

2024-25 TND Competition Information - REVISED 5/3

*We are excited to announce our upcoming auditions for the 2024-25 Season! If you love to dance, perform, and are not opposed to hard work & commitment, we would love to see you at one of our auditions! Please read through all the info carefully. Feel free to email us with any questions. If you are new to TND, one parent and the dancer will be **REQUIRED** to meet with the director before participating in the audition. To be considered for one of our competition dance teams, dancers should be talented, committed, as well as a desire to perform and grow as a dancer.*

Our Competition Philosophy...

At TND our competition philosophy is based on positivity and growth! We want our dancers to focus on doing their personal BEST, not winning. We don't base our students' or studio's success on the number of Platinum awards or overall placements our dancers receive. For us, competition will always be about motivating, inspiring, and educating kids in a positive environment and not about comparison. At competition, dancers will receive constructive criticism from experienced, knowledgeable judges with different backgrounds, and we will use this feedback as a basis for improvement and growth! In the classroom is where the work is done. At the competition is where you showcase what you've learned. It's not a time for rehearsing choreography and trying to do the things that should have been done back in the classroom. The competition experience should be a pleasant one in which the dancer along with the parent can jointly enjoy.

While competing, dancers are also learning to respect other dancers, studios and teachers for their talents! The connections and opportunities that come from the competition dance experience are unmatched. For those dancers who may possibly pursue dance professionally or for those who strive to be successful in their future career path, competition dance builds self confidence and a strong work ethic. In addition it teaches kids how to be a "team player", deal with disappointment, and goal setting. These are life skills that we must learn to be successful in life. All Elite, Competition, and Apprentice Team dancers are required to perform in all TND performances.

Competition Teams:

Competition Teams are a select group of talented dancers chosen through audition and TND staff recommendations. Comp Team dancers will train and showcase their skills on the competition stage. Team dancers must make dance their extra-curricular priority and are willing to train multiple days per week, usually Mondays between 5-9 pm and/or Thursdays between 5-9 pm. The relationships developed with faculty and peers through competitive dance are unmatched by most sports and disciplines.

Senior: ages apprx. 13~up

Teen: ages apprx. 12~15

Pre-Teen: ages apprx. 12-14

Junior: ages apprx. 10~13

Petite: ages apprx. 9-11

Mini: ages apprx. 7-9

Audition participants must complete an [audition form](#) and remit the audition fee by June 10 to receive an audition number and to audition.

General Requirements:

- Senior Teams are required to attend technique and rehearsal classes a minimum of 2 days per week, including some Saturdays. Required weekly technique classes include ballet, jazz/technique, and tap, along with *Progressing Ballet Technique* on 1-2 Saturdays per month. Jumps/Turns/Tricks, Lyrical/Contemporary, Hip Hop, Pointe and Acro-Gymnastics are optional classes for Senior Teams and may require an additional day of attendance. Optional classes are \$10.00 extra per month/per class. **Apprx. monthly tuition cost of required Senior Team (no optionals) = \$155-65**
- Teen & Pre-Teen Teams are required to attend technique and rehearsal classes a minimum of 2 days per week, including some Saturdays. Required weekly technique classes include ballet, jazz/technique, and tap, along with *Progressing Ballet Technique* on 1-2 Saturdays per month. Jumps/Tricks/Turns, Lyrical/Contemporary, Hip Hop, Pointe and Acro-Gymnastics are optional classes for Teen Teams and may require an additional day of attendance. Optional classes are \$10.00 extra per month/per class. **Apprx. monthly tuition cost of required Teen & Pre-TN Teams (no optionals) = \$155-165**
- Junior Teams dancers are required to attend classes and rehearsals a minimum of 2 days per week, including some Saturdays. Required classes include ballet, jazz/technique, tap, and gymnastics each week. Optional classes include Lyrical/Contemporary, Hip Hop, Acro-Contortion, Pointe for ages 13+ and may require an additional day of attendance. Optional classes are \$10.00 extra per month/per class. **Apprx. monthly tuition cost of required Junior Team (no optionals) = \$145-55**
- Petite Teams are required to attend technique classes and rehearsals a minimum of 2 days per week. Required classes include ballet, jazz/technique, tap, and gymnastics each week. Optional classes include Lyrical/Contemporary, Hip Hop, and Acro-Contortion and may require an additional day of attendance. Optional classes are \$10.00 extra per month/per class. **Apprx. monthly tuition cost of required Petite Team (no optionals) = \$130-140**
- Mini Teams are required to attend technique classes and rehearsals at least once a week. Required classes include ballet, jazz/technique, tap, and gymnastics each week. Optional classes include Lyrical/Contemporary, Hip Hop, and Acro-Contortion and may require an additional day of attendance. Optional classes are \$10.00 extra per month/per class. **Apprx. monthly tuition cost of required Mini Team (no optionals) = \$125-135**
- Dancers on our PT, JR, Pre-TN, Teen, SR, and Elite Teams may request to perform a solo and/or duet/trio
- Apprentice, Comp & Elite Teams Dancers may participate in small groups, large groups, and lines including the Production and Tap Line entries, as well as other specialty entries they may be invited to perform.
- Required to participate in 4 regional and 1 national competition-every other year (*travel may be required*) National Competition in 2025.
- Required to attend summer dance camp intensive from July 22-26
- ***All Competition dancers are required to perform in TND performances; Christmas**

Program, Spring Recitals, and Competition Showcase.

Financial Obligations:

- 2024-25 Tuition paid August-May
- *NEW for 24-25* - Comp Deposit of \$50 per dancer: Mini/PT/JR/Apprentice Summer Dance Camp Intensive - \$260
- Pre-TN/TN/SR/Elite Summer Dance Camp Intensive - \$270
- Summer Open Class Fee
- *NEW for 24-25*: Summer Ballet Intensive is required for Elites = \$300
- Choreography Fees: Production, Tap Line, Specialty Groups, Solos, Duet/Trios, etc.
- Apprx. Regional Entry Fees per competition: Groups: \$65-75 Duet/Trios: \$80-90 per dancer Solo: \$130
- Competition Dress Rehearsal Fee: \$25 per dancer
- Group Competition Costumes: apprx. \$90 per costume
- *Spring Recital Costume - apprx. \$85
- *Christmas Performance Fee - \$25
- *Spring Performance Fee (recital & competition showcase) - \$85

Placements:

COMPETITION TEAM placements will be based upon the audition results and the director/staff's recommendation. Placement is done according to skill level/technique, age, work ethic, and overall look of the Team. **Placements are not based according to age only! The age ranges above are just guidelines.** Different decisions and reasonings are used each year in the formation of Teams. It is possible for a 7th grader to be placed on the Junior, Teen, or Senior Team. Therefore, ability/skill level/technique will be the salient factor, followed by age. Previous year's performances, attitude, and class attendance DOES reflect in a student's final placement. When making placements, the director/TND Staff will also consider where the student will perform the best for themselves and the Team. Please trust that we will place your dancer on the appropriate Team for them to maximize their learning and be the most successful.

Audition Prep Class: Sat., June 8

Audition Prep Class is a great way to refine your skills or to get a feel for the studio BEFORE auditions, especially if you are new to TND. The class is \$15 and open to students who plan to audition for the ELITES or Competition Teams. Pre-registration via *Sign-Up Genius* is required. Sign-up via *Sign-Up Genius* and pre-pay by 6/8.

Dancers New to TND:

Dancers who are NOT currently enrolled with TND may audition for our ELITES, COMPETITION, and APPRENTICE Teams. However, these dancers, along with one of their parents, must attend an introductory meeting with the Director and Assistant Director before being cleared to audition. This will allow the new family to get a better feel for TND and our philosophy and for us to determine if TND would be a good fit for your family. Please email for more information.

Parent Info Meetings:

Audition In-Studio & Zoom meetings for anyone (new or returning) interested in being on a TND Competition, Apprentice Team, and/or Challenge Classes for the upcoming season will be held in May. Policies and procedures for auditions, dance camp intensive & summer open class requirements, and 2024-5 Comp classes will be covered. Zoom info for meetings can be found at the end of the document.

- Elite Team Info Meeting: Thur 5/9 @ 7:00 pm
- Competition Team Info Meeting: Mon 5/13 @ 7:30 pm
- Apprentice Team Info Meeting: Thur 5/16 @ 6:30 pm

The Auditions... *Dancers must audition for placement each year. Attendance is MANDATORY. An alternate audition will only be scheduled for dancers with injuries or extenuating circumstances. This must be discussed with Ms. April prior to May 18.*

Dates/Times: Dancers should come to the audition based on their age as of 1/1/2025, unless informed otherwise.

Competition Teams: Based on your child's age on 1/1/25

Sat. June 15 - 10 am-12 pm - **Ages 12 & Under - AGES REVISED**

Sat., June 15 - 12:15-2:15 pm - **Ages 13 & Over - AGES REVISED**

Apprentice: Sat., June 15 (all ages 2:30 pm - split into appropriate age groupings)

NOTE: All auditions are closed; therefore, observation will not be allowed.

Audition Fee:

\$15 Apprentice Teams (Due along with audition form by June 10)

\$20 Competition Teams (Due along with audition form by June 10)

\$30 Elite Team (Due along with audition form by June 10)

Audition Preparations: *Dancers who wish to audition don't have to prepare a routine for the try-out. Dancers will learn short audition pieces and participate in mini-technique classes during their scheduled try-out.*

What to Wear: Dress the part!! A neat appearance is very important! If you look good and feel confident, this will definitely enhance your performance. Take a little extra time on your hair, and wear something that makes you feel good! We want to see you looking your best! Trust us – we WILL notice if you make an effort!

Audition Results & Fees: Results will be posted on our website under the “Competition” tab. If a dancer is selected to be a member of one of our Competition or Apprentice Teams, the results will be posted by 9:00 pm on Sat 6/15. All results will be posted by the dancer's audition number. In addition, you will find a link for the *Competition Commitment Form* on the “Competition” page of our website. Dancers have until **Mon., June 17** to accept/decline their placement for the 2024-25 Season. In addition, at this time, the following are due...

- Half of your summer fees (*Open Class Fee + Ballet and/or Dance Camp Intensive Fee*)
NOTE: *Ballet Intensive is required for Elite Teams.*
- Signed *Competition Commitment Form*
- Applicable 2024-25 *Registration Fee* is due.
- NEW for 2024-25 - *Comp Deposit* of \$50 per dancer is due.

Withdrawal Policy: If your dancer has to withdraw from TND Elites, Competition, or Apprentice Teams for any reason (no desire to dance, financial obligations, anticipated school work, etc.) NO REFUNDS will be issued for any fees paid up until that date. In addition, you will be responsible for any and all fees that are past due at the time of withdrawal.

IMPORTANT: Dancers who withdraw or quit before the conclusion of the season or are not in good standing with TND due to financial or attendance requirements, will NOT be invited to participate in the next season's competition auditions.

Summer Requirements:

Open Classes:

- Mini/PT/JR/Pre-TN/TN/SR Team dancers MUST attend **4 Open Classes** = \$100 fee
- Elite Team MUST attend **3 Open Classes** = \$80 fee
- *Apprentice dancers MUST attend **2 Open Classes** = \$50 fee

Ballet Intensive: required for Elite Team but encouraged for all (see below)

Dance Camp Intensive: required for all comp dancers (see below)

Wed 6/26: Open Classes

6:00-7:00 pm - Mini/PT/JR Teams

7:00-8:00 pm - Pre-TN/TN/SR Teams

*7:00-8:00 pm - Apprentice Teams

Thur 6/27: Open Classes

6:00-7:00 pm - Mini/PT/JR Teams

6:30-8:00 pm - Elite Team

7:00-8:00 pm - Pre-TN/TN/SR Teams

Wed 7/10: Open Classes

6:00-7:00 pm - Mini/PT/JR Teams

6:30-8:00 pm - Elite Team

7:00-8:00 pm - Pre-TN/TN/SR/ Teams

*7:00-8:00 pm - Apprentice Teams

Thur 7/11: Open Classes

6:00-7:00 pm - Mini/PT/JR Teams

6:30-8:00 pm - Elite Team

7:00-8:00 pm - Pre-TN/TN/SR Teams

Wed 7/17: Open Classes

6:00-7:00 pm - Mini/PT/JR Teams

6:30-8:00 pm - Elite Team

7:00-8:00 pm - Pre-TN/TN/SR Teams

*7:00-8:00 pm - Apprentice Teams

Thur 7/18: Open Classes

6:00-7:00 pm - Mini/PT/JR Teams

6:30-8:00 pm - Elite Team

7:00-8:00 pm - Pre-TN/TN/SR Teams

***Ballet Intensive: MANDATORY for Elites, but encouraged for all!**

- June 24-27: 10:00 am-2:00 pm - \$300

***Dance Camp Intensive: MANDATORY!**

- July 22-26: 9:30 am-12:30 pm (Apprentice/Mini/PT/JR) - \$260
- July 22-25: 4:00-8:00 pm (Pre-TN/TN/SR/Elite) - \$270

Apprentice Teams: If you think you may be interested in our Apprentice Teams, please click the link to view specific info concerning this competition track @ TND and note Zoom/IN-Studio Info Meeting below.

REVISED TIME - End-of-Season Comp Team Parent Meeting (Zoom & IN-Studio) Mon 5/13 from 6:30-7:00 pm

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83979394636?pwd=QbnwcbElnowXUKhelFkB2tCrrKLbIm.1>

Meeting ID: 839 7939 4636

Passcode: eDtr29

REVISED TIME - 2024-25 Comp Team Info Meeting (Auditions, etc.) (Zoom & IN-Studio) Mon 5/13 from 7:00-7:30 pm

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88390944993?pwd=SGbtMvAlJ7VZbd1b7hfZnm5KL4jZFk.1>

Meeting ID: 883 9094 4993

Passcode: 1fNnC5

Apprentice Team Zoom & IN-Studio Info Meeting: Thur 5/16 @ 6:30 pm

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81215922397?pwd=q6sl2Oy6imEbwNelCqAG9ToUBCSO18.1>

Meeting ID: 812 1592 2397

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