

Competition Team General Information

Dear Parents of Students interested in the Dance Works Competition Company,

Thank you for your interest in the Competition Company for the 2020–2021 season. Membership in the Company requires a tremendous amount of time, hard work, and teamwork. This letter is intended to answer many of your questions and give you an idea of how much dedication is expected.

Explanation of Teams:

We have four competition teams: Rubies (approximate ages 7-9), Emeralds (approximate ages 10-11), Sapphires (approximate ages 12-14), and Diamonds (approximate ages 15 and up). There are times when there is some overlap of ages on teams. For example, an eleven-year-old may be a Sapphire, a 12 year-old may be an Emerald, etc. The teams typically compete in 5-6 competitions per season including our national competition in the summer. Some of the competitions are held in the local Nashville area, while some may require travel to places such as (but not limited to) Atlanta, Birmingham or Chattanooga. Our summer national competitions are typically further away in places such as Florida so, please be aware there is some travel involved. Each team will have specific dances for only their teams, but combine to perform our yearly production number. The Rubies will have 2-3 individual team dances plus the production piece. The Emeralds, Sapphires and Diamonds will have 3-4 individual team dances plus the production. In addition, there may be some optional dances which combine members of all the teams to form larger groups or lines, or some selected to make small groups. This will be determined after auditions. *In an attempt to keep travel costs down, we will not compete production or hip hop at all out of town competitions.

***Please be sure you are registered for the required Prep Camp through the office.**

July 28, 29, 30. August 3, 4, 5, 6.

Throughout the required camp (July 28-Aug 6) dancers will learn the combinations and skills, and on Saturday, August 8th, they will audition for judges. Make-up auditions can be made with advance notice only and must be scheduled with the studio prior to August 1st. Dancers do not have to come with a prepared routine. However, at the end of each audition, each dancer will have the opportunity to show the judges 2 8-counts (16 counts) across the floor by themselves. This is their chance to show the judges their strongest point. It may be a tumbling pass. Only show a pass that you are fully capable of performing without a spot or assistant, favorite leap or turn, or a combination of anything they would like to perform.

July 28-Aug 6 th (Prep Camp)		Saturday, Aug. 8 th (Auditions)	
Ages 6-8	4:30 PM-6:30 PM	Ages 7-9	9:30 AM-11:00 AM
Ages 9-11	6:30 PM-8:30 PM	Ages 10-11	11:15 AM-1:00 PM
Ages 12-UP	6:30 PM-8:30 PM	Ages 12-up	1:15 PM-2:30 PM

Dancers should audition in their age bracket as of **January 1st 2020**, however, Dance Works staff may ask some dancers to audition in a group about their age. You **do not** have to audition in the younger age bracket as well. Based on scores, judges and staff decisions, the dancers will be placed in the best-fitted team. There is also the possibility that some dancers may be placed in a younger age group if they are close to the age cut-off. Just because a dancer was on the team the previous year does not mean they automatically move up or make the team at all. Each dancer, regardless of previous year team placement has to be able to execute the skill required of that team and match those skills or have the quick potential to match those of the other team members.

If you have any questions about this, please email brenda@danceworksinc.com or see Mrs. Brenda.