

# Dance Connections Ensemble Contract 2024-2025

We are so excited that you are considering learning an ensemble for our upcoming year! This extra routine is a great way for your dancer to receive one on one instruction with the teacher as well as build confidence in their technique and dance ability. In order for us to stay organized, we have ***specific procedures that need to be followed***. We ask that you read through this packet thoroughly and please make yourself knowledgeable with the process. Ensembles are a big commitment that we expect our dancers and parents to take it seriously. Although ensembles are fun and exciting, ***team and tryout dances always take priority above ensembles***. We expect our dancers to work just as hard in their team and tryout dances as they would with their ensemble. That being said, we expect our ensembles to practice their routine and work on corrections outside of their required privates as well.

- Dancers are eligible to compete one ensemble annually (excluding Senior Team).
- First year Prep team members are not eligible to register for an ensemble.
- Dancers must be enrolled in their 2024-2025 Team through the parent portal, with May 2025 Tuition paid, BEFORE registering for an ensemble.
- Once you have registered, be sure to sign up for your choreographer's Remind 101 Text so your ensemble instructor is able to contact you to set up the three choreography sessions. All routines must be learned between June 1st-August 19th. Before your choreography sessions, send your instructor 2-4 song options for your routine. From there, you and the instructor will narrow it down to one. She will cut the music and have it ready for you at the first private.
- There is a contest fee that is associated with your routine. These fees are based upon each company. There is a fee associated with each contest you attend. Fees are due in the Fall. Average price ranges are below-
  - Solos: \$90-\$150
  - Duets: \$130-\$220
  - Trios: \$140-\$220
- Parents will not be allowed in the room during privates. Parents will be invited in at the end of the private to watch the routine. Parents are required to video choreography sessions. Please have past videos of choreography easily accessible in the event the dancer forgets choreography during a private. It is not the instructor's responsibility to remember the choreography for ensembles, it is strictly up to the dancer.
- Please give teachers at least a 24-hr. advance cancellation notice for privates. Parents are responsible to pay for the private on their second no show. Exceptions will be made for emergencies. If you are late to your private, you will only receive the remainder of your time slot.
- If at any time your Dance Connections account is not paid up to date, all privates will be put on hold.
- From October – January, we have Friday "Ensemble Class" from 5:00-6:15. Dancer's will take turns performing their routine to get used to performing in front of an audience. They will receive critiques from various instructors to help improve their dance. **Your dancer is required to attend at least 3 of these throughout the season. Cost - \$7.00. Enroll in your parent Portal.**
- Sign up for the Ensemble Remind 101 text to stay up-to-date on information regarding performances, competitions, reminders, etc.- Text @dcensemble to 81010
- Always remember that winning is our goal but not our priority! Most importantly, remember to have fun and do not let your ensemble performance interfere with your day at contest!

# Ensemble Sign-Up Instructions

***Sign-ups open at 1:00PM on Tuesday, May 7th in DC Parent Portal***

## Solos:

Sign up through your parent portal under the "Ensemble Sign Ups (2024-2025)" option and click on the instructor of choice, then follow the prompts to checkout. Make sure to click the ***"Pay by Cash at The Office" option.***

**Once enrolled online, turn in the signed contract page in this packet with EXACT cash in an envelope to the front desk or black drop box by 7:00PM on Tues. 5/7 or your dancer will be dropped from the ensemble. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## Duets/Trios:

***\*\*Only ONE dancer will sign up on the parent portal. BOTH/ALL THREE dancers are required to turn in the signed contract and payment.***

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## Initial Sign-up Choreography Fee:

\*Cost includes 3 one-hour choreography sessions + cut music.

Solo- \$250.00 (EXACT CASH ONLY)

Duet- \$320.00 (EXACT CASH ONLY)

Trio- \$400.00 (EXACT CASH ONLY)

\*\*Fees are non-refundable.

## Monthly Cost (Required Aug-Feb)

Solos- Minimum 1 hour (\$55.00) or two ½ hour (\$30.00)

Duets- Minimum 1 hour (\$60.00) or two ½ hour (\$40.00)

Trios- Minimum 1 hour (\$70.00) or two ½ hour (\$45.00)

\*\*Cash/Check/Venmo/Zelle directly to instructor.

# Costume Details:

Below is a list of costume companies. You will browse these websites to pick 2-3 costume choices to send to your instructor. You and the instructor will narrow it down to 1. From there you will fill out the costume order form and turn into the front desk. If you are planning to make a custom costume for your ensemble, please explain the design to your teacher so she can approve it. You will still need to turn a form in indicating you are ordering a custom costume.

**\*\*Clearance costumes cannot be ordered.**

## Costume Companies:

Weissmans Dance  
A Wish Come True  
Revolution Dance Wear  
Art Stone  
Kelle Company  
Dancewear Solutions

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## Ensemble Costume Order Form

Turn this form into the *front desk* by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Late submissions will not be accepted. The costume fee of **\$80.00** will post to your account when you turn the form in.

*(Fee subject to increase if your costume is more than \$80.00).* If you are creating a custom costume, you do not have to order through the studio, however you need to check the box below and turn this form in.

**\*\*\*You must send your ensemble teacher a photo of the costume for approval BEFORE turning this form in.**

Dancer: \_\_\_\_\_ Costume Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Costume Style #: \_\_\_\_\_ Costume Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Custom

***FOR OFFICE USE ONLY. Please do not write below this line.***

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Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Order Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Ship Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Order #: \_\_\_\_\_

**2024 - 2025**

**'s Ensemble Contract**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (parent name), have read the information in this packet concerning the process. Understanding and accepting all of this, I give permission for my dancer to participate in an ensemble.

Please initial the following, to acknowledge and accept policies for the 2024-2025 dance season.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I understand that team/tryout routines take priority over my dancer's ensemble.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I understand that my instructor may not be available to warm-up, practice with, or be present to watch my dancer at competition.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. I understand that I must pay the instructor each time my dancer has a private with them. If the fee is not paid at the time of the scheduled practice, future privates may be cancelled.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. I understand that my dancer does not own a certain private time/day, costume, or music selection.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. At any point it becomes evident that the dancer focus is more on the ensemble than the team obligation (i.e.: missing ballet, technique, team or tryout practices, not knowing team or tryout choreography, etc.) their privates may be cancelled, and if the problem persists, the routine may be pulled from competition with no refund available.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. I understand that my account shall stay in good standing at the studio. If it does not, my dancer's privates will go on hold and performances at competition will cease until it is brought back to good standing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. I understand that I must give a 24-cancellation notice to the instructor. I understand that the 2nd time I do not show up for my private, I am responsible for the private fee.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. I understand that my dancer must attend THREE Friday Ensemble Classes. If my dancer does not attend three, I have to book a 30-minute private with my instructor to make up for each missed class.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. I understand that myself nor my dancer is allowed to alter or change any choreography unless discussed with the ensemble instructor.

\*By signing below, we understand and accept the above policies.

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

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

Dancer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Type: Solo / Duet / Trio

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Ensemble Instructor in SD: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Up & Checked-Out in SD:

Registered for 24-25 Team:

DC Account up-to-date:

Choreography Fee Paid in Cash:

Ensemble Tag in SD: