

conservatory of dance company



Want to join the Conservatory of Dance Company? Here are the answers to all your questions!

What is Company?

Conservatory of Dance Company (CODC) is our team of dancers who want to study dance in depth. Dancers on the team learn extra dance pieces, including solos, duets, trios, small group pieces and large group pieces, to perform at competitions for a score. They also represent the studio by performing in the 4th of July parade and other community events in the area.

How do we join the team?

To start, each dancer interested in being on the company team needs to come to the audition scheduled by the studio. We usually schedule auditions on a week day in the summer and divide it by age. Coming to the audition is an indication to us that your dancer is committing to the team for the entire upcoming year.

What does my dancer need to bring to audition? Do they need to prepare a dance?

No. During auditions, we teach the dancers a combination that they will learn and then perform for us that day. After auditions are over, we will send the dancers an acceptance letter in the mail to announce what competition pieces they have been picked for.

What are the requirements to be on Company?

Each dancer on the team is required to take certain classes throughout the year:

If your dancer is placed on Level 1, the class requirements are:

to take Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Dance Conditioning and the Level 1 CODC Technique Class for sessions 1-4 during the dance year. We also highly recommend Acrobatics.

If your dancer is placed on Level 2, the class requirements are:

to take Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Dance Conditioning and the **two** Level 2 CODC Technique Classes for sessions 1-4 during the dance year. We also highly recommend Acrobatics.

If your dancer is on Level 3, the class requirements are:

to take Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Dance Conditioning and the **three** Level 3 CODC Technique Classes for sessions 1-4 during the dance year. We also highly recommend Acrobatics.

What are the CODC Technique classes and what do they cost?

To give our company team more of an opportunity to excel at competitions, we require the dancers to take extra technique classes in addition to the recreational dance classes we offer at the studio. During these technique classes they will also learn the choreography for their large group competition pieces. The fee for these classes is charged on your account as “Company Tuition”. Tuition fees are shown below.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
\$65/session	\$115/session	\$160/session

Besides company tuition, are there any other fees to be on company?

Yes. If you dancer is offered a solo, duo, trio or small group there is a separate fee schedule sent out with the acceptance letter that details those fees.

Where are the competitions that our team attends?

We usually choose competitions that are in Grand Rapids which is the closest location to us that is available. Competitions are scheduled on the weekends, usually starting on Friday afternoon and going through Sunday evening.

Does my dancer need to purchase extra costumes for competition?

Yes. Each competition routine that your dancer is a part of will have a costume assigned. The studio orders these costumes (just like recital costumes) and adds the charge to your account. Competition costumes usually range between \$50 and \$85.

What does it cost to attend the competition?

Each competition charges a fee for each routine. A competition fee is approximately \$60 per routine. Solos, duos and trios incur extra fees. Spectators can come and watch the competition for free.

I’ve heard about fundraisers, how does that work?

The CODC parents often come together to organize fundraisers for competition costs. The fundraisers are typically things like, car washes, bottle drives, Yankee Candle sales, Krispy Kreme Doughnut sales, recital flower sales, etc. We have a private Facebook group where plans are shared and other interested parents can volunteer to help. Fundraisers are not mandatory but greatly help with costs.

*Have more questions? Please don't hesitate to ask!
We are always happy to have a conversation and
answer any further questions!*