



Welcome!

We're excited to have you and your dancer(s) interested in joining us for *Season Three with Team TDC*! This is a team of dedicated and passionate dancers that aim to **Celebrate, Create** and **Connect** through the art of dancing!

The Dance Connection Bend is a place that fosters the connection dance brings to all of us in many forms. Team TDC is a competitive team of dancers ready to take their dancing to the next level. As a team we will work hard to create dances that bring us all together to make lasting memories and friendships along the way.

By joining Team TDC you are committing to a **full season** of dancing which will include multiple performances, competitions and workshop opportunities. There is a **\$35 registration** fee for all Team TDC members. This includes a 2022/2023 Team TDC shirt.

Mark Your Calendars:

The dance season will kick off this summer with Team rehearsals. Groups will have choreography rehearsals the **week of August 22nd**. There will also be weekly rehearsals starting in the fall (September 6th). Attendance is crucial at these rehearsals and if your dancer has to miss, please inform faculty ASAP. *Excessive absences may be cause for dismissal from the team.*

Competition/Convention Dates:

Team TDC will plan on attending **3 required events** in the Portland area. This will include two competitions and one competition/convention. The 2023 dates have not been decided on, but we will send out additional information as soon as possible.

The travel to competitions/conventions is the responsibility of the dancer's family. Other competition costs include participation fees.

Families should plan on around \$60 per group routine per competition and around \$260 for convention fees.

*** There will also be other optional convention/competition opportunities for dancers interested in attending more throughout the season.*

Coach Travel Fees:

To assist in the competition & travel expenses of your dancer's instructor(s), your account will be charged a coaching fee for each competition event you attend. This fee assists with the cost of travel expenses associated with Team TDC's Creative Faculty attending competition events. This allows instructors to be there for your dancer prior to and during their competition time.

This fee is charged per dancer for each event as follows (*the amount of pieces includes any solos/duos/trios*):

- 1-2 pieces competing: \$30 flat fee
- 3-5 pieces competing: \$35 flat fee
- 6+ pieces competing: \$40 flat fee

Class Requirements:

As a Team TDC dancer you will have **required recreational classes** to take in addition to Team rehearsals. This will depend on your rehearsal commitment and the styles of dance you are participating in. Required classes help in the growth of the dancers individually and as a group. We feel it is important our team dancers are training in multiple classes as we work toward advancing their skill levels.

- **Acro:** one rec acro class, one ballet class + rehearsal(s)
- **Tap:** one tap class, one technical class (ballet, tech, jazz or lyrical/contemporary) + rehearsal(s)
- **Hip Hop:** 1 hip hop class, one technical class (ballet, tech, jazz or lyrical/contemporary) + rehearsal(s)
- **Technical Groups (Jazz, Lyrical, Contemporary, Musical Theatre):** 2 ballet classes, 1 technique class and 1 jazz, lyrical and/or contemporary class (depending on group placement) + rehearsal(s)

TEAM TDC Pre-Team:

This is for dancers ages **5-6 years old** that would like to take part in competitive dancing. It is a great introduction to the competition program and a way to work toward joining Team TDC in the future. This group will be required to take 1 combo class (Jazz/Tap/Ballet) and 1 tech/rehearsal class. **This group will compete at the two regional competitions in the Portland area.**

Costume Fees:

- Jazz/Lyrical/Contemporary/Musical Theatre: \$100 per group piece
- Hip Hop: \$85 per group piece
- Tap: \$85 per group piece
- Acro: \$100 per group piece
- Pre-Team: \$85 per group piece

Note: The purchase of shoes is not included in the costume fee

**Credits will be issued for balance of fees not used on costuming*

Costume Fees, Deposit and Balance Due Dates:

October 1st - \$200 costume fee deposit due.

If your costumes fees total \$200 or less, 50% of your costume fees would be due.

November 15th - Remainder of all costumes fees will be due

Team TDC Performance Make-Up:

In order to be stage ready, we ask all dancers to wear set stage makeup at performances. The cost of this ranges from \$25-\$75. If you have make-up from last season it will be the same this season. The make-up list is posted on our website under the "Team TDC" tab.

Team TDC Website:

Please visit our website and select the "Team TDC" tab to access the webpage. This is a great resource for reminders and updated information all season long. The password will be released to team members as the season kicks off.

Team TDC Merchandise & Jacket:

Team TDC merchandise will be sold online at various times throughout the season. We will have the team jackets available for purchase through the store as well.

Each team member will need a team jacket by February 1st.

Additional Rehearsals/Choreography Fees:

As we start the season, it is important that the choreographers working with your dancers are compensated for their time. There will be a **flat fee charged per dancer/per routine that will cover the choreography rehearsals held over the summer.** The fees will be listed next to each routine on the rehearsal schedule and varies by size of group.

There will be a **\$5 per dancer/per hour charge for any extra rehearsals** held for Team TDC routines. Our goal is to not hold additional rehearsals, but occasionally it is needed. In order to cover the cost of the instructor's time and facility use, we do need to charge an additional fee.

As a team member we ask you to review the following requirements/expectations:

1. Attend all required classes and group rehearsals for Team TDC.
2. Team TDC members' accounts must be paid and kept current at all times. This includes tuition, costume fees and convention/competition fees.
3. Team TDC members must keep an "excused" absence attendance report. If you are unable to make a class/rehearsal, you must give prior notice or a call.
4. All members must be supportive and positive to their peers, instructors and family members as part of Team TDC.
5. Dancers must represent Team TDC in a positive, professional manner at all times. This includes dance events, in the studio, social media and in personal representation outside of The Dance Connection Bend.
6. Parents should assist in helping our dancers be successful in their dance education. This is done by promoting positivity toward all dancers, faculty and fellow parents. Parents should encourage their dancer to fulfill requirements and be a team player. As a parent, if you have questions or concerns please always ask a Team TDC instructor. Together we can work to make your dancer's experience the best it can be.

By not following any of the above commitments, your dancer may be suspended or removed from Team TDC.

This is a family commitment and we expect parents to uphold the integrity, positivity and encouragement it takes to have a successful program and environment. By allowing your dancer to commit to our program, it is important that you also agree to all of the above commitments both financial and personal representation.

Thank you!!

We realize what a large commitment this is for your family and we appreciate the opportunity to work with your dancers!

It is so important to us all that you come to us with questions or concerns at any point. Our goal is to create a team atmosphere that encourages open communication at all times.

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If you are interested in auditioning for Team TDC, please fill out this form:

<https://forms.gle/etY3ffr8rXzgDNor5>