be at the teachers' discretion.

## Covid/Injury/Natural Disaster Lockdown

We understand it was a difficult time for everyone in the wake of COVID-19, especially when planning for the future. In previous years, we successfully conducted online classes following the shutdown, and our staff worked hard to solidify our online teaching methods to bring Diamond Dance to your home. We want to assure our families that we are taking all necessary precautions in order to keep the studio clean and our students safe. We will continue to do so for the 2023-2024 season and beyond.

While we hope that the worst is behind us, we acknowledge the possibility of a future shutdown could occur. We believe it is extremely important to follow state guidelines while keeping up with our technique, routines, flexibility, team spirit, and most importantly, our love of dance. For this reason, **we will immediately transition to online learning and virtual classes in the event of a future shutdown.**

We will be implementing the following policies if needed:

- If a lockdown should occur **between September 1<sup>st</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>**, we will hold all future classes virtually while granting a **15% discount on monthly tuition** to all parents for the remainder of the season or until classes resume in person at which at that point will return to the normal tuition rate.
- If a lockdown should occur after February 1<sup>st</sup>, we will hold all future classes virtually **at the regular monthly tuition rate** for the remainder of the season.
- Virtual classes for non-competition students will always be optional.
- IF YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD ARE NOT FEELING ILL, WE KINDLY ASK ALL STUDENTS TO SKIP CLASS.
- AS A COURTESY TO OUR STAFF AND FAMILIES, PLEASE LET YOUR STUDIO DIRECTOR KNOW IF SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID. THE STUDIO **WILL NOT** BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY POSITIVE CASES. PARENTS MAY BE NOTIFIED OF THE CASE IF NECESSARY.

## Injury Policy

In the event that a student is injured and out of dance completely for more than eight weeks there will be a credit applied to tuition for the following dance year and or summer classes. If a student is capable of attending dance, taking notes, marking spots, participating in warm-ups, stretch, and floorwork there will not be any credits applied.



## Friendship ACT

Diamond Dance LLC has a zero-tolerance policy for bullying or any "mean girl" behavior. Diamond Dance LLC Friendship Act stands for kindness, respect, and acknowledgment of all it's studio members and their feelings. All our dancers are learning and growing. Therefore, we offer classes at all different technique levels and ages. All our students should promote kindness and friendship to all other students no matter their level or age. You should always be setting a good example of kindness and sportsmanship. If we see or hear a Diamond Dance student or parent talking badly about another student or causing another student stress or sadness it will result in a warning and written report. After the first warning, the student will be discharged from our studio and a police report will be made. This Act will be in place inside and outside of the studio. We will not tolerate cyber bullying on any social media outlets to our students of any kind.

*We hope that these new policies will help ease your mind when signing up for the 2024-2025 season. We ask all of our parents and dancers to remember that when you are signing up to be a Diamond Dance Team Member, you are committing to the team from September-July. Whether we are dancing together in-person or remotely, we ALL must remain committed to the team.*

### FOR ALL STUDIO INFORMATION REGARDING:

- COMPETITION DATES
- REGISTRATION DATES
- STUDIO CALENDER
- SUMMER CLASSES
- RECITAL INFORMATION
- LINKS TO MAKEUP
- LINKS TO TIGHTS
- DANCE JACKET
- DANCE EARRINGS
- HOTEL INFORMATION
- AND MORE...

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