



# Spiral Dance Co.

*If you're not dancing you're just part of the crowd*

## COMPETITIVE REGISTRATION PACKAGE 2015-2016

### SPIRAL COMPETITIVE PROGRAM ABSENTEE POLICY

As with any serious training program, there are expectations that need to be made clear in order to have all parties operating at the best of their ability and with full support of a *clearly defined structure*. Dance is a *very* specialized physical activity, requiring a consistently intense program of study to learn both the vocabulary and the physical proprioception necessary to accomplish the physical feats expected. To add to that necessity are the choreographic commitments of competitive dancers. As the dancers are expected to work together like a "team", learning both the choreography and the choreographer's message simultaneously, they need to be present and dancing together as much as possible. As the physical requirements are so demanding, the dancers need to be consistently training, honing their craft and keeping their fitness levels up to avoid injury.

- NO MORE THAN 8 ABSENCES PER DANCE SEASON (September of one year into June of the next). That is an average of one per month, considered more than "fair" in most training institutions of this caliber.
- Exceptions will be as follows: Death in the family, serious illness (documented by parent's note), serious injury (documented by doctor's/physiotherapist's note), and family vacation out of town and/or school sanctioned event (such as graduation commencement, special dances or competitions).
- Homework will NOT be accepted as a valid excuse to miss classes. Time management is one of the many skills young people need to learn, particularly if they take on a discipline outside their academic lives.
- Most minor illnesses (use personal discretion---no **infectious** illnesses in the studio please!) or injuries can *be best served by the student still attending classes and taking notes on either class work or choreography*.

Ramifications of disregarding the above will be as followed:

- Meeting with Loretta (studio director) and parents to determine student's level of commitment, conflict, possibility of resolution, etc.
- If unsatisfactory level of agreement is reached, removal of student from competitive program will ensue. Perhaps in many circumstances attending a less serious, recreational program of dance would alleviate the time constraints that students feel. Placement in such a program could be immediately arranged in these circumstances.

Thank you for your attention, your signatures (both student and parent's) are required below. DO NOT return the upper portion. Please keep it in your possession for the guidelines and information within.

Sincerely,

Loretta Sramek, Director  
Spiral Dance Co. Ltd.

I have read the above rules and guidelines regarding absentee policy at Spiral Dance and agree to uphold the regulations to the best of my ability. I understand the ramifications should I fall short of the studio absentee policy.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_