

**The Academy of Dance Arts**  
**FAQ'S ABOUT THE ACADEMY DANCE ALLIANCE TEAM**

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*What is The Academy Dance Alliance Team?*

The Academy Dance Alliance is the award winning competition team of The Academy of Dance Arts. The Alliance's mission is to create well-rounded dancers with a solid foundation in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Contemporary Jazz, Modern, Contemporary Lyrical, and Hip-Hop. The Academy Dance Alliance is made up of multiple teams, varying in age and skill level from the accomplished beginner to the advanced level. The Company provides opportunities for young dancers to showcase their talents in competitions on a regional and national level. The teachers set goals on improving and learning, which develops dancers with talent, commitment, dedication, discipline and team spirit. The Alliance encourages students to be their best and pursue their dreams in dance as well as in life.

*Why should my child join The Academy Dance Alliance Team?*

The Alliance Company is an accelerated program where a child's talent for dance can grow and improve. It is a rewarding environment where both hard work and determination are encouraged and fun remains at the core of every class while learning the art of dance. The student is rewarded with a sense of accomplishment, which helps build self-esteem and confidence, which carries over into all aspects of life.

*What is the Time Commitment?*

The Academy Dance Alliance Competition Team requires a commitment from **August to August** of each year. There are class requirements the dancer must take depending on what teams they join. (Each Team Member may choose the number of teams they can commit to -- whether it is one team or several teams).

**Hip-Hop Team:** Team Class, Hip-Hop Technique Class, Jazz Technique Class

**Jazz/Contemporary Jazz Team:** Team Class, Jazz Technique Class, Leaps & Turns Class, Ballet Class or Ballet Program

**Tap Team:** Team Class, Tap Technique Class, Jazz Class

**Contemporary Lyrical Team:** Team Class, Ballet Class or Ballet Program

**Modern Team:** Team Class, Modern Technique Class, Ballet Class

**Teen Team:** Team Class, Teen Team Contemporary Jazz Technique Class, Ballet Class

**Ballet Team:** Team Class, must take a minimum of 2-3 Ballet Technique Classes per week (depending on the level)

Each year the **Award-winning Academy Dance Alliance** competes in three to four Regional Competitions as well as one National Competition (**Please note our younger Mini Team and Teen Team Members compete in 2 - Regional's only**). All competitions are mandatory. The three to four Regional Competitions take place in the Spring (on weekends). The National Competition is held three to five days in mid-summer (usually July).

*How do I Audition for the Academy Dance Alliance?*

**The Company is always searching for highly motivated dancers to be a part of this dynamic and rewarding Dance Team. Auditions take place throughout the summer and early September.** Academy students or those students new to The Academy are invited to audition in any of the dance disciplines of their choice. Audition placement for students will be guided by staff taking age and length of training in each dance discipline under consideration. If a student is a strong candidate for making an Alliance Team(s), parents and student will be advised immediately as to procedure and requirements that are standard for all Alliance Company Members. We have a complete Information Packet that addresses costs, requirements, rules and regulations, and calendar of mandatory Alliance Competitions and Events. We also have helpful experienced Alliance parents and staff that can guide you and answer any questions you may have.

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The Academy encourages any student interested in becoming part of the Academy Dance Alliance to take Technique Classes (Tap, Jazz, Contemporary Jazz, Hip-Hop, Modern, Lyrical, Ballet, etc.) during the year and in the Summer Program offered here at The Academy in order to keep advancing their skills for their Audition(s) placement for the "Alliance" Team(s).

*Guide for Required Skill Level*

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TEAM NAME	DANCE DISCIPLINES OFFERED	AVERAGE AGE	TRAINING RECOMMENDATION	COMPETITION REQUIREMENT
<b>MINI</b>	Tap / Jazz / Ballet	6-8 years	1 - year	2-Regional Competitions Only
<b>MINI ELITE</b>	Tap / Jazz / Ballet	8-9 years	2 - years	3-Regional and 1-National Competition
<b>JUNIOR</b>	Tap, Jazz, Contemporary Jazz, Lyrical, Modern, Hip-Hop, Ballet	9-12 years	2-3 - years	3-Regional and 1-National Competition
<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>	Tap, Contemporary Jazz, Jazz, Lyrical, Modern, Hip-Hop, Ballet	12-14 years	3-5 - years	3-Regional and 1-National Competition
<b>TEEN</b>	Contemporary Jazz	11 & up	2 - years	2-Regional Competitions Only
<b>SENIOR</b>	Tap, Contemporary Jazz, Jazz, Lyrical, Modern, Hip-Hop, Ballet	14-18 years	5-6 - years and up	3-5 -Regionals and 1-National Competition

**Positions for all of the Academy Dance Alliance Teams are available for new Students who Audition and meet age and skill level for the dance discipline(s) of their choice.**

*How Much Does it Cost?*

**Membership and Administrative Fees are charged once at the beginning of the Alliance Dance Season:**

**Approximate: \$38.00 per Member per Dance Team**

**\$19.00 Regional Competition Administrative Processing Fee**

**(for each of the 3-4 Regional Competitions per Member)**

**\$30.00 National Competition Administrative Processing Fee per Member**

**Estimated Expenses for the Competition year:**

**\$150.00 - \$ 175.00 Alliance Company Jacket and Pants**

**\$20.00 - \$75.00 Dance Shoes (approx.), per pair**

**\$125.00 - \$275.00 Costume per Team per Dance Number (Plus Cost of any Props if needed)**

**Note: Costume costs vary per artistic need for each dance number depending on the style needed to suit each Dance Number.**

**\$150.00 - \$300.00 Solo/Duet/Trio Costumes - again - Cost varies per need of style for each Solo, Duet, or Trio costume**

**\$25.00 - \$60.00 Accessories, Eyelashes, and Make-Up**

**\$30.00 - \$50.00 Competition entry fees (per Dancer per Team per Competition)**

**~ Studio Tuition is not included in this**

**Please look for more detailed information on the Academy of Dance Arts Website:  
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