

## COMPETITIVE DANCE INFORMATION

Our competition teams are part of our 'Full Season Program'. Please refer to the 'Full Season' Info Packet for complete details regarding our classes and studio. Below you will find additional information that is specific to our competition teams.

### TEAMS

Gems Performance Team: Ages 4-6

Diamonds: Ages 7-9 (split into two separate teams: Performance or Elite)

Platinum: Ages 10-12 (split into two separate teams: Performance or Elite)

Edge: Ages 13-18 (split into two separate teams: Performance or Elite)

Age is determined as of August 31, 2025.

### PLACEMENTS

Dancers in the Diamond, Platinum and Edge age divisions will be 'placed' onto either the 'Performance Team' or the 'Elite Team' based on skill level within each age division. Placements will take place during a two day process in June. Dancers will learn a short routine and work on skills during a 2 hour practice with their coach. They will then come back the next day to perform the routine and demonstrate the skills. Coaches will then place dancers on either the Performance or Elite teams (ALL dancers WILL make a team, no one is turned away). Dancers will receive a form to fill out on the first day of placements to indicate a preference for team (for example, if you are only interested in joining the Performance team, you'll have the chance to indicate that on the form). The schedule for team placements for our 2025-2026 season is listed below. All dancers need to attend placements, regardless of the team they prefer. Should your dancer be unable to make it in person, you may submit a video of your routine and skills.

JUNE 19: PRACTICE

Edge: 8-10am

Platinum: 10am-12pm

Diamonds: 12-2pm

JUNE 20: PLACEMENTS

Dancers will be split into groups of 5 and given a 15 minute time slot to perform the routine and specific dance skills in front of our coaches. Your 15 minute time slot will fall somewhere in the same time window as your practice time on June 19. We promise to make sure this is a fun, stress free, low key process for our dancers.

\*Gems Team does not participate in placements, all dancers are on the same team.

### CHOREOGRAPHY FEES & CAMP DATES

Performance Teams will learn their routine during class time starting in the fall. No choreography fee.

Elite Teams will learn their routine during a 'choreography camp' this summer. Dates below:

AUGUST 9-10

Diamond Elite and Platinum Elite (with guest choreographer Haley Hutton).

AUGUST 15

Edge Elite (with Coach Olivia).

There is a \$100 choreography fee per dancer.

### MONTHLY TUITION

Teams: Tuition runs according to our normal tuition rates. Depending on the team, you will practice for either 60 or 75 minutes each week. 60 Minute Classes: \$62/month. 75 Minute Classes: \$74/month. We highly encourage dancers to enroll in other classes besides the competition team.

### COSTUMES, SHOES & APPAREL

Please follow our normal dress code for weekly class.

Costumes: Dancers purchase one costume (\$105).

Tights: Weissman 'light suntan' stirrup tights (\$12).

Shoes: Tan half-sole turner shoes (\$22) for all teams except Edge Hip Hop dancers, who will need matching sneakers, style and cost tbd...

Team Jackets: Approx \$50.

## PERFORMANCES & COMPETITIONS

Champion Legacy Competition:	November 8 or 15	Elite Teams Only	Sioux Falls
Masquerade Competition:	February 7	Elite and Performance Teams	Sioux Falls
Shine Competition	February 21	Elite and Performance Teams	Brookings
Triple S Competition	March 7	Elite and Performance Teams	Sioux Falls
Gems Competition	Mid March tbd...	Elite Teams Only	Sioux Falls

All teams also perform in our MADS Christmas Showcase, MADS Spring Recital, as well as BHS Basketball Games.

Dates are subject to change. Performance times will be sent out closer to each competition date.

## COMPETITION FEES

There is a competition fee per dancer, per competition. The amount of this fee depends on the total number of dancers on each team and the cost of each competition. This amount will be calculated after our season starts. In past years, this fee has ranged from \$65-\$85 per dancer, per competition.

Performance Teams (Gems, Diamond, Platinum and Edge) will compete at 3 competitions.

Elite Teams (Diamond Elite, Platinum Elite and Edge Elite) will compete at 5 competitions.

The additional competition fees listed above will be calculated, totaled, and split into 9 equal payments which will be charged to your card on the 20th of each month starting September 20. Multiple fundraisers are available- we will schedule a parent-led fundraising meeting in the fall.

## END OF SEASON CELEBRATION

We recognize and celebrate our competitive dancers at an 'end of season' dinner and awards banquet each spring. Each dancer receives a special award from their coach and names are drawn to bring home any banners and trophies our teams received throughout the season. Dinner tickets are estimated to be \$13-20 per person. The event is held the first Sunday in May.

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

We are more strict with our competition teams in regards to missing class. Each dancer is allowed 5 absences throughout the season. Each team's success depends on the commitment of each dancer. Any additional absences will require a private lesson, fees apply. All team members are required to participate in every performance and competition throughout the season. If you miss a performance or competition you will be suspended from the team until an in-person meeting with Brooke or Kimberly has been completed.

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