



Dance Beat Stevenage and Saturday WGC

Competition Policy

Being part of Dance Beat Stevenage and Saturday WGC competition squad means you have chosen to take the next step in your dancing journey. In order to maintain a cohesive, joyful and successful squad I kindly ask all parents and students to read and adhere to the following:

Eligibility for Competitions

In order to compete in the DFR area competitions all students must hold a 'full' and 'valid' examination in disco freestyle, rock n roll and team (for students competing in the teams events).

The term 'full' means that a student takes a full grade (two or more dances), as opposed to an entry level exam (one dance test).

The term 'valid' means that the your current exam certificate is no more than a year old.

Attendance

It is critical that students are punctual to class, arriving in uniform with correct footwear. This will ensure that the class starts promptly and that all students will get the most out of every session.

Regular attendance to class is essential to your child's growth, whilst it is inevitable that a class will be missed here and there, regularly attending competition class will really assist the students preparation to competitions.

Private lessons

Private lessons are 30 minute intensive 1:1's or 2:1's if sharing with your dance partner. Private lessons are for students who want to develop their confidence and a space to create bespoke routines for your child.

It is the teacher who decides what is covered in a private lessons which will be discussed ahead of the private. Parents are invited to ask for specific training, however please ask this ahead of time.

Private lessons are capped at 2 students unless pre-discussed with the teacher ahead of time.

Any unattended or cancelled private lessons will still be chargeable, unless the session has been filled by another family.

ISTD Regional Area Competitions

All students are expected to attend all ISTD regional events each season. A season runs January to September with Grand Finals taking place in October each year.

Students who solely take part in set dance will have allowances to the events they take part in as they are only competing in one event.

Competition dates will be made available to parents in September each year for the following season.

Within a regional competition there are 5 categories to take part in they are:

- Set dance
- Teams
- Rock n Roll
- Solos
- Pairs

There are different dress rules to each category, with this in mind, when purchasing new clothing for your child please contact your teacher first to make sure the clothing applies to dress regulations.

Team and Partnership commitment - as set out above students are expected to attend all regional competitions this is so that students who are in a partnership / team event show their commitment to each other.

Partnerships will be reviewed between November - December each year, taking into account the progress of each couple throughout the season.

Additional Training outside of the Dance Beat Studio

The ISTD do not allow a dancer to attend two schools in the same faculty, this means that you can not take examinations / compete under two dance schools who both teach disco freestyle / rock n roll for the ISTD.

There was once a highly suggested recommendation from the ISTD that dance schools do not open within a 5mile radius to assist families in not crossing over, however with the advent of more dance faculties this is no longer the case.

Dance Beat Stevenage and Saturday WGC is extremely open and encourages families and students to seek additional training in genres that we do not offer, however if you do, please seek for a highly qualified dance school / centre who put their staff through regular CPD and has the correct safeguarding measures for the lessons they carry out.

In the event that you do join a complimentary dance centre please do let your teacher know at the earliest opportunity.

Roles, responsibilities and expectations

The following set of guidelines are compulsory for all dancers and their parent / guardian:

- Any outstanding fees for lessons or other items must be paid before purchasing tickets for competitions if there are outstanding fees tickets will not be available to purchase.
- Ticket costs are set by the ISTD faculty, your teacher does not decide on the costs.
- In the event that Dance Beat is not awarded our full ticket allocation, the teacher will liaise with all parents in allocating the tickets as fairly as possible.
- Parents may request no more than 2 spectator tickets to one dancer, however it is advised to request 1 spectator ticket to one dancer.
- Private lessons should be utilised to learn new bespoke choreography, videos will be taken during a private lesson and sent to the child's parent to act as an aid for practicing.
- Please be aware that all competitive training is to be taken with Dance Beat only. Cross training is not permitted.
- Please refrain from dancing choreography from other dance centres in your Dance Beat dance class, please do not show another dance school our class work, this will prevent plagiarism.
- When attending a competition please be aware you are representing Dance Beat from the moment you exit your car, with this in mind poor behaviour, bullying and lack of sportsmanship will not be tolerated from students, parents or spectators.
- Parents are advised to speak directly to the teacher attending the event in the first instance or alternatively to email your teachers after the event. Please refrain from opening the discussion whilst at an event.
- Please be advised that any of the behaviours above may result in a child losing their opportunity to continue competing for Dance Beat. In an extreme case they may lose their place at the school with immediate effect.
- Please treat everyone with kindness and respect, emotions run extremely high on competition days and it is in the best interest for all that we act as one.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out. Dance Beat operates on an open door approach and values your support, dedication and feedback.