



Competition Policy – Troupes

Competitions are an exciting and valuable performance experience for our dancers. Involvement in competitions helps develop students' dance skills as well as their independence and maturity through involvement in the wider dance community.

Selection

Student participation in competitions is at the discretion of their teachers. Following audition, selected students must consistently demonstrate the following attributes to represent BDA at competitions:

- Excellent exam results if applicable.
- Excellent technique, musicality and performance in their style.
- Maturity and work ethic to work as a team in class and on stage.
- Undertake self-directed practice.
- Students should be leaders among their peers in their dedication and motivation in regular classes.

Class Requirements and Attendance

Students must:

- Attend 100% of all competition classes and other classes required as a troupe member.
 - Injured students must still attend and watch class. Sick students should stay home and join on zoom if they are feeling up to it, even just to watch.
 - The BDA office must be notified by email at least 2 weeks in advance of student absences due to planned events.
 - The BDA office must approve all student absences.
 - BDA understands that there are extenuating circumstances (such as a family emergency or illness) where 2 weeks' notice may not be given. In these cases, the office should be notified by email as soon as possible.
- Do a minimum of 1 ballet class a week.
- Participate in a class in the dance style of the troupe.
 - Broadway Jazz Troupe – Jazz class
 - lyrical Troupe – Jazz and Contemporary class
 - Contemporary Troupe – Contemporary class
- Have a minimum of 80% attendance for each class they are enrolled in (excluding troupe classes and classes required as a troupe member, where 100% attendance is expected as outlined above).

Behaviour Expectations

- Students must undertake weekly home practice – including signing up to Mixlive and watching videos as they are posted.
- Students are expected to know choreography from the previous week whether they went to class or not.
- Students must be ready to commence class at its scheduled start time – this includes being warmed up and wearing the appropriate uniform.
- All BDA troupe members and their family/friends must act in a respectful manner at all competitions and troupe performances.